

Council Meeting
May 16, 2006

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

Subject: Supplementary Material to Item 12A

Attached please find supplementary material to item 12A – continuation of the 1st Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget Revisions for the 2nd year of the City's two-year 2006-07 Operating Budget.

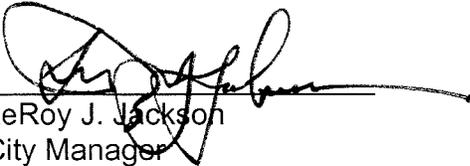
The attached material refers to the Capital Budget's in-ground pool project with lockers, showers and staff facilities. The Capital Budget is inclusive of the City's Operating Budget that will be discussed before you tonight.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric E. Tsao
Finance Director

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: Interoffice communication dated 4/20/06

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

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CITY OF TORRANCE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 20, 2006

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager

SUBJECT: Capital Budget Item

Attached is public correspondence regarding the prospect of an additional community pool in Torrance. This item will be brought forward during the Capital Budget process for consideration


LeRoy J. Jackson

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Attachment: Letter from Rachelle Toti dated March 15, 2006 *(including attachments)*

March 15, 2006

Mr. Leroy J. Jackson, City Manager
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, Ca. 90503

Dear Mr. Jackson,

I am writing on behalf of the 200 plus members of the Torrance Unified School District's swimming and water polo teams, their parents and other citizens who would like to see another pool built in Torrance. Enclosed is a copy of responses to a Daily Breeze "Question of the Week" concerning the availability of aquatic programs in the South Bay. As you can see, many people feel more pools are needed.

On February 21, 2006 the School Board had the opportunity to include pools in the upcoming bond, and decided not to. Instead, the board indicated a desire to work with the City to share the expense of building and maintaining a pool. The City would benefit by having a second pool to offer swimming classes and programs to the public during non-school hours and during the summer. I am requesting 1.5 million dollars be considered for approval in the City's 2006/2007 budget for capital improvements. This amount is half of the cost of building a CIF regulation pool, with changing rooms and showers. The location of the pool can be decided by mutual agreement, each of the four high schools has the space for a pool and I'm sure at least one city park has space. Attached is a letter to the Superintendent requesting the same amount be included in the school district's 2006/2007 budget.

I have gathered considerable information concerning the costs associated with a pool project, which I am including for your review. The estimate that Superintendent Mannon received for this type of pool was 2.8 million dollars. I have rounded it up to 3 million to allow for inflation during the long planning and approval process. The monthly maintenance costs (chemicals, gas and electricity) would be approximately \$7,500.00. The School Board suggested some type of written agreement with the City to specify the method of sharing costs and access to the pool. Let me know if you have a preference or recommended form for this proposed agreement, and when it should be submitted.

The school board also recommended contacting the Torrance YMCA to see if they would be interested in contributing financially and running YMCA programs at the pools. About a week ago I spoke with the Director, Mr. Shafer and learned that their capital projects review takes

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about 3 or 4 years. I have submitted a letter inviting them to participate which will be considered as part of this process.

If you need any more information in order to fully consider this request, please let me know. I know your budget is tight, however this would address a long-standing community need and provide enrichment to the quality of life in Torrance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Rachelle W. Toti

Cc: Mayor Dan Walker and City Council Members
President Terri Ragins and TUSD School Board Members
Superintendent Mannon

Enclosures: Letter to Superintendent Mannon
Pool information packet
Letter to YMCA

March 15, 2006

Dr. George Mannon, Superintendent
Torrance Unified School District
2335 Plaza Del Amo
Torrance, Ca. 90503

Dear Dr. Mannon,

As you know, the school board decided not to include swimming pools in the 280 million dollar bond. Instead, they indicated that a joint effort between the school district, the City of Torrance and possibly the YMCA might be able to provide the funds for a new pool. Mrs. Ragins offered to work with me on contacting city officials. As of this date, we have made some preliminary contacts and I have written to the YMCA, and the City of Torrance regarding funding a pool, letters are attached.

