

Budget Cuts

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Good Afternoon,

I am reaching out to advocate for school counselors in the Stamford Public Schools. School counselors hold supportive roles for all students in the building. Each student has a personal advocate in their school counselor. When a student does not know where or what to do next they go to their school counselor to sort of their next steps and action plan. Counselors not only review graduation plans and courses needed to meet graduation requirements, but they encourage students to keep moving forward. They offer resources and tools, speak with stakeholders, and work as a team to make sure every student has their own personal success story. Everyone needs a supportive person in their life, as a shoulder to cry and to offer support and guidance. For many students the counselor is that person. The school counselor may be the only person that believes the student can do more or simply listens to that student's concerns. Students in Stamford Public Schools are from an array of households and socio-economic status. All which play a major role in their future and can impact their decisions. If school counselors are laid off, how would it be possible for every student to meet with their counselor as needed? In today's day and age as we all know the major impact mental health has on daily living. During this pandemic we can not even measure the amount of support students will need when returning to the school building. Will they be anxious? Will they be able to focus? Have they lost a loved one during this time? How is that affecting them? All of these questions have unknown answers, but by decreasing counselors in a building you are decreasing resources for students. Isn't our goal to support our students? How are we going to be able to support our students to the best of our ability if we simply do not have enough staff members and hours in a day to do so?

As a first generation Hispanic individual I feel I am a great advocate for the student population in Stamford Public Schools. I have faced the same diversity many of these students have. I have worked towards goals that no one else in my family has. Being a school counselor is a passion of mine and I am dedicated to my work. I am dedicated to informing students of their rights and helping them achieve goals they may have never thought possible. Being a school counselor for six years has allowed me to see the impact not only counselors but all school staff members have on the students in the school building. Many students look for these structured relationships because it is the only stability they have in their lives. Every staff member in every school building across Stamford is making an impact in some way. By allowing budget cuts and laying off educated and inspiring people you are not doing justice to the community. I am asking that you reconsider these options not only for myself but for the Stamford community.

Sincerely,

Nicole Vazquez

Save TCR

Jason Gomez <jtgome1@mac.com>

Sat 5/23/2020 2:46 PM

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Dear esteemed Board of Representatives members,

My name is Jason and I'm a Stamford homeowner/resident. I'm reaching out due to the recent news about the city budget cuts and how they could affect Terry Conners Rink. Please read the attached letter from us and Stamford Youth Hockey.

To further understand the positive impact that Terry Conners has had, I've attached two letters from our children. If you could please take a minute to read them, you'll see firsthand how the rink has shaped (and continues to shape) their lives.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jason Gomez

We all know that everyone is going through a tough time right now. When this tough time is over I could not imagine having any other rink to skate at. Terry Conners rink is like my 2nd home. Especially since my mom works there 24/7. I have made ~~so~~ many friends and have had some amazing hockey memories there. Losing this rink is like losing my favorite sport. Please don't close Terry Conners.

- Chris Gomez

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To the Honorable Mayor Martin, esteemed members of the Board of Finance, Board of Representatives, and our Stamford community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are in unprecedented times. While the city financials pale in comparison to the personal tolls, it must be addressed, which is why we are writing to you. Stamford, like the rest of our nation, is facing excruciating decisions to make up for the unimaginable financial losses across the board. Every decision will come with sacrifice and we recognize that. In fact, the SYHA family wants to do our part to help.

There is absolutely no question, we love our community rink and do not by any means want to lose our skating home. Terry Conners houses the Stamford Sharks, the Waterside Hockey Initiative for underprivileged youth, Learn to Play, Stamford Public Schools, Synchronized Skating just to name a few. It represents the very essence of community. Hence, the rates charged by the rink were always below market value because it was never asked to up charge our children for the sake of capital expenditures.

So how do we maintain the original intent of Terry Conners to service the community while aiding the necessary capital improvements?

