



## New Aquatics Facility Launches Fundraising Campaign

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The Wiseburn Unified School District and the City of El Segundo have announced their joint efforts to construct a brand new **Aquatics Facility** and the launch of its fundraising campaign. A fundraising kick-off event took place on September 12 at McCormick and Schmick's Seafood and Steaks in El Segundo.

Women's Water Polo team, Kaleigh Gilchrist and her coach Adam Krikorian, El Segundo Mayor Suzanne Fuentes, and other local VIPS were in attendance at the private event.



*Lee Boyles, Kaleigh Gilchrist, Drew Boyles*

To date, \$2 million of the \$5 million has been raised. Sponsors of the world-class facility include the Los Angeles Lakers, Kinecta, Skechers, Toyota and Continental Development Corporation. Levels of sponsorships available for businesses and community partners can be found on the website, <http://www.esquatics.org> or by contacting Sherry Kramer, community affairs director via email at [skramer@continentaldevelopment.com](mailto:skramer@continentaldevelopment.com).



*Attendees at the fundraising campaign launch at McCormick and Schmick's*

The outdoor swimming pool will be located at 201 North Douglas Avenue and will offer a wide range of public learn-to-swim and fitness programs, house high school and regional competitions, and could accommodate niche trainings such as scuba diving or synchronized swimming.



*Keisha Nix, Joe McCormack*

Richard Lundquist, Executive Director South Bay Sports, Health & Recreation pledged \$1 million to the new pool and is spearheading the fundraising campaign to cover the additional construction costs. All proceeds will go to the El Segundo Aquatics Center at Wiseburn High School pool, as well as refurbishing “The Plunge,” at Urho Saari Swim Stadium.



*Richard Lundquist*

“It is my sincere hope that businesses will join the many other generous supporters in our efforts to bring this expanded first-class project to life,” said Richard Lundquist, executive director, local businessman and philanthropist.

Some features of the new aquatics center will include:

- A 10-lane competition pool
- Two moveable bulkheads
- Two diving boards
- A 25-yard, four-lane teaching and fitness pool
- Permanent bleachers, scoreboards and sports lighting

For additional information and to make a donation, visit the website at <http://www.esaquatics.org>.

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