

Statement on the Gymnasium Proposal and Community Dialogue

The recent discussions surrounding the proposed gymnasium for the PLPOA community have sparked a wide range of opinions. While we respect everyone's right to share their perspective, it is important to address some of the negativity and misinformation circulating on social media.

First and foremost, the intention behind the gymnasium proposal is to serve the greater good of our community, with a focus on providing a safe, positive space for our youth while also creating a resource that benefits all demographics of PLPOA. The goal is to enhance our community—not to divide it.

We understand that some members have raised concerns about the process and the implications of the project. The PLPOA board, staff, and committee members have worked diligently to ensure that the proposal reflects the needs and desires for the gymnasium. We are also acutely aware of the financial challenges many face, and we have made every effort to design an offer that is as respectful and inclusive as possible.

It is disheartening to see significant negative energy directed at the project, often based on assumptions or false interpretations. We urge you: do not make your decision based on gossip or incomplete information. Attend the next owner meeting on **January 8 at 6pm in the Clubhouse (in-person or via Zoom)** to receive facts about this important community project and ask any questions you may have.

One specific piece of misinformation being circulated is the claim that the gym will be open to all county residents. This is simply not true. Membership to the gym will still be limited to PLPOA residents. However, when teams/organizations rent the gym for practices, games, or tournaments, non-PLPOA individuals on those teams will be allowed to participate and use the gym solely for those purposes. This is no different than when a PLPOA owner rents the clubhouse for a birthday party and invites non-PLPOA friends to attend. Such practices have always been allowed under associate membership as defined in the Bylaws and approved by legal counsel.

While it's true that not every resident will use the gymnasium, it is a resource that would contribute to the overall value and appeal of our community. Research consistently shows that communities with recreational facilities like gymnasiums experience increased property values, as such amenities are seen as valuable assets. Additionally, having facilities dedicated to youth activities has been proven to reduce delinquency rates and provide constructive outlets for young people.

We also want to emphasize that no credible research suggests that gymnasiums negatively impact communities. On the contrary, the presence of such facilities fosters a stronger sense of community and improves residents' quality of life.

We urge everyone to consider the facts and the potential benefits this project offers before casting their vote. This is an opportunity to focus on the future of our community and to make an

informed decision based on reliable information rather than being swayed by negativity or misinterpretation.

Vote yes or vote no—that is your right as a member of this community. But let your decision be guided by facts, thoughtful consideration, and a vision for what we can achieve together.

Thank you for taking the time to engage with this important issue. Together, we can continue to build a thriving and inclusive community.