Please view the link: <https://go.aws/36hLueK> to find our proposal to keep Terry Conners the one and only public skating facility servicing the Stamford community. By increasing our rates by 30% and limiting your budget decrease to no more than \$500,000 we are confident that Terry Conners will have the resources to be budget neutral. We will also begin to build a fund that goes towards the necessary capital improvements needed over time.

Proposed Revenue at Rate Increase Plan for TCR Hourly Ice Rental Rate Increase of 30% (\$315 to \$400 for Residents)			
		Differential	%
Total Expenses Per Mayor (b)	1,470,116		
Proposed Adjustment: Payment to Insurance (a) Per Mayor S/B 50k (307-50=257k)	(257,000)		
Adjusted Total Expenses	1,213,116 (e)	(257,000)	-17.48%
Total Revenue (c) + 30% adjusted rate increase	1,210,518 (f)	279,350	30.00%
Surplus (Deficit) After Increase (including Debt & Central services) Total Revenue (f) minus Total Expenses (e)	(2,598)	536,350	99.52%

Terry Conners is not just a skating facility, it is our beloved home. It has been the place where our children socialize, learn about sportsmanship and develop into productive young adults.

As the parents of two young children, TCR is more than just a local facility with an ice surface, it's our family's 2nd home. It's a place that we've spent countless hours, connecting with each other and making friends with other folks from the area. Our older son has been playing hockey there since he was 4 years old, and both of our boys enjoy lacing up their skates and hitting the ice. They've also been attending summer camp there for the last several years, and have thoroughly enjoyed it. They've met so many different people and made friends for life. It's a place of comfort for them, as well as us. The staff is wonderful, the activities are fun, and it's simply a great environment for any family.

Please consider our good faith offer to help in keeping Terry Conners a community facility that maintains affordable programs for the youth of Stamford. The Sharks have called Terry Conners home for 47 years, we would like to keep it that way for 47 more!

With sincere thanks,

Jason and Gina Gomez

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Sat 5/23/2020 3:29 PM

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Dear esteemed Board of Representatives members,

My name is Gina Valenzano-Gomez. I am the Head Coach of the Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating Organization and a lifelong Stamford resident. I am also the parent of two young hockey players. I am reaching out due to the recent news about the City budget cuts and how they could affect Terry Conners Rink. Please read the attached letter from us and Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating.

To further understand the positive impact that Terry Conners has had, I've attached two letters from our children as well as a personal letter I previously sent to the Mayor and Board of Finance. If you could please take a minute to read them, you'll understand firsthand how the rink has shaped (and continues to shape) our lives.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gina Valenzano-Gomez and family

We all know that everyone is going through a tough time right now. When this tough time is over I could not imagine having any other rink to skate at. Terry Conners rink is like my 2nd home. Especially since my mom works there 24/7. I have made so many friends and have had some amazing hockey memories there. Losing this rink is like losing my favorite sport. Please don't close Terry Conners.

- Chris Gomez

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Dear Mayor Martin and Honorable Members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance,

Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut are working in solidarity with Stamford Youth Hockey to keep Terry Conners open and give our young skaters the opportunity to get back on the ice as soon as government restrictions allow it. Terry Conners has been the place where our children socialize, learn about sportsmanship and develop into productive young adults, and we want that foundation to continue.

Our online petition on change.org "Keeping Terry Conners Rink Open" was created by youth skaters who are worried that their beloved ice rink may not be there for their teams to practice and perform. Without Terry Conners, will the teams even have a home? The petition has been signed by over 6,200 people – a sign that Terry Conners has made a significant community impact on all people, both young and old. Stamford residents want to keep Terry Conners Ice Rink open.

We recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding of programs, and Terry Conners Rink is willing to make adjustments. Our organizations have been informed of substantial ice rental increases necessary to keep the rink running, and we have agreed that they are reasonable. We want to ensure the adjusted TCR budget will be reviewed by the Board of Reps and Board of Finance as a solution for now to keeping the rink operating while all options are being evaluated.

Hockey and Synchronized Skating 2020-2021 seasons are already in motion. We have taken deposits from team members who have already made their plans for the entire year. Skaters are looking forward to training and practice starting this summer. It would be devastating to the children if their teams had no rink, and therefore could not have a season this fall and winter.