At this time, I would like to submit a 2006/2007-budget request for 1.5 million dollars, to cover half the cost of a swimming pool. Although the school board and city council members may not be able to give their full attention to this issue until after June 6, 2006, I do not want to miss the opportunity to have the funds in the budget for the coming fiscal year. The total amount of 3 million would be for a CIF regulation pool, changing room and showers. I took the estimate you provided in December (2.8 million) and rounded it up for inflation. As we have previously discussed, the drawing of the plans, submission to the State and obtaining permits, etc. would probably take 6 to 12 months. Therefore, I do not want to waste a year, by not including the funds in the coming budget.

If there is anything else I should submit for the budget consideration, please let me know. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Sincerely,



Rachelle W. Toti

Cc: Mrs. Ragins, School Board President and Members
Dr. Stabler, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Leroy J. Jackson, City Manager, City of Torrance
Mayor Dan Walker and City Council Members

March 15, 2006

Mr. Robert G. Shafer, Executive Director
Torrance Y.M.C.A.
2900 W. Sepulveda Blvd.
Torrance, Ca. 90505

Dear Mr. Shafer,

Per our discussion last week, I am a citizen who is promoting the building of a new pool or pools in Torrance to alleviate the overcrowding at the Plunge, which negatively affects the four high school swim teams and water polo team. In February, the Torrance Unified School District School Board suggested I contact the YMCA to explore the possibility of your organization partnering with the district and possibly the City to build a pool for joint use. The students, community and YMCA members could all benefit from such an arrangement.

Would you please submit this request for consideration in the upcoming review of the Y's future needs and capital projects. I understand this process takes several years, in the meantime, I will continue working on an agreement and funding with the City and School District. Please let me know when you receive a decision on this request.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rachelle Toti
(310) 371-6247
rachelletoti@yahoo.com

cc: TUSD Superintendent and School Board Members
Torrance City Manager and City Council Members

Feb. 15, 2006

Mrs. Terry Ragins, President
TUSD School Board
2335 Plaza Del Amo
Torrance, Ca. 90503

Dear Mrs. Ragins,

The Board's biggest challenge for 2006 is the passage of a bond for school improvements. I have recommended the inclusion of four swimming pools in the bond. I feel that adding a pool at each high school is long over due. Further, the pools will most likely be a major selling point for the bond. People who have no children in Torrance schools may support a bond because adding pools will meet a community need. Swimming is one of the best exercises available for older people. If the bond's cost amounts to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value, the pools would be about 3 % of that or about \$1.80 per \$100,000 of assessed value. A homeowner of a home with a \$500,000 assessed value would be paying about \$9.00 per year toward the cost of the pools. This is the cost of one lunch or a movie theater ticket.

I am enclosing my original request letter to the facilities planning committee, my letter to the City Council, an article on a public school aquatic center and some current pool example estimates I obtained from a local builder. One of the major decisions to be made concerning the costs of the pools is whether to use existing changing/locker rooms and showers or build new ones with the pools. A considerable cost savings is possible if students use the existing or refurbished changing rooms and showers. One of the ways the district can recoup the costs of maintenance of the pools, is to open them to the public. In order to do so, access to the bathroom facilities would be needed. This may already be the case, as several other Parks and Recreation programs use these campuses on the weekends. I will verify that the bathrooms are accessible. Pools alone would cost about 1 million dollars each, pools with facilities would be about 2.8 million. I would recommend budgeting at least 7.5 million for four pools to account for inflation, cost overruns, unforeseen problems and possibly building facilities at one or more locations. I would also recommend identifying the pools funds as a specific portion of the bond, not commingling it with the other projects.

Physical fitness and the health of our children are important to all of us. I would like to see the Torrance Unified School District partner with the community and improve the residents' quality of life as well as provide a valuable program for our students. Presently Torrance High School is the only school with a water polo team. Undoubtedly, the other high schools would also have water polo teams, if there were a pool on campus. What could follow? Synchronized Swim? Water Ballet? Water Aerobics? Luau's? Teachers swimming at lunch? Jr. Lifeguard and Red Cross Training classes? Employment Opportunities for our students to be swim teachers and lifeguards? Swim and water polo college scholarships?

