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THE Y REPRESENTS FAMILY TO ME. OUR FAMILY MOVED ACCROSS THE STREET ON WEST STREET BACK IN 1976. THAT SUMMER, MY PARENTS BOUGHT THE FAMILY A MEMBERSHIP AND WE BEGAN TAKING SWIMMING LESSONS. IT WAS LIKE OUR SECOND HOME AND WAS THE BEST SUMMER EVER! MY SIBBLINGS AND I HAVE BEEN ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE Y SINCE THEN.	A NEW JR YMCA WOULD HAVE A GREAT IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY, TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO SURROUNDING FAMILIES. IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO MEET PEOPLE AND TO HELP PEOPLE.
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The YMCA has always been a hub for positive, family friendly, culturally competent activities in the community. My son, now 22 years old, participated in his first organized sports through the Jackie Robinson YMCA. As a native San Diegan and long time resident of Logan Heights, the Jackie Robinson YMCA has been a constant source of enriching and rewarding, healthy activities for the community. As a county administrator, accessibility to positive and safe activities for children and youth in this community are key to achieving a vision of healthy safe and thriving communities throughout the region--the vision for Live Well San Diego. Therefore my support and my interest is twofold--both as a community resident and as a government official.	As a community resident, I look forward to engaging my grandson in healthy activities in his neighborhood that instill in him a sense of pride and discipline--pride in his community and in his race, and demanding of high personal standards and commitment. As a government official, Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will continue to be a hub for community engagement, particularly children and youth, where all facets of the Live Well San Diego vision will be supported, implemented and advanced--healthy behaviors and activities that will improve health outcomes for members; a safe haven within the community for children who wish to engage in positive, fulfilling activities; and activities that support positive education outcomes by exposing children to opportunities and experiences that will inspire them to dream and imagine a bright and creative future that strengthens and sustains our community. Live Well San Diego is a vision for a region that is Building Better Health, Living Safely and Thriving; and we will live well if we ALL live well. The residents of the Southeastern Community of San Diego deserve and need this important resource, just as all San Diegans deserve and need a strong and sustainable Southeastern Community.
As a long time Board member I have seen first hand how the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has change lives on a daily basis. This quality organization not only changes the lives of families, but also saves lives.	We will be able to serve many more people / families with significantly higher quality programs!
I support the Y!!!!!	Support Family's
I have served on the Board of Managers for Jackie Robinson YMCA since 1994. I cannot say enough about how we are trying to save lives, stamp out violence and end poverty with committed people and programs at the YMCA.!	We have been waiting 20-25 years for a new YMCA in order to do more with limited resources. A New Y will raise the hopes on the community.
After my daughter was killed to gang violence the Y HAS HELP ME WITH MY YOUNGER KIDS SPORTS COUNSELING AND HOILDAY EVENTS MAKING SURE WE HAVE THANKSGIVING DINNERS AND HOILDAY GIFTS WE DONT HAVE A COMPUTER SO THEY ENJOY THE COMPUTER LAB MY KIDS FIRST LEARN HOW TO SWIM AND SAFE ITS LIKE A SECOND FOR US	I FEEL WE DESERVE TO HAVE A STATE OF THE ART Y THE KIDS IN THE AREA DONT HAVE MANY PLACES TO GO THAT ARE SAFE AND HAVE ALOT TO OFFER THE Y IS FAMILY TO US I ENJOY HELPING THEM RAISE MONEY I AM PLANNING TO HELP THIS YEAR
Grew up in the Jackie Robinson YMCA when I moved to San Diego. First place my granny took me to play basketball.	Our community in Southeast San Diego need a safe have for our kids as the YMCA has been for years. Our community deserve the same type of respect as other communities that has great facilities.
It served as a place for my kids to go during spring and summer break. It was accessible in that it offers financial assistance , child care and a safe place for my kids to socialize and grow.	it will improve the facilities and offer a new bathroom/ locker room and hopefully a sauna. It will make something good even better. It will improve membership and offer more equipment.
The Jackie Robinson is an excellent partner of the Hall of Champions, enabling us to together reach more local youth year over year with structured sports programming	This will be a huge community asset for continued improvement, development, and inspiration of youth to reach their full potential
I grew up near JRYMCA and went their regularly when I was a kid. I learned how to swim there and my kids learned how to swim there. It was the nearest location for a community pool. My kids also attended summer camp at JRYMCA. The Y in its current location gives the kids of that community an opportunity to learn how to do something other than hang out and gang bang.	Although I don't live in the neighborhood any longer it is still important for the kids in

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I've been a supporter/board of manager since 2008 and have represented 3 different fortune 1000 companies while serving in this capacity. Having represented these large corporations for many years, it is our fiduciary responsibility to continue this support for such a critical community that the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA serves in the Southeastern San Diego community. It is transformational to see how many lives the Y has been able to touch and continues to touch. My family, friends and I will continue to be supporters for areas in desperate need.	Rebuilding such a historical building that serves thousands of kids and families that has been apart of the community since 1943, is an absolute must and long overdue. As a community, we need to stand strong and continue to support gentrification. Personally I believe this will not only beautify the area, I firmly believe it will attract more families, kids and young adults to stay active in the community and stay out of trouble (therefore lower crime, among other impacts).
Since I was a teenager I have gone to JR YMCA. Now that I have kids, they have all participated in either swimming, soccer, or ballet. I love it because I have the opportunity to exercise while my kids are at either the day care or at practice...I cannot emphasis the importance of how the Y has impacted my family in so many positive ways. My older boys are part of the swim team and they have also participated in JR RBI. I have recently taken my daughter to ballet folklorico and she is doing so great . I even joined the group class exercise program to maintain a healthy weight. The Y is a positive environment for our community and I'm glad to be part of it.	If the humble beginnings have been a huge positive impact in my family...just imagine with a new Y. The new Y will probably offer more classes and have more space for practices. I noticed that the space at the current Y is reduced and limited. Having more space will allow for more people to join and become part of the great community the Y is. I love it and I will continue to be a member for as long as I live in San Diego.
As a President in the San Diego Community College District for more than a decade, I have worked closely with the Y and Michael Brunker. The Y is in the business of changing lives, and they do it very well. The impact of a new facility would only help reach more families, impacting our SE San Diego and all of San Diego in a positive way.	My hope would be more community members being served by the new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will be able to attend ECC and City College.
The impact this YMCA has had on my family has been life or death. The YMCA has kept my kids gang free through out there most critical years of there life. I know I have never personally thanked you, but thank you Michael Brunker for keeping my kids safe.	I have grand-kids now, and the impact that the swim classes, and ballet classes are very influential for her development. Also the adult classes are helping me with my weight issues.
Regarding personal impact, each of my daughters are past scholarship recipients of the Jackie Robinson Y. It has been my pleasure to see the work of the Y on other youth in the community. I've volunteered and supported other Y events that have provided summer programs, encouraging youth events, and holiday engagement.	The new JRYMCA will expand their ability to serve at-risk community. Having first class facilities will increase community pride and draw the attention/involvement of more people both in the service area and beyond.
Major player in my grandsons life!	Even better!
I went to the pre-school in the 1980s.	Positive influence in the community. Brings the community together.
The community children and their parents are allowed such a wonderful opportunity for them to gain positive experiences and outcomes through cost effective programs. Providing a safe, fun, and educative haven for children assists in their scholastic, mental, and physical growth and assists and eases parents nurture and care as well.	Further improvement on this facility would help provide greater assistance and therefore have a larger positive feedback in the community.
Love the fact that my kids love the YMCA and the friendships they have developed.	More friendships.....will last a life time.
It's a safe in the community where I take my daughters. They are involved in the sports and camps provided by Jackie Robinson YMCA.	We will continue to be members and be involved in the activities.
I grew up going to the Y, my kids all went there for sports and fun! The Y has blessed many families with opportunities to experience things they may not have otherwise been able to.	A new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will bed able to serve mnore kids and families in an equal way.
I've worked with many of the scholarship winners sponsored by JRYMCA, and I can tell that this organization works miracles in the communities it serves. It provides the choice... join a gang, or come to the Y and join a team!	I may live elsewhere, but what happens on Imperial and 805 affects all of us!
A great & affordable place for kids to have fun & exercise	An expanded & updated facility for my family to have fun & grow
Summer camp, safe Halloween, positive place for children!	One word POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALL LIVES!
Keep our children with positive role models and activities.	Village is needed
Has given us affordable options for summer camp and other activities.	It will continue to serve a diverse community and be a safe haven for children.

