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Dear Sirs,

Re: VancouverLake water cleanup prioritization.

As a nearby resident to Vancouver Lake and a frequent user of its unique offerings, I would like to encourage you to elevate this body of water to the top of your priority list.

I frequently walk its shores, have taken rowing lessons at the rowing club there, swim at Vancouver Lake Park, where I also have learned to paddle board, and have kayaked its waters. I have enjoyed the large gatherings for regattas at the Lake which is a nationally recognized venue, drawing competitors and their families from across the country.

Clearly this resource must be upgraded and protected in the future. The degradation of this lake has been dramatic in the last few years, and it is progressing with increasing rapidity. The blue green algae and the milfoil issues have already restricted the use of this unique community asset, and it is getting worse rapidly.

The emotional and psychological benefits to the Vancouver residential community and the financial benefits to the Vancouver business community are in immediate danger of being lost. Please put Vancouver Lake at the top of the list for water cleanup funds and efforts.

Thank you.

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