In summary, having pools in the high schools would 1) make the Torrance schools competitive and comparable to our neighboring school districts 2) meet our students needs 3) meet a community need 4) increase property values and 5) have far reaching health and social benefits. I strongly urge you to vote to include funds for the pools in our bond on February 21, 2006. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle W. Toti".

Rachelle W. Toti

Cc: Heidi Ashcraft
Mark Steffen
Michael Ernst
Albert Muratsuchi
Dr. Mannon

Feb. 14, 2006

Mayor Dan Walker
City of Torrance
3031 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, Ca. 90503

Dear Mayor Walker,

I am writing to request the City Council consider officially supporting the school district in the building of swimming pools at the high schools and commit to developing an agreement in which the city provides financial support in return for running the Parks and Recreation swim programs at the schools during non-school hours. As you may know, the School Board will be voting next Tuesday on whether or not to include the pools funding in the proposed school bond. Knowing that the City will be supportive should the bond pass, and that some of the maintenance costs will be paid by the city would certainly reassure the school board members.

One public swimming pool in a city of 140,000 is inadequate. Every summer hundreds of Torrance children go elsewhere for swimming lessons or waste their time on waiting lists that exceed 50 kids per class. If these pools are approved, built, and utilized for public swimming programs, the City of Torrance will benefit in that the public access that should have been provided by more public pools will be there. I hope that you will give this request every consideration and act quickly to contact the Superintendent or the Board Members and voice your support.

Sincerely,



Rachelle Toti
(310) 371-6247
www.poolsfortorrance.org

cc: Dr. Mannon, TUSD Superintendent
Mrs. Terry Ragins, School Board President
Mrs. Heidi Ashcraft
Mr. Albert Muratsuchi
Mr. Mark Steffen
Mr. Michael Ernst

January 18, 2006

Facilities Planning Committee
 Torrance Unified School District
 2335 Plaza Del Amo
 Torrance, Ca. 90509

Dear Committee Members,

This is a request to include swimming pools at each high school in the facilities upgrades for the Torrance Unified School District. As you know, none of our schools has a swimming pool, unlike most neighboring districts. To date, T.U.S.D. has been unable to build a pool or pools (for a variety of reasons). In spite of this, swim teams and a water polo team have been established by the hard work of students, parents, and coaches. Most teams have about 50 members, however I have heard South High School had up to 94. This shows the interest in swimming and need for pools at our schools. All these teams must share space at the one public pool in the city. This is inadequate to say the least.

Using the specifications of the Mira Costa pool, I requested that Dr. Mannon obtain figures for building a swimming pool. The pool should meet CIF Regulations.

Length 118 feet (graduated from 7 ft depth to 3.5 feet)
 Width 75 feet
 Capacity 331,000 gallons
 Heater and Filtration Systems
 Touch pads on walls
 Cement decking around pool
 Wall or fencing around pool
 Changing Room with showers

Costs: The pool as described above would cost approximately 2.8 million dollars. A basic pool without the touch pads on the walls and the changing room with showers would cost approximately \$900,000 to \$1 million dollars.

Ongoing Costs:
 Maintenance (pool chemicals) \$ 1,000.00 per month
 Electricity/gas \$6,500 per month
 Insurance to be submitted

Savings:
 Cost of bussing students five days per week, from four high schools

I will organize fund raising for the purchase of "extras" which can be added later, such as bleachers, carpeting, touch pads, a scoreboard, etc.

I am recommending funding four pools, because I know that in addition to providing for the swim teams, this will benefit many students, and the general public. Funding fewer pools is also an option. Even two pools would be a great improvement for the district. I strongly urge you to include pools in your recommendation to the Board. This is surely one of the biggest deficiencies in our high school facilities, impacting the quality of our physical fitness and athletic programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rachelle W. Toti

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Pool Rental

Special Events
Pool Rules
Pool Rental
Swim Team
Swim Classes Description
Staff Recruitment
Aquatics Training
Water Safety & Awareness
Spring Aquatic Program
Summer Aquatic Program
Fall Aquatic Program



Looking
for a
great
place to
have a
party?