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Seems like it was always there serving and providing leadership to the total community!	State of the art should be our motto and goal!
It has allowed children to come to a safe environment to enjoy sports, games, schooling and friendship without fear. I enjoy the friendship and support given to senior citizens who attend events and exercises at this Y.	Given the opportunity to expand and update, more activities can be planned and implemented that may encourage more community involvement.
This Y was the nearest to my home and offered programs for my children - basketball, swimming, and events - during their formative years. They benefitted from the safe environment -- and I did as well -- knowing they were safe while learning team building and leadership skills at the Y.	I now have grandchildren and I am looking forward to having them participate at our local Y when they are older. The local presence of the Y is an invaluable resource for SE San Diego.
Thank goodness for the YMCA. A place "in our community" where our children can be cared for, taught life lessons, have fun and be safe. The community has LONG outgrown the current facility, an upgrade is over due!	Will continue to provide the much needed resources to future generations! PROVIDE our community (like other areas of San Diego) with the best, possible facility.
My grandchildren has had the pleasure of enjoying the Halloween activities at the YMCA. Because the "Y: is an integral part of San Diego, we have to move forward in seeing this proposed project go through.	The new "Y" in the community will be a great asset to the new location, and will add a geographical/beautification location to the area.
It has given me and my family the opportunity to give back to the community which I grew up in.	This new Y will become the Jewel of Southeast San Diego. It will become a beacon of hope to the families.
Children took advantage of the facilities when they were young. My husband and I belonged to the Wise Men and it was a delight getting ready for special events.ETC	The new building will mean the children will not leave the area, More churchs, schools and community members would use the facility. I
Since I was homeschooled, I did many of my P.E. hours at the YMCA and it gave me the opportunity to participate in sports in a community level	I take public transportation whenever I want to go anywhere: as an adult, it would be great to have a YMCA to work out in that is walking distance from my home.
Jackie Robinson YMCA is the only place I know in San Diego that lets teams play indoor field hockey. I played here for two years in high school and it was always an amazing place to play the sport I loved.	By keeping sports in the area and having better access to newer facilities will benefit the community.
It has helped my son by providing a safe environment for him to get healthy while having fun swimming.	The Y is crucial in this community to help families get healthy and help children stay away from gangs and drugs.
Personally the Y has always been a beacon in my life as I was raised in Jackie Robinson service zone and as a child it served our community as an anchor for staying out of trouble via all the services the Y offered from summer camp to after school sports. As a parent our children participate in summer programs and swimming which they love every minute of being at the JRYMCA. Today, I have been so honored to volunteer with the Jackie Robinson YMCA. The staff, volunteers and members create a family atmosphere that is inviting to all people. With a focus on Family, you see young children to seniors taking part in activities and programs. The Beautiful thing is everyone belongs and fits and you always get a smile when you walk in at the front desk.	We are so excited to have new facilities. I believe that our community will embrace and utilized the New Y facility, with high blood pressure, diabetes, and other health problems in our community, this facility will be part of the solution to help so many more people address these health concerns as the JRYMCA has amazing Wellness Center that helps folks set goals and get a program going and will be coupled with new facilities. Last, THE NEW POOL is so exciting it will be a great opportunity to get more of our children to learn how to swim as well as adults, and perhaps reducing drowning and asthma cases in our community. With above being said the below mission is real and critical for our community. The mission of Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is dedicated to improving the quality of human life and helping all people realize their fullest potential as children of God through the development of the spirit, mind, and body.
My kids had played sports here they were enthusiastic and very busy kids i like that a lot.	If we have the opportunity to enjoy the new "y" I'm sure it will impact us in a very positive way.Please make this possible
Children and schools need this YMCA. It's the only way some kids are exposed to sports in this neighborhood, especially swimming.	It's extremely important for families to have a safe place to go and work out together, again, the value of the YMCA swimming pool is crucial. Children and adults need to be comfortable in water and learn to swim!!
The Y is a safe haven fur my 12 yr old son. He knows he can go the and have fun with other kids his age and not have to worry about the gang violence that's going on outside in the same community.	An new Jackie Robinson would mean more jobs, more ten programs and more programs for kids and families that my kids and I would take part in.
Over the years my family has participated in activities held at the JRFYMCA and made financial contributions.	It will be a long overdue improvement to the appearance and morale of its surrounding community and will encourage participation in safe, healthy activities.

