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**To:** [Hall, Renee](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center - Concerns from a Future Voter  
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And another...

John A.Haila, Mayor  
City of Ames

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**From:** Naomi Pena <894371pen@ames.k12.ia.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 5, 2023 5:41 PM  
**To:** Haila, John  
**Subject:** Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center - Concerns from a Future Voter

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Dear Mr.Haila,

I am a future voter from Ames, Iowa, and I have a few questions regarding the city council's approved purchase of the land the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center is going to be built. I attended the Dec. 13 City Council meeting and found myself fascinated by how our local government functions. The issue of the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center, in particular, piqued my interest because I am looking into a career in architecture. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, contaminated soil can severely pollute water supplies and decrease indoor air quality. Building an indoor pool center (which would heavily rely on water and indoor air systems) on top or even near contaminated soil could potentially affect the health of individuals that visit the Fitch Family Indoor Aquatic Center. As someone with a family that likes to frequent the city's aquatic centers, this is extremely concerning. Seeing as how you yourself have a Bachelor's Degree in architecture, I would like to know if you believe that having a climate consultant to monitor the building process

would truly be more efficient in ensuring the safety of the environment and by extension, the citizens of Ames, than cleaning the contaminated soil prior to approving construction. Do you feel the city could implant more safety measures aside from the climate consultant to guarantee the sanitation of the water supplies, air systems, and the land surrounding the new aquatic facility? I look forward to hearing your stance on the matter.

Thank you for your time,

Naomi Peña

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