Begg Pool is available for rent most Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights throughc (\$150/hour for non-residents; \$300/hour for commercial use) and a two-hour minin staff who can provide safe fun games for all participants. The capacity of the pool reservation information call Ada at (310) 802-5410. Pool Rental Dates run from Ju

The pool is not available for rent on the following dates: Friday Ju

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Lap Swimming

Adult Lap Swimming is offered year round for ages 16+ at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center and Northwood High School Aquatics Center.

For times and locations, please see below. For changes and cancellations, please see the [Lap Swim Schedule \(PDF\)](#).

Lap Swim Times:

William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center

Monday-Friday 6am-9am
Monday-Friday 11am-2pm
Saturday 9am-1pm
Sunday 8am-12pm

Northwood High School Aquatics Center

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 6pm-8pm
Saturday 9am-1pm

Lap Swim Fees:

Daily:

Juniors (16-18) \$2.00
Adults (18+) \$4.00
Seniors (55+) \$2.00

Memberships: 30 visits 90 visits

Juniors (16-17) \$52.50 \$135.00
Adults (18+) \$90.00 \$225.00
Seniors (55+) \$52.50 \$135.00

All membership ID cards can be purchased at WWJAC or NHSAC.
Pictures for ID cards can be taken at WWJAC or the Irvine Civic Center.
All memberships are valid one year from the date of purchase and are non-transferable.

City of Irvine Website

Recreation Swimming

Family Recreational Swimming is offered at William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center and Northwood High School Aquatics Center. Children 5 years and under must be accompanied by and adult, one-on-one, in the water at all times.

For times, locations and cancellations please see below. For changes please call 949-724-6717.

Recreation Swim Dates & Times:

William Woollett Jr. Aquatics Center

April 2-November 20, 2005

Saturday & Sunday 1pm-4pm

April 15-November 19, 2006

Saturday & Sunday 1pm-4pm

June 27-September 2, 2006

Monday-Friday 1pm-3pm

Northwood High School Aquatics Center

June 26-September 2, 2006

Saturday 1pm-4pm

Monday-Friday 1pm-3pm

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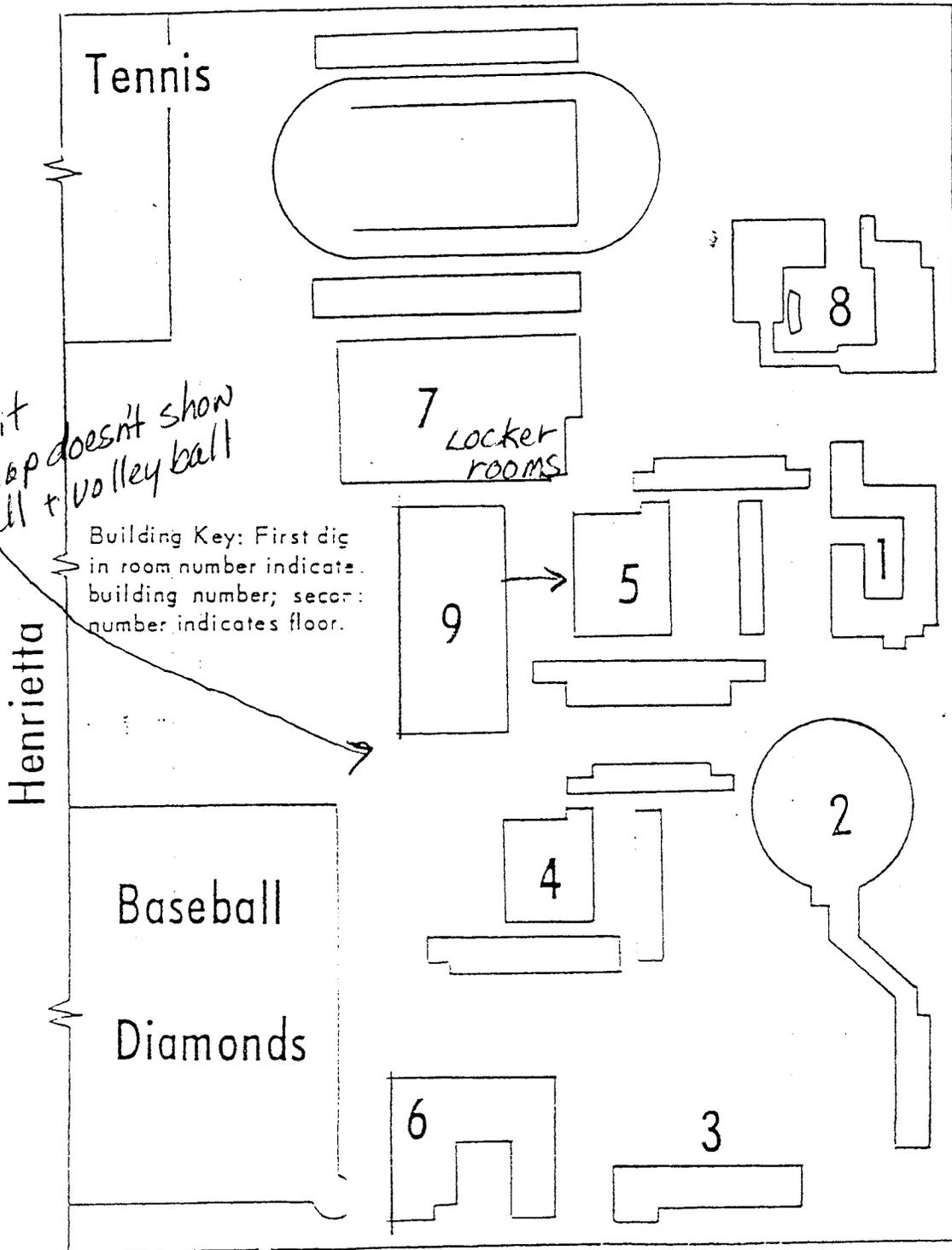
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- 2-Library
- 3-Instructional
- 4-Instructional
- 5-Instructional
- 6-Industrial Arts
- 7-Gymnasium
- 8-Fine Arts
- 9-Pavilion