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I'm honored to be a member of the Board of Managers of the JRFYMCA. This new facility will serve to better enable us to serve perhaps the most challenged community in San Diego.	It will help me in my efforts to contribute to the efforts of this great organization.
The Y has helped us families that don't have daycare opportunities that are not extremely expensive nor having off schedules on the same time as the school systems. It has helped my daughter with water safety and increased activity. She has made friends and is comfortable at the Y. The Y is an asset to the community and a safe haven for youngsters.	It is important to us that the Jackie Robinson Y be expanded because now, it's space is limited, may it be for exercise machines to instructed classes it has been my experience that members wait outside of class or miss out altogether due to the lack of availability of equipment and space to participate in said classes. Many families like ours would benefit from the expansion by being able to exercise together and better our general health, as well as our children. Which in turn will help solidify our family bond and community.
The impact is so great it has helped niece's, nephews and now my g babies. They've participated in all kinds of activities,dance,& sporting events. It basically kept them out of trouble having somewhere to go after school.	We want it. The community needs it.
I have grown up enjoying the Y. The great location close to home allowed my brothers and I to walk to and from, as my mom never drove a car. My children have been able to walk to and from when needed. The childcare programs greatly helped as I was able to go to work knowing my children were under great supervision and I know my collages, friends, and family all have enjoyed the benefits of the Y.	Wow, a new state of the art facility will have a lasting effect for years to come for my current and future family members and friends. Specifically, will be able to offer more services to many more members and non-members. The health programs, childcare, sports, and other community events that keep me and my family participating and spreading the good news of the new facility. Also it will increase the value of our community in more ways than one: high self appreciation, self worth, and esteem in the individual served to name a few.
Year after year we have been involved as contributors and have seen the good and impact the Y has had on so many lives. Each year we witness current and past years scholarship recipients describe how Jackie Robinson changed their lives and made higher education possible often as the first college attendees and gratuates in the family. It provides a safe, educational place for so many disadvantaged young people.	We don't use the facilty as we don't live in the area. We live in Encinitas and use the state of the art YMCA there and believe people in this area deserve the same. Letitia grew up in a very poor neighbor and her life was so enriched by the Boys and Girls club and helped shape the person she is today in the same way a new Jackie Robinson facility will do for so many today. We believe the impact will allow it to serve more people and be a very positive influence for the entire community. Don't discount that one of the real impacts will be on how people feel about themselves when they are in new facility. A new facility will inspire people to take better care of something for which they are proud. The staff has done such an incredible job with so little, the sky will be the limit with what can be accomplished in a new facility.
The Jackie Robinson YMCA has played a vital part in my upcoming as a youth, it was a safe place where me, and my friends would go for a swim, play basketball, or join the boxing team. There were always many games that we would participated in such as pool tournaments, over the line tournament, relay racing tournaments, and/or baseball, basketball tournaments. The Jackie Robinson YMCA has always been a cornerstone for all youth in the Southeast community and as much deserving of a expansion to complement the population growth of the Southeast community.	The impact the Jackie Robinson YMCA will have on the community, is the same impact it have always had, which is a positive environment in which our youth in the Southeast community can thrive in as they develop, though the leadership and positive influence of the Jackie Robinson YMCA.
I have had the unique experience of working at this ymca and I can honestly say I ha e never seen so many programs in one place focused on helping the community, especially at risk kids and young adults.	A new y in this neighborhood would generate so much positive for a community that is in dire need, and would only allow expansion of all of the great service projects and programs that are changing people's lives everyday
When I was a youth, the Jackie Robinson YMCA was the neighborhood recreation center that taught me life lessons on the benefits of establishing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It served to bring activities to a community that desperately needs facilities where families can have a safe and useful place to participate in sports and fitness regimes. I have always seen the Jackie Robinson YMCA as a center that brought the community together.	I think that a new and modernized Jackie Robinson YMCA would allow the center to have a greater positive impact on developing healthy lifestyle habits within an under-served community. The current state of the facilities is not well equipped to address the needs of the community. Life-enriching activities and safe place to foster a stronger sense of community is needed in this area where such facilities are lacking.

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The Y has been my place of employment the past five years. I have grown to love the community of Southeastern San Diego and have helped many of the children grow in their spirit, mind and body. The Jackie Robinson YMCA is a huge employer in the community and one of the largest operations serving children. We are making families better!	The new Jackie Robinson YMCA is going to have such a large impact on this community that it is hard to describe because it will be larger than anything prior to its time. It will bring many more jobs to the community. It will open the doors to more people learning to swim, more literacy programs, more healthy living opportunities (cooking and family events), more professional and character development, more sports for the youth and adults, and more room for children to run, play, and grow. Most importantly, it will give the community something to be proud of, something they have deserved for far too long, a safe home away from home.
This Y has given me the opportunity to learn more about the different types of fitness classes that are available. There's some I had never heard of before!	The new Y will empower the community to take greater responsibility in their personal health and improve the health of the community. We need this!
My sons have attended day care when they were younger and they have played baseball, basketball,football and soccer. They have also learned how to swim and I have tried to learn how to swm	Now that I have grandkids, it will be a place that we can practice and learn a variety of things, and keep the kids out the streets and keep the parents off the couch. Please as a community we can meet and greet and volunteer for various activities.
My children have attended the summer camp here at the Jackie Robinson YMCA and absolutely loved it.	I feel that a new building would be great for the people to enjoy and be proud of having in our community.
I have used the ymca since 2007. I keep my son involved with the sport activities. I utilize the health and wellness programs.	The new ymca will have a newer look and appeal for the community to be proud of having in the community.
The Y has made a difference in my life in many ways. Growing up with a single mother that had Multiple Sclerosis, it was hard to be just a kid. The Y provided me the opportunity through camps and intentional leaders that shaped my life. I am forever grateful and think everyone should have the opportunity to be impacted by the Y.	The new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will be able to provide more support for the community by providing more programming for youth development as well as family time. It excites me to know that the new and improved JR YMCA will be able to expand it's reach within the community with the resources it needs.
The YMCA has had a big impact in the community for years and been serving the low income community and the "at-risk-youth." I have been a case manager, tutor, mentor, community coach and big brother for several years and have seen what a difference it makes.	It will provide so much from volunteer work for those that have to do community service to get involved in sports and participate in positive activities instead of hanging out in the streets.
It provides a place for my daughter to participate in sports with other children from her community.	It will give my community access to a state of the art facility and community gathering place.
My kids play sports here and also attend summer camp at the jrymca.	My children and I will be able to workout and play sports in a newer facility with more space and without the ceilings leaking.
My kids started sports early as a result of the programs offered by JRYMCA. My son has become an avid swimmer because of JRYMCA and moved on to a lifeguard. I would love to see a larger, enclosed pool at JRYMCA and in this my community. This could create an opportunity for the local schools to offer swimming instructions or teams to their students.	More state of the art equipment and expanded space that schools can partner with.
My father, Rufus DeWitt was the first African American executive director of this YMCA back in 1963. So this Y means a lot to me and my family. I've seen it grow from a small building on a dirt road to its present facility as the major center of youth development and physical activity it is today.	The new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will be an answer to my prayers for this community to finally have the facility that they deserve. The dream of this new facility is the reason that I am in my second term on the JRYMCA Board of Managers even though I live in Pasadena. This new Y will be an inspiration to its members, the Board and staff as well as the entire community.
I have used it to provide swimming lesson for relatives whom families do not drive	It will be a wonderful upgrade of a needed space to our community
I have lived in this community and been to the Y for more than 15 years. Now my child attends to the Y and I hope his children will some day too.	It's been nice to see the upgrades on the Jackie Robinson YMCA, its nice to see it developing much more
After Volunteering at the Y for Halloween Festival, I see that the Jackie Robinson Y provides a safe space, wonderful and generous space for the community it serves.	Its awesome!
it has impacted my family because that's were my daughter learned to take swimming lessons	it would be better if they build an inside pool

