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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the establishment of a new YMCA in Falmouth. Our community has long needed a dedicated space where residents of all ages can come together to improve their health, engage in recreational activities, and foster a stronger sense of community. The proposed YMCA will address these needs and serve as an invaluable asset to Falmouth.

A community center such as the YMCA is essential for fostering social cohesion and providing a safe, inclusive environment where individuals and families can engage in a variety of activities. The YMCA's commitment to serving a wide demographic means that everyone from young children to seniors will find programs tailored to their needs. This inclusivity will help ensure that all members of our community can benefit from the services and facilities offered.

One of the standout features of the new YMCA is the aquatics center. This facility will provide significant benefits across multiple demographics. For seniors, the aquatics center offers low-impact exercise opportunities that are perfect for maintaining mobility and cardiovascular health. Water aerobics and swimming can help alleviate joint pain and improve overall fitness without the strain of high-impact exercises.

For competitive swimmers, the aquatics center will be a game-changer. It will provide a state-of-the-art facility where they can train and hone their skills. This could lead to greater success in competitions and provide a source of local pride and inspiration. Furthermore, for young children, learning to swim is not only a fun activity but also a critical life skill. The aquatics programs at the YMCA will ensure that our youngest residents develop strong swimming abilities and water safety knowledge, setting the foundation for a lifetime of healthy activity.

In addition to the aquatics center, the on-site wellness center will be a tremendous boost to those recovering from illness or surgeries. The comprehensive wellness programs will support physical rehabilitation, mental health, and overall well-being. Access to specialized equipment and professional guidance will facilitate smoother and more effective recovery processes, helping individuals return to their daily lives more quickly and with better outcomes.

The establishment of a new YMCA in Falmouth represents a significant investment in the health and well-being of our community. It will create a hub for social interaction,

physical fitness, and community support. I strongly urge you to support this project and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on Falmouth.

Thank you for your consideration
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Sincerely,
Anne Pride