Please work with Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating families and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut, as well as Stamford Youth Hockey, to keep Terry Conners and its programs alive!

Sincerely,

Gina Valenzano-Gomez

To Mayor Martin and Members of the Board of Finance,

I am writing to you in support of Terry Conners Ice Rink and to prevent the extended closure of the facility due to budget cuts. Also, I am asking that you work with Terry Conners Rink to keep it publicly funded.

I am a figure skating instructor at Terry Conners Ice Rink. I'm also the head coach of the Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating teams (SCSS) and the parent of a Stamford Youth Hockey player. Terry Conners is our 2nd home. It's the place where I first started skating 43 years ago. It's where I grew up and found my passion, which I then turned into a career. It's where I go to work each day, teach the values and skills that I learned there, and then pass those onto many other generations of skaters.

Terry Conners is also where I bring my own children to participate in group lessons, summer camp, and Stamford Youth Hockey. These are wonderful and affordable programs that have been invaluable to children (myself included) for many years. These programs provide affordable opportunities for them to not only learn the love of skating but also to gain life skills, cultivate friendships, learn the value of team work, how to lose, how to win and how to handle adversity. I don't know of a better place than this to teach them how to fall down and get back up in life.

While I do recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding programs especially during this difficult time, I ask that you please take into consideration what Terry Conners Ice Rink means to this community. And, that you consider working with them to adjust costs across the board, and allow Terry Conners Rink and the programs it houses to continue to serve this community at affordable rates.

As a lifelong Stamford resident, a homeowner, a tax payer, a coach, a very concerned parent, and someone who knows personally how much Terry Conners can impact a child's life, I ask you to please consider reassessing the plan to fully cut the Terry Conners budget and instead work with Terry Conners Rink to keep our home publicly funded.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Gina Valenzano-Gomez

In Support of Terry Conners Rink

Skating Club of Southern CT <info@skatescsc.com>

Sat 5/23/2020 12:57 PM

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Dear Mayor Martin and Honorable Members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance,

I am writing to you as not only the President of the Skating Club of Southern CT (SCSC), but also as a parent of two avid skaters who both skate with the Southern CT Synchronized Skating (SCSS) teams. SCSC has been working together with SCSS and Stamford Youth Hockey (SYH) to keep Terry Conners open and give our young skaters the opportunity to get back on the ice as soon as government restrictions allow it.

We recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding of programs, and Terry Conners Rink is willing to make adjustments. Our organizations have been informed of substantial ice rental increases necessary to keep the rink running, and we have all agreed that they are reasonable. We want to ensure the adjusted TCR budget (<https://go.aws/36hLueK>) will be reviewed by the Board of Reps and Board of Finance as a solution for now, to keep the rink operating while all options are being evaluated.

SCSC has already begun planning for the upcoming season. We provide weekly freestyle sessions, test sessions, and skating competitions hosted at Terry Conners Rink. Contracts for our fiscal year are signed by July. SCSC had scheduled a test session for June 3rd, but unfortunately the pandemic has caused us to put that on hold. We are hopeful to host another session sometime in July or August. SCSS and SYH 2020-2021 seasons are already in motion with commitments signed. Skaters are looking forward to training and practice starting this summer. For SCSS, summer training is critical to getting skaters ready for their upcoming season.

Now, speaking as a parent, opening the rink this summer is crucial for our family. Summers for my kids means living at the rink. SCSS hosts synchro clinics twice a week in the morning before camp. My children have been attending summer camp for years, and this year, my oldest is set to be an instructor. This camp has been of immeasurable value to my children. They have learned about perseverance, teamwork, athleticism, and ingenuity. Where else is the concept of when you fall, you get back up and try again so literally accomplished?

Please work with SCSC and SCSS to keep Terry Conners and its programs going!

Warmest Regards,

Pam Foster
President, Skating Club of Southern CT



SCSSPO will help keep TCR Open!