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I worked with Lynn Sharpe-Underwood several years ago, on a listening tour of San Diego. We talked to many young people considered at risk, including those in juvenile hall, about what resources they needed in their communities to give them a chance at avoiding gangs. The answer that came up over and over again was "a real community center, with challenging activities". I'll never forget sitting across from a heavily muscled 17-year-old guy, who looked like he could be a linebacker, who said "And I don't mean build us a basketball court. I'm talking about a place where we can learn to rock climb, to knit, to play the cello, to learn how to play tennis, to paint. All kinds of activities that's what we need, things that are interesting and challenging because we're all different."	Now, I'm not saying that the new YMCA will necessarily offer knitting classes. But it is apparent to me, as someone who lives next to the Mission Valley YMCA, that there are far more resources, space, and types of activities being resourced in my area then at Jackie Robinson. I want children all over San Diego to be able to access the kinds of amazing programs and resources that YMCA is known for. And to go beyond anecdotes, there is irrefutable scientific evidence that these early childhood programs work as pathways out of high-risk neighborhoods and living situations. Please give your support to the proposal to build an even better Jackie Robinson Family YMCA - our kids deserve it, and they need it.
My son is autistic and he learned how to swim at jackie robinson; he had great instructors.	Will love to take my son to his swimming classes in a renovated place.
The Jackie Robinson Y has served my parent, me and now my children.	A "new" Y will bring more families from the community together will we have seen in other Y around San Diego.
It is good for the southeast community, even though I live in National city we don't have one but I supported them when I lived in the area	Same said up above
I have served on the board and volunteered for many years at the JRFYMCA and have seen first hand what a difference having a safe place to attend, grow and learn can be to a community in need. The Y's contributions to this community are priceless.	A larger newer facility will allow the positive reach of the Y to extend to more families in the community providing a sense of pride to be shared with everyone.
I don't like going out of my community to get service at another YMCA that I should be getting at my local YMCA. I recently had knee replacement surgery and I had to go to Copely YMCA to use their pool because it was easier to access.	I hope with the new YMCA will have comparable activities and classes that the other YMCAs in San Diego County. Our families in South Eastern San Diego deserve the same services as families at the Mission Valley YMCA.
There's always a smile on everyone's face and it has a positive impact every time i walk in!	More space and more happy people. Possibilities for more leagues and fun where i can stay on the road to a healthier happier life
Give Me An Respectable Job.	A Better Community & Safer Location For Children To Grow.
Our entire family have used the JRYMCA for exercise, athletic activities, and meetings. It is good to have a convenient, accessible place to improve our health and provide plenty of safe activities for our grandchildren.	The Jackie Robinson YMCA is in a convenient, accessible, welcoming location to serve persons of all ages, as well as local schools and organizations.
This Y is inspirational to all other Y's across the country. Michael Brunkers leadership to at risk youth has been phenomenal.	This Y will help families thrive, impacting the community by serving and helping them be their best selves.
Our family has an organization in the prevention of Youth Suicide and the Jackie Y has been a safe place for many youth to go when they feel they are alone.	I love for my children and I to volunteer for different functions/organizations and The Jackie Robinson Y has many opportunities to do so.
The JRFYMCA has had a major impact in the lives of the youth of this community, including some of my close friends and family members that reside in the area. Making the current facility into a more advanced (possibly LEED certified), state-of-the art building only shows the community, especially youth, that the city/people/leadership cares about them and wants to reinvest in them.	I have many family members and friends that live in Southeastern San Diego. Depending on the services/amenities made available to the community, I would begin to refer people to the Y. I do not refer unless I know that the services provided are truly going to help someone.
The Y is a safe place where people in the community can interact in a positive way. It supports healthy life styles and healthier community.	As our community grows, we need bigger and more access to continue to provide positive choices and healthy lifestyles to the people in this community.
We have membership in East County but Jackie Robinson YMCA has a better schedule for our lives many times. We have custody of some of our grandchildren and it has been important to involve them with peers that not only look like them, but have similar goals and aspirations. Jackie Robinson's baseball programs have given our grandson a great start but they are limited in what they can do because their facilities are limited.	The new YMCA would afford them to change the lives of not only children/families in the community but others in the San Diego area. I appreciate the multicultural make up of the Y. We will be in attendance at more classes with the new YMCA. We can have more options to improve our lives.
The Y has given my entire family a safe place to enjoy life outside of our home. My son plays basketball on a team with a great coach. I can workout with my daughter while my younger child is safely in the childcare facility. Everyone at the Y are great friendly people!	The new Y will give the community a stronger sense of pride and happiness! It will provide the state of the art equipment that the community needs!