Del Amo Blvd.

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basketball + volley ball
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Tennis

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Baseball

Diamonds

Spencer Street

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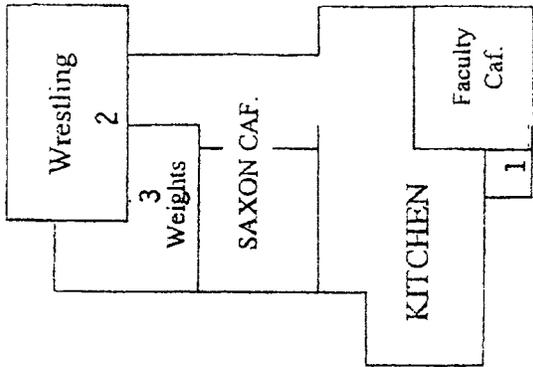
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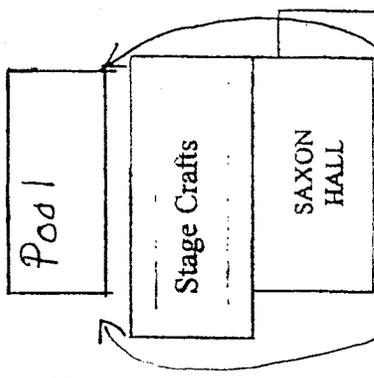


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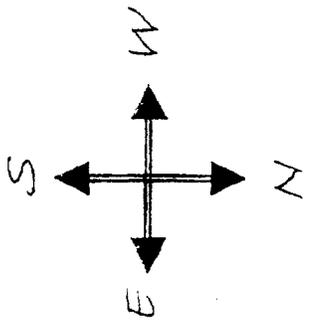
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NORTH HIGH SCHOOL
3620 West 182nd Street
Torrance, California 90504
310/533-4412