Kristen Stops <info@southernctsynchro.com>

Sat 5/23/2020 11:30 AM

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Dear Mayor Martin and Honorable Members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance:

As President of the Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating Parent Organization (SCSSPO) I have attended every Board of Finance Meeting and spoke of our organization's loyalty to Terry Conners Ice Rink as a place where children grow, friendships form, and positive athletic experiences are created.

We are working in solidarity with Skating Club of Southern CT and Stamford Youth Hockey to keep Terry Conners open and give our young skaters the opportunity to get back on the ice as soon as government restrictions allow it.

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Hockey and Synchronized Skating 2020-2021 seasons are already in motion. Deposits have been collected for our three synchro teams and communications are constant. The coaches normally meet with the TCR rink manager by the end of May to set our year schedule including summer morning clinics, weekly practices from August through April and special events like the Terry Conners Open, pep rally and Showcase. Many of our skaters attend the Terry Conners Summer Camp to keep up their skating skills and have a place to spend time with friends during

the summer. Every summer Friday the campers show off their skating skills to parents and friends, and the growth is impressive.

Skaters are looking forward to training and practice starting this summer. It would be devastating to the children if their teams had no rink, and therefore could not have a season this fall and winter.

Please work with Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating families and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut to keep Terry Conners and its programs alive!

Sincerely,
Kristen Stops

Fw: Terry Connor's

Neil Boside <neilboside@hotmail.com>

Sun 5/24/2020 9:59 PM

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Cc: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>; Val Legutko <val1281@aol.com>;

Dear all

I am forwarding this email to you ,hoping it will meet your positive response.

Neil Boside

From: Neil Boside <neilboside@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 10:05 PM

To: pgiordano@stamfordct.gov <pgiordano@stamfordct.gov>; mmoore@stamfordct.gov <mmoore@stamfordct.gov>

Subject: Fw: Terry Connor's

From: Neil Boside <neilboside@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 23, 2020 9:59 PM

To: pgiordano@stamct.gov <pgiordano@stamct.gov>; mmoore@stamct.gov <mmoore@stamct.gov>

Cc: Kristen <info@southernctsynchro.com>

Subject: Fw: Terry Connor's

Dear Miss Moore and Mr Giordano

Greetings

My Family and I live on Grandview Ave. We have 2 children (ages 12 and 14) that Terry Conners Rink means a lot to them: My Daughter is a member of the Shadows Synchronized Ice Skating team based at Terry Conners and my son plays hockey at the Rink. They both have participated in the summer camp at the Rink for the last few years as well.

I like to share with you a copy of an Email sent to our Mayor earlier this month.

Stay Safe and enjoy the rest of the Memorial day weekend.

Neil Boside

From: Neil Boside

Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:57 AM

To: mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov <mayorsoffice@stamfordct.gov>

Subject: Terry Connor's

Dear Sir

I am writing this e-mail as a resident of Stamford, the father of two children and a physician.

I hope you and your family are doing fine in these trying times of the Covid 19 and thank you and your team for taking care of the residents of Stamford.

As for the Terry Connor's Ice skating rink, it has been a great place for children and adults for their physical and mental health.

As a member of the front line responders, I am witnessing first hand the negative affect of the lack of social and physical activities in our children as well as in the adults.

The rink has been home for the synchronized Ice skating team that represents Stamford at competitions at other states.

The rink has been a place for the youth hockey as well. It has been helping hundreds of Stamford's families stay in shape.

Besides getting the participants to be good at sports, it helps them develop social skills that will prepare them for their future.

Seeing the young kids on the ice at the early hours of the morning before their school gives me hope for a healthy future generation of responsibility, good discipline, good physical and mental health.

The Terry corners rink has been a great asset in the summer as well. The summer camp has been very effective in getting our kid's to be involved in sports and learning.

The place has been great for parents. Socializing and sharing ideas how to best prepare our kids for a safe, healthy and positive future has been taking place through the rink as well.

If we were to battle obesity and drug use, cutting the budget to the rink is not the answer.