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When my then 7yr old grandson's mom passed away Dec 2014, the JRYMCA stepped up with moral support. And because he had always participated in activities at JRY, they made it possible for him to continue (i had also been laid off of my 20 year job, the dept was outsourced) with basketball and other activities with minimal changes piling on his young life. He loves going to JRY and so do I because of the resources i was able to handle the stress in my life while my grandson and i figure this out. You can say that JRY was and is very instrumental in the new chapter in our lives.	The new facility is long over due, there is no other Y that assist the community like Jackie Robinson YMCA. There are so many families out there that depend on JRY just to deal with life. I do not want my grandson to be a static and with the help of JRY he won't be. When i finish exercising in the pool, i would love to take a shower and wash the clorine off to partake in other programs instead of driving all the way home. Why should this Y be the only outdated Y? JRY is the life line of the community.
The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been such an amazing part of my families lives. My boys enjoy the Y's soccer clinics and regular soccer seasons. It keeps them active and healthy. My mother a newly retiree has found a new meaning of healthy at the Y. It's a safe place for her to exercise daily with people she enjoys to be around. At the Y we get to interact with others from our neighborhood in a fun and safe environment. Thank you Jackie Robinson YMCA! Sincerly, Rocio Rivera	We've had the oportunity to visit other YMCA's around San Diego with our latest soccer season. Their facilities are structurally sound and inviting. Having such a clean and beatiful YMCA in our neighborhood would make us proud and appreciated. We would intern appreciate the facility and take care of it and with pride ask our friends, family and neighbors to join the Y or come and join us at one of our soccer games. We already have a wonderful staff at the Y that is very helpful and kind, how great would it be to have a great facility to go with it.
A landmark in the community, support, unity, resource center, you, employment opportunities	Unity in the Community, resources, pride, ownership, southeast San Diego matters! Redevelopment over due
Jackie Robinson has been a place where my family has had the opportunity and support that other wise wouldn't, such as: free one on one tutoring, exercising in a class with specific targets such as: involving bone strength, improving their cardiovascular system, in overall releasing the importance to maintain a healthy body, brain, and knowing that this is a safe place.	It will have a lot of more opportunists to engage in more physical activities for them, a sense of more peace since the place will expand. Jackie Robinson family YMCA is really here for the community and families it is time that they deserve an aspect of all the positive engaging they do with children and their families.
It's an awesome place to promote the Heath . Great for kids with a friendly crew always ready to help.	The new one can help more families I. Our community to get a healthy life
The Y has been a place that my children can go and learn from. It's the safe environment that nourishes and supports my children's growth. We have been members for 8 years now & we always go there to find peace and comfort.	I think the children would love a new YMCA is their community. It will show them that their community is just as deserving as the other communities. My children have been to other YMCA's and they are always amazed as to how big and full it is. A bigger facility could offer more programs and classes for these children of the community. And maybe it would offer more teen programs to bring teens in instead of out in the streets.
I use to attend the Jackie Robinson YMCA as a child and the facility definitely needs a major overhaul. I now have a small child and I enroll him in activities at the Y as a participant. I believe a new facility will get a lot more people in the community to become a member; myself included.	I will most likely not be driving to the Mission Valley YMCA for things that I can do at the new facility which is less than 5 minutes from my house.
The outreach of this YMCA is everything the organization stands for. Our youth need a voice that is fair, kind and empowered; the staff at Jackie Robinson are that voice.	I am a firm believer that everyone deserves the same opportunity in life and its what we do with it that separates us from others. Lets give families in all of San Diego communities the same opportunities; this is just that!
I have volunteered for this Y and participated in their Healthy Kids Day over the years. The Jackie Robinson Y brings the community together and truly serves all.	Strong communities have a center, a heart, where people can gather in time of need or to celebrate or just hang out with their neighbors. Jackie Robinson has been this place but needs to grow to continue to serve Southeast San Diego and to serve more people in an equitable way. If we take pride in our neighborhood, our neighbors take pride in it too. I can't wait to see what else Jackie Robinson will bring to the community!
The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been an inspiration to San Diego County overall. As a resource for youth of all ages, families, and collaborative partners, the Y has helped strengthen the entire community.	San Diego County and all families will be stronger with the existence of the improved facility.
I have seen this facility serve many families in this community and it has had a great impact on many of the people I know.	A new facility will have a great impact on the image of our community and the families that are already living in the community and the new families that will be moving into the community.
It provided a safe place for my son to play sports. It offered many fun activities & resources for the community.	State of the art equipment. Would better serve the community by improves facilities that can benefit more children.

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My Daughter usually attends summer camp at this Y. She has a great time every year and I know that she is a safe environment with people that care about her. I have been exercising at the Y since July 2014. I participate in the cardioblast class, as well as Body Pump, and I've been a non-smoker since July 2014.	I believe a new Jackie Robinson YMCA will make healthy living even more accessible to the community. I hope the studio is enlarged so that more people can comfortably attend classes. I'm looking forward to the changes and will miss the Y while it is under construction!
The Y offers a safe and healthy place for local youth to learn new skills, play sports and enjoy the outdoors at camp and in swimming lessons.	The community needs the JRY. The service area includes many negative influences and families who desire a meeting place and a location where they can enrich their lives is critical for all ages.
The Jackie Robinson YMCA (aka Southeast YMCA) has been there for me and my family since I was in high school over 50 years ago. I went to parties there, my dad was a board member, and my children spent many a summer day at the Y when they were kids. This Y has served our community like no other facility or program It is critical to our community, and we are excited that it will finally receive the facility its services and our community needs.	We are excited about the new YMCA facility and look forward to a continuation of the many wonderful events and services that have always blessed our community. It is the only facility of its kind in our community and we would be lost without it.
A safe place for my teenage grandson. Positive Sumner programs. Good programs for seniors.	More opportunities and progr6.
If the prices were a bit more reasonable I could afford it for my kids and i	Depends on coat
Volunteering at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been an incredibly rewarding expirience! It is such a pleasure to be a part of an organization that reaches so many. I have also taken swim lessons at the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA and while they were wonderful, the aquatics facilities are small and outdated and in much need of repair/upgrades!	The new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will allow for more families and individuals to access these much needed resources and services. By expanding all areas of this very special YMCA, there will be an increased array of opportunties for community members to participate in healthy, safe activities that promote personal growth and healthy living. I can't wait!
I have supported the Jackie Robinson YMCA since I taught ALBA School many years ago. This site has done for this neighborhood what many sites deemed to risky or controversial like ALBA Classrooms that gave troubled teens that were expelled from other school hope and understanding through teachers that did not prejudge rather were educators in the true sense of the word.	I recently attended the Halloween event at the Jackie Robinson YMCA and saw the commitment by all staff and volunteers. This commitment comes from the leadership of its director Michael Bruckner who does not mince words when it comes to doing the right thing for this community. He was as much part of this event as his staff and volunteers were. My 7 year old daughter had a " this is so cool dad" time. This is only one child but when that comment is repeated over and over by all the Children and community members even under the present conditions of the Y, can you just imagine what they will say when they have a brand new shiny place?
The YMCA has been a location that has allowed me to give back to those most in need.	A new Jackie Robinson Family YMCA will help us as a board family to give the members of the community a facility commensurate with those throughout San Diego. It will also allow the YMCA to continue to be a refuge and beacon of wellness to the Southeast San Diego community.
My greater San Diego community is incredibly impacted by the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. I consider my community to be both Hispanic and African-American families and students, and every day I see families with those backgrounds coming to our YMCA to have a safe, welcoming place to play together, to exercise together, and to learn together. Our YMCA is overflowing with the YMCA core values and spirit, and because of that, we have people overflowing our building and exceeding it's capacity.	In order to meet the need of our every-growing community, a new JR Family YMCA will be able to meet the need of every person and child who walks through our doors. A new JR Family YMCA would also impact the issue of equity. We need a facility that is high quality, high capacity, and high achieving. In order to do that, we must expand the building and the facilities so that we can operate wider-serving services.
For decades, the Y has provided this area with opportunities to improve the lives of individuals and families. It is a cornerstone of the community!	This new center will be a beacon for those who are searching for improvement to mind, body and soul.
The Jackie Robinson YMCA has been a great place for my family to spend time. We do appreciate the work done for the community in when we live at the YMCA.	Hopefully, the New YMCA will have expanded hours that my family can use. Currently, we have stopped participating due to the hours some programs that we like to participate in are offered.