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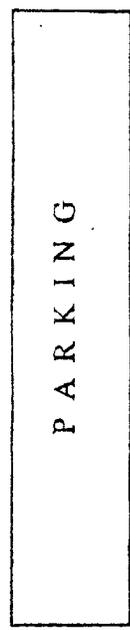
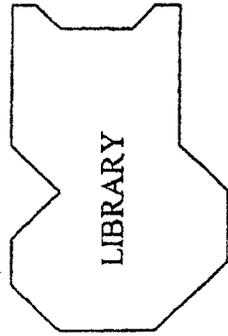
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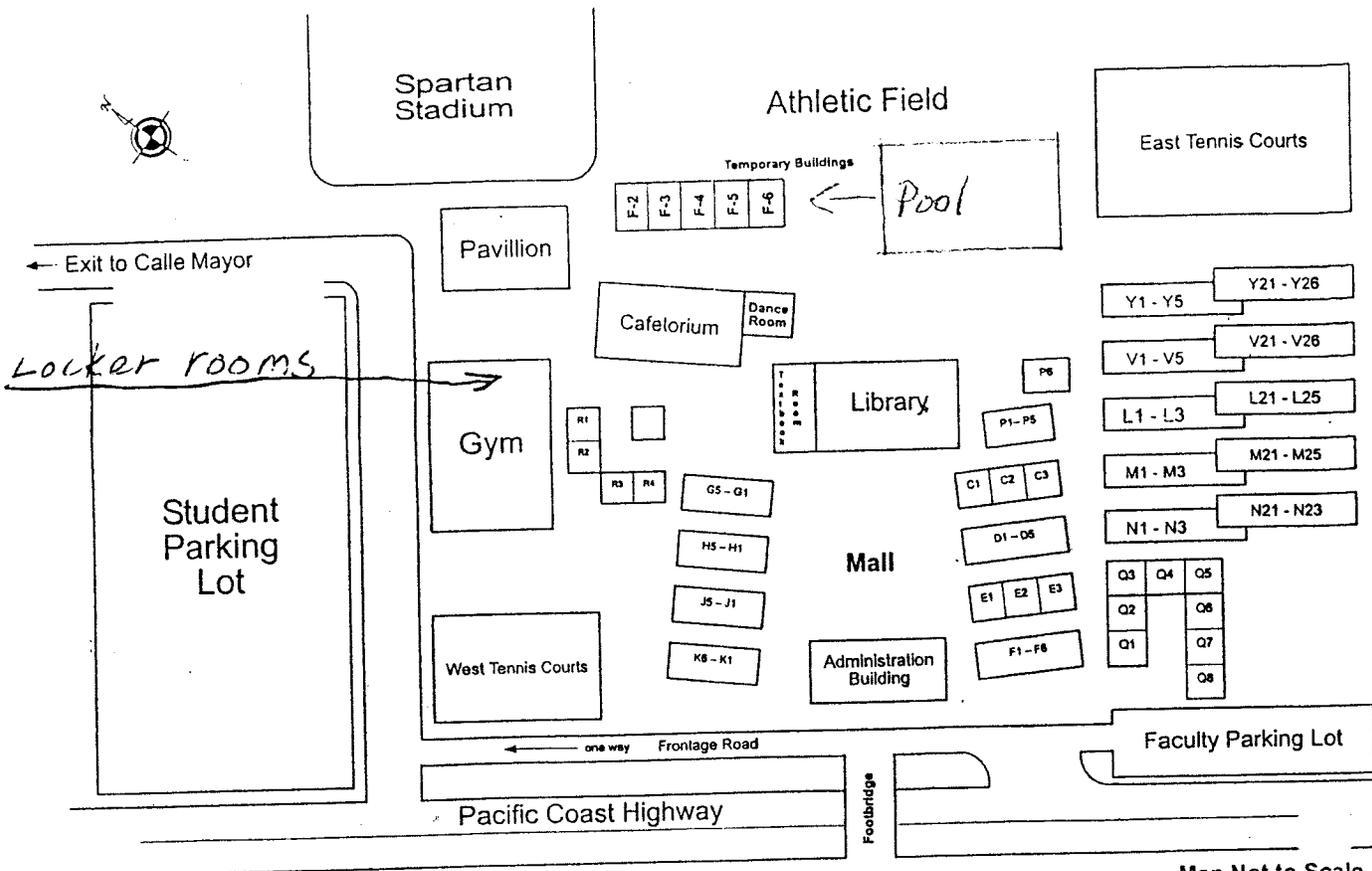
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South High Campus Map



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