The physical and psychological devastation on the current users of the rink as well as the potential future users is a big price to pay if we were not to keep the place open.

I am available to answer any questions.

Respectfully

Neil Boside, MD

assistant professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University

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SAVE TERRY CONNERS

H. Justin Cosell <hjcohane@hotmail.com>

Sun 5/24/2020 3:36 PM

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Cc: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Good Afternoon,

It is with a sense of sincere immediacy that I send you this email. As a lifelong resident of Stamford, I know the importance of having Terry Connors open and available to the public. My siblings and I played hockey there. My 6 year old takes lessons there. It is the only affordable game in town for someone such as myself, Dean of Students at Wright Tech, and the thousands more middle class citizens of this city. You must keep Terry Connors the vibrant facility that serves us all so well. For our community, for our future-save Terry Connors.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

H. Justin Cosell

Sent from my iPhone

Terry corner ice rink

Anna Halynski <ahalynski@gmail.com>

Sun 5/24/2020 2:45 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

To whom it may concern:

Hello,

My daughter had started to take classes at Terry Corner ice rink three years ago when she was 4 y.o. She was continue to take classes twice a week before Covid 19. I just want to let you know from parent and single mother prospective, that Terry Corner ice rink price point allowed me to place my child in a sport which she loves so much. I hope you will take for consideration our residents needs. It's not for us adult, it's for our bellowed children.

If you have any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

Sincerely,

Anna Halynski
203-252-1324

Terry Conners

Susan Horn <ssayhey1@gmail.com>

Sun 5/24/2020 5:13 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

I am writing because we love Terry Conners Ice skating rink. My daughter has taken summer and winter camps there.

The instructors there made us all feel comfortable but more importantly they made my 12 year old daughter who was just learning how to skate feel comfortable in a new setting.

My family and I can happily visit Terry Conners because it offers affordable ice skating experiences for our family and fun camps.

I really don't want to see Terry Conners taken away. We will miss the people and it's ideal location.

We hope you will help to keep it alive for the community.

Thanks very much,
Susan and family

In favor of Terry Conners

Val Legutko <val1281@aol.com>

Sun 5/24/2020 9:55 PM

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Dear Mayor Martin and Honorable Members of the Board of Representatives and Board of Finance:

Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut are working in solidarity with Stamford Youth Hockey to keep Terry Conners open and give our young skaters the opportunity to get back on the ice as soon as government restrictions allow it. Terry Conners has been the place where our children socialize, learn about sportsmanship and develop into productive young adults, and we want that foundation to continue.

Our online petition on change.org "Keeping Terry Conners Rink Open" was created by youth skaters who are worried that their beloved ice rink may not be there for their teams to practice and perform. Without Terry Conners, will the teams even have a home? The petition has been signed by over 6,200 people – a sign that Terry Conners has made a significant community impact on all people, both young and old. Stamford residents want to keep Terry Conners Ice Rink open.

We recognize that the city needs to make extremely difficult decisions when it comes to the budget and funding of programs, and Terry Conners Rink is willing to make adjustments. Our organizations have been informed of substantial ice rental increases necessary to keep the rink running, and we have agreed that they are reasonable. We want to ensure the adjusted TCR budget will be reviewed by the Board of Reps and Board of Finance as a solution for now to keeping the rink operating while all options are being evaluated.

Hockey and Synchronized Skating 2020-2021 seasons are already in motion. Skaters are looking forward to training and practice starting this summer. It would be devastating to the children if their teams had no rink, and therefore could not have a season this fall and winter.

Please work with Southern Connecticut Synchronized Skating families and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut to keep Terry Conners and its programs alive!

As the director of the Terry Conners Skating School we have affordable skating lessons for the residents of Stamford. Terry Conners Skating School has close if not more than 300 skaters each session. Making it one of the most popular rinks in the area. If Terry Conners were to be leased then the fees for lessons would double. Many of our residents wouldn't be able to afford skating lessons for their kids and our numbers would decline. I have been to many area rinks and their fees are double ours and they have a lot less skaters enrolled in