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Dear Alder Duncan,

My wife and I sent the email, below, to you in November regarding the status of the city's ice rinks. However, we wanted to send it again, this time highlighting in bold, the very important impact the ice rinks have had on our family and, I'm sure, countless other families. Please vote to keep the rinks open so that other generations may experience the positive impact they have in this city.

Regards,

Scott & Gina Tunzi

Dear Alder Duncan,

I'm writing to ask for your support for Madison's community ice rinks - Hartmeyer Ice Arena (Madison East) and Madison Ice Arena (Madison West). On November 26, 2024, the Common Council will consider the Ice Arena Resolution, which would provide critical funding for much-needed infrastructure updates for both of Madison's community ice rinks.

For 74 years, these rinks have been pillars of our community, serving thousands of children and families across Dane County. They host several non-profit organizations, high school hockey teams, free programming for low-income families, adaptive skating and sled hockey for people with disabilities. Without the resolution's support, these programs — and the rinks themselves — are at risk of disappearing.

Our son and daughter have benefited tremendously through the programs at the rinks. Our son started playing hockey when he was 5 and now, a senior in high school, plays on the Memorial Varsity Hockey team. Our daughter began individual and then synchronized ice skating when she was 10. She continued on with synchronized skating into college where she skated on a college varsity team. From these experiences, both our son and daughter developed into better young adults by gaining confidence in their lives, learning patience and focus as well as an understanding for others and treating them fairly. However, one of the biggest takeaways of all is that they both continue to give back to the ice rink organizations by teaching and working with the beginning skaters.

Here's why this resolution is crucial:

- Operating revenue alone cannot cover the significant capital equipment replacements and repairs needed to keep the rinks operational.
- Users of these facilities have already begun fundraising for improvements, but debt forgiveness is essential to ensure long-term financial stability.
- With proper investment and support, these facilities can continue to thrive for years to come.

Thank you for your time and for considering this request. Your support can make a lasting impact on our community and help preserve these ice rinks as a vital community asset for many years to come!

Sincerely,

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