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I personally took part in activities with my own children at the JR YMCA. My son played organized basketball between the age of 5-10yrs old. In the past I have also used the JR YMCA facility with the minors that I work with. We have taken kids their to work-out with the weights, etc. However, the fees became to expensive for us to continue using the facility.	It will be nice to have a new multi-function facility in the community, however it is also very important to consider that the cost of using the facility should remain as reasonable as possible so that the people in the community are able to use the facility. I would also like to note that it be a top priority that the people that use the facility take care of it as if it were there own home. That is what will keep it nice for generations to come.
It's time for renovation because it takes care of the safety aspect as well.	The updated appearance attracks more youth to the center.
I have always supported the Y in pass fundraiser, activities and membership and they have been a great resource of information to me.	Membership is the key to the Jackie Robinson family Y
They kept me on the membership during my unemployment months and I am grateful that I can use this facility.	I enjoy the take 5 program, it was for n for me and the children that benefited from the activities. To be a part of the Pirates of the Caribbean and learn the value of a. Symphony to San Diego.
The facility has been a safe place for our children to go an become a part of something. It helps to escape the temptation of gangs etc.	A new facility will provide better accessibility to the center.
I have been an active participant of Jackie Robinson YMCA, off and on for many many years. I enjoy and am very appreciative of a large quantity of opportunities and resources that are useful to my whole family in a major way. The wonderful choices range from ,sports, where my children meet and friend different peers of each team, learn healthy plays and strategies from good coaches and early discipline. JRYMCA has a great fitness program from aerobics classes to at your own pace exercise equipment rooms. The staff is informative, professional, amazing and a pleasant asset to the company. It is a blessing how the Y reaches out to the community with holiday food baskets to families in need, and many prized generous contributions for children and young teens to indulge in from season to season. Lastly, my favorite experience is the child watch's and Day Camps held year round to allow parents such as myself to remain a steady worry-free life during busy day to day sources of committed responsibilities. I am honored to be a part of such a beneficial and extremely rewarding family facility, as I look forward to the remodel and expansion to it's original location. THANKS JRYMCA! Yours Truly, The Cook Family	I look forward to more space, air conditioned gyms, indoor pool and more parking. The impact of this expansion and the lives of my family, I'm sure will last a lifetime of significant memories.
The JRY makes an important contribution to the community, especially for our children and youth but also for its programming for seniors.	It will be wonderful to have new, modern, more comfortable place to exercise and socialize and for our kids to learn, grow and play.
Having the Y in my greater neighborhood gives me great pride and has provided me with much needed adult swim lessons! Thank you!	I will be able to take my family to the Y- having access to an indoor pool year round will have a great influence on us directly and our neighborhood. We currently go to a Y that has an indoor pool and are desperate to return to our neighborhood. Our community needs this new building- as a symbol of growth, worthiness, and opportunity. It will be a hub of community prosperity. Thank you!!!!
It has enabled children and families the luxeries of fitness, swimming, sports, safe halloween fun and christmas joy even though their economic standings would not have afforded them that luxury.	It will give them equitable facilities and programs compared to the rest of the county.
Jackie Robinson YMCA is where my children learned good sportsmanship. Where they first learned how to swing a bat and dribble a basketball over 18 years ago. They have been a beacon in the community. It's where I perfected my coaching skills and where my niece learned to swim. It provides opportunities that some may never be able to afford. Leadership skills are learned and perfected by the young and old.	Our family welcomes a new state of the art facility that will offer even more to and for the community.
Great safe place for my young children	Our neighborhood deserves a quality facility.
I have volunteered at the Y in the past, my wife was a member of the "Ys Men, and my great- grandson has spent time in the summer programs.	A new "Y" will make available programs for my great-grand children and also for my wife and I as community seniors.

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The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA is the cornerstone of stability in a neighborhood otherwise known for its instability.	This new YMCA will bring hope to youth and families faster than Jackie Robinson going from third base to home.
The JRYMCA has been the place where my sisters, nephews and family have come to maintain our physical well being. We are healthy and stronger as a result of having a comfortable place where we can exercise with people who look like us.	There is a sense of pride and ownership to the community in which you live, when the resources within that particular community serve your whole family. This is what the JRYMCA means to me and the members of this community. A new facility would reinforce a sense of community pride.
I take my son with Autism to swimming lessons, however since the pool is outside we have to suspend classes in the winter time.	It will be great to have a new Y and I can see my entire family being member & taking advantage of the family membership. Also since the pool will be enclosed there will not be interruptions on my son's swimming lessons.
The JRYMCA has served this community by offering a positive outlet for our young people to be safe, have positive role models to encourage them, and to dream.	A beacon in southeast San Diego showing our youth that positive change happens in our community too, and not just in more "affluent" communities.
My family and I have been members for a few years now. Since becoming members, our lifestyles have been tremendously impacted. My 9 year old son has learned to love sports and being active. He has played basketball, soccer and flag football. This is important to me since a few years ago his doctor told me that his blood pressure had been too high for his age and this is no longer an issue. My 4 year old daughter has taken swimming lessons and looks forward to going to the Child Watch program. I, of course, have to drive my son there to his practices so it has served as motivation for me to become active myself. Even on days that I am extremely busy after a long day at work, my son literally pulls me out of the couch!	To get a new YMCA would be fantastic! It would make everything so much more accessible and enjoyable. I would personally be more open to taking swimming lessons (I'm 40 but don't know how to swim!). It would be great to have a decent locker/changing area. I think it would also improve our community and be more attractive to our older kids. I have a 13 year old that is not very fond of sports but when she saw the plans for the new building she was really excited about it.
It is a Safe place for kids and adults to work and they mental and physical health. Jackie Robinson YMCAis been there for my daughther when She was little, She parsicipate in the summer camps and all year long even. She learn how to swing here.	It will spand this community's resorces and kids are going to be more willing to live a healthy and safe life
This facility has served an at-risk neighborhood with great programming and care for the community at large for many, many years. It needs to stay right where it is to continue impacting this area with love and caring for all who live there.	The new facility will be able to provide a safe place for children to have fun and the tools to help them become people of character. It will also continue to serve those struggling with loss and be a major gathering place for the community. The JR YMCA can help spark renewal here - let's give it the chance to do so and continue to be the blessing it's always been for those living here!
The Jr YMCA has given us the opportunity to be part of exceptional events such as the Halloween experience and Christmas with character. Let's not forget about the sea world and movie experiences where we got to meet the Chargers and sd Padres. We've also had the opportunity to have so many exercise classes offered to us.	We've been members for more than five years. my so. Learned to swim bc of the lessons offers at the YMCA.
I remember attending the YMCA because it was the most affordable gym option in our neighborhood. My nieces and nephews now take advantage of the sports team available.	It will provide better options for our neighborhood kids to keep them engaged in positive activities.
When my son was younger, he attended summer camp and I knew he was in a safe place, which gave me a piece of mind while I was away from him.	This will enable more people to use the facility. We deserve a state of the art facility as is seen in other communities. It may have people cancel their gym memberships and come back to the community with this great facility.
As as former resident of Southeast San Diego the Jackie Robinson YMCA has been a pillar of the community. My first camping trip was with the Y and as I now Mentor youth it is an important staging point where we gather to utilize the resources available.	Without the YMCAs computer lab and after school programming my youth and their families would not have the opportunity to complete their college applications.
The Jackie Robinson Y is a place where families can come to be safe and healthy together. Kids and adults learn to be stronger as a family by participating in events and activities together. In a community that regularly sees negative, Jackie Robinson gives a positive outlet and builds the hopes and dreams of the community.	This community deserves to have a state of the art building that can serve MORE families, bring more families together, and provide more positive outlets for youth and young adults.

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I am a program director in the Aquatics Department at JRY. Having the freedom to manage a swimming pool in this community allows me to share my life's work, swimming & safety, with southeastern San Diego. Swimming pools in communities like these are paramount. According to a study by USA Swimming, more than 55% of Hispanics and nearly 60% of African-American children can't swim which is almost twice the figure for white children (31%). Black children drown at a rate almost three times the overall rate. Those statistics speak for themselves on the impact our pool has on our community.	The Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has been said to be a 'beacon of hope' in our community. With more space, more programs, more people served, more impact, innovation, positive change, community development, etc we will continue to be that beacon.
The Jackie Robinson YMCA has impacted my family for the last 16 years. Giving my son the opportunity to get involved in various organized sports and also receiving a much need scholarship to attend college.	This will allow for a safe environment that will give our community the needed resources to live healthy and fulfill a much needed void for more involvement from others in San Diego
I am very active within my community, the Jackie Robinson Y is so close and has classes that fall within my availability. It makes it convenient for me to do what I can for the community that I love so much, while still allowing me to be able to continue working on my health and fitness.	The new facility will be larger and allow for more activities and classes. My family and I will be able to come to the facility a lot more often because there will be more room and more equipment to use
I truly believe centers like the Y should be available for all families to use so children are kept off the streets. My family and I go there to spend some family time together.	It will provide families with the opportunity to grow in all aspects. Children will be occupied and out of trouble by using the tutoring services and all other activities at the Y
I have been involved at Jackie Robinson YMCA as a volunteer and my own community (nearer to my neighborhood) YMCA as a member for years. Jackie Robinson is in a location where this need is even greater and I've seen it first hand at Healthy Kids Day. I have also raised money to get over 200 kids in the Jackie Robinson YMCA involved in youth activities. Basketball and swimming.	I believe the YMCA is a critical learning and gathering place for strong communities. It is a place for young children, parents, and older adults to interact together and develop strong families and strong ties to each other.
My family & I have truly enjoyed using the services offered there.	A new Jackie Robinson YMCA would have a tremendous positive impact in my community. It will definetly help the families & individuals who need it most.
The Jackie Robinson Y is a true example of the great work the YMCA can accomplish. I am proud to work for an organization that has the Jackie Y in it!	I am excited to see the impact that the Jackie Y will have on it's community and help support in any way I can.
The Jackie Robinson was always a safe place for us to come play organized sports. We played there with our Church softball league and my nephews and niece grew up playing tball their.	Of a new updated would be awesome. It would still be a safe place to for our children to go, but in a more modern up to date facility, I feel, would give the kids a sense of pride. It would be a place where families would want to spend time together. The Jackie Robinson YMCA has been an important part of this community, a new facility is long overdue.
As I don't live in that community. I have been a employee for three year. I know that the community would only benefit from a new and improved y. Give the family's what other community have. They to deserve a great Y.M.C.A.	It will improve the health of the family's . It will change the out look for the future kids. The other Y.M.C.A have been up grated its Jackie's time.
Important to continue the legacy of committed leaders in the past and present.	Can only imagine what this facility will do to help mold the coming generations of families and kids.
Encontramos apoyo en educación y salud.	Mis hijos se sienten seguros y con gusto van al YMCA, porque tienen verdaderos amigos!! Y es un ambiente saludable, educativo.

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Having the Y in our community has allowed a family member of mine, who is raising her grandsons, the ability to go to work without having to change her schedule, because during school breaks, she was able to have them at the Y summer camp. Without the Y, she would have struggled financially and may not have been able to care for her grandsons. The boys were in a safe place and doing things that they enjoyed doing. They were able to make lasting friendships and my friend was able to keep her job and her grandsons. The Y also has a large number of adults with intellectual disabilities who are members. Having the Y as a resource has given these individuals a sense of equality, because they have the opportunity to go to a gym, like everyone else, and feel equal to everyone else there and feel welcomed. I have been able to witness the interaction between this particular group of members and the staff at the Y and know that they way they are treated make them feel a part of their community.	Having a new Y would vastly improve the way this location currently looks and it will bring in more members and more support. The Y has been loyal in serving the community for many, many years and having a new building would only give improve that drive. The staff already do a wonderful job and the love they have for what they do is evident in their actions and personalities. Having a new building would enhance that love and dedication! It will also bring the opportunity for many community members to have a place that they can afford to become a member at and have the same luxuries as everyone else. As you all know, we are not the healthiest or fittest city in the nation, this would give many people the chance to finally make a change to improve the quality of their lives.
A new YMCA would be a great asset to our community. Our children can continue to have a safe place to go for recreation and fun. It will be a fine place for adults to go too! I pray that their will be a daycare center especially for families that are low income.	It will be just like it is now! A wonderful, beautiful complex! Thanks to all the pioneers who have made it possible for The Southeast San Diego YMCA to be one of the best in San Diego County. I remember going to the why as a teenager for recreation and eventually taking my children there for daycare and sports activities in the 60's 70's and 80's. Praise G'd the Mercigul for blessing our community.
This is our neighborhood Y!	With the new space and program offerings I will have more reason to bring my family and friends to the Y!
As a youth growing up in the Southcrest community the Jackie Robinson has always provided a healthy safe place for me and friends to learn respect and care not just for games ,for each other and our community.	This new YMCA will ensure for generations to come healthy minds and good sportsmenship for the young men and women of our Southeast community, appreciation of diversity and respect build community and keeps our families safe and healthy!
The Y has held events for the community during the holiday season, and distributed tickets to events for the theatre and games. Most importantly, it is a place where people can participate in physical activities and be healthy. I had the honor to volunteer for their Christmas event where they distributed gifts to the youth, and take several youth to experience the theatre for their very first time. It was a marvelous experience for them and it was very gratifying to see their expressions and reactions; and it was the Y that made it possible.	We need a facility that is aesthetically pleasing and welcoming to all ages. This will encourage more members in the community to participate in the Y's activities. It will also give the community a sense of pride. We deserve a better, bigger and beautiful facility. Historically, facilities in underserve communities always lack staff, activities for all ages, proper equipment, and are depressing because they are not maintained properly. We need this new facility.
A wonderful resource to the youth in our community that has helped transform life's and given our kids a chance to make better life choices by being exposed to all of the activities at the YMCA and positive role models	It will help our community reach more teens and expand its mission which will have a profound positive impact on our community
Wow its been a safe haven for many kids in the community. Its a place where people feel the staff is family.	I think our community deserve a new YMCA. A bigger place that can help more people. Our community is a great place and with a new YMCA it opens the doors to have more programs.
My Family has been a member at the Y for over 15 years and without the Y we would not have been able to afford Summer Camp, Sports etc.	I will be able to attend my Community YMCA year around, because with a new building they will be able to offer more things
The importance of keeping a Y in this community, is vital. When I was a little girl I swam in the pool and learned to play basketball. All three of my children did the same. Now as a grandmother I see the need for the future. Children need safe places to play and develop.	This will bring motivation to get active and stay healthy. A safe space that the whole family can go together and enjoy quality bonding time. What an excellent way to strengthen families !

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Building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities; that's what the YMCA has been doing across America for over 160 years with a mission of improving the quality of human life and helping all people realize their fullest potential as children of God through the development of the spirit, mind, and body. Our work engaging communities in our Y service area to discover new approaches to curbing gang violence is considered cutting edge and saving lives. The Mayor and Council of The City of San Diego, resolved for and on behalf of the people of San Diego "Jackie Robinson Family YMCA Day" in the City of San Diego in appreciation for our dedication to the betterment of the San Diego community as a place to live, work, and play while helping youth and families in San Diego County's most critical communities to be winners in the biggest game of all, the game of life.	A new JRYMCA reinforces all of the great work that the Y has invested in the Southeastern San Diego community since 1943 and allows us to extend our reach to work tirelessly to nurture the potential of kids, improve health and well-being, and give back and support our neighbors.

Join the Team!

Sixty one years I've been in baseball. I've played and worked with some of the all-time legends, like Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and Dave Winfield. Right near the top of that list was Jackie Robinson, who not only broke records, he shattered the barriers. He not only made a big difference in the game, he forever changed baseball. Jackie led, so that players like Satchel Paige, Willie Mays and Hank Aaron could follow. But Jackie's contribution shouldn't be measured on his batting average. It's much bigger than that. Jackie wanted to make a difference in the lives of at-risk kids—with mentoring programs and scholarships for deserving youth.

Join me as we fight that good fight - to give a better future to our kids. When it comes to our kids, we all have to pitch in.

Jerry Coleman
2005 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame

I am all about giving kids a chance to beat the odds and leave their own legacy. The Jackie Robinson YMCA has been doing this every day for the past seventy years. I believe that the kids that are successful and the ones that make it they leave the legacy by them achieving what they achieve in life and we will find out five, ten, fifteen years down the line when these kids start giving back to their communities because they remember how they got to where they are right now. Imagine what a new Y in its current location will do to help kids join teams, not gangs.

Marshall Faulk
Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2011
San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame
College Football Hall of Fame, 2003

I would have never have received an opportunity in baseball if Jackie Robinson hadn't played well and handled himself in the proper manner. Without Jackie, there would not be me. I always try to take his way and apply it to what I do. I think about Jackie all the time and ask myself, "What would he have done?" He proves the value in thinking things through. You can't just react. You must look at both sides of any situation and appreciate the other person's perspective. My wife Alicia and I have been longtime supporters of the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. Jackie said, "A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." At this Y, they are making an impact where it is needed the most.

Tony Gwynn
2007 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame

Every day my wife and I feel blessed to wake up in the life we have, and it has nothing to do with fame or fortune. It has to do with the togetherness we've built with family, friends and everybody we meet. I feel that we have a W in the game of life. Success can happen for anybody with any background if you plan, pursue, and persevere just like the Safe At Home Capital Campaign. The Jackie Robinson YMCA is a great team that is earning a W in the game of life, and by being Awesome, Baby, with a Capital A!

Dick Vitale
2008 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
2012 National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Hall of Fame

Now it's time for me to help other people with their dreams. Giving back is an important part of that. Our responsibility to the next generation our duty to leave this world a better place for our children and theirs. I care about the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. I played there as a kid and my kids can say the same. I care about San Diego. That's why I'm involved. You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. Don't measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should have accomplished with your ability.

Bill Walton
1993 Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame
San Diego Breitbard Sports Hall of Fame

I came to San Diego and the Padres in 1973, and early on I sought out the organization that best put forth efforts that supported youth and the community. I immediately found that to be the Jackie Robinson YMCA. Since then they continuously show dedication, heart and excellence in reaching and impacting all they serve. I've worked with and supported their efforts personally through my foundation and through the Padres organization for nearly 40 years. That alone could say it all, but certainly the Jackie Robinson YMCA is a great team to be a part of.

Dave Winfield
2001 National Baseball Hall of Fame
San Diego Padres Hall of Fame

There is no greater honor than to be of service to others. For years the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA has provided educational and recreational services to a unique and diverse community in San Diego. I have witnessed the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA grow into an integral and vital part of the community. The Safe at Home Capital Campaign is the next step in providing even greater facilities and services to families of Southeast San Diego. I am honored to serve as a member of the Safe at Home Capital Campaign Hall of Fame Cabinet. Please join me and my fellow Members of the Hall of Fame Cabinet.

Kellen Winslow
Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 1995
San Diego Chargers Hall of Fame
College Football Hall of Fame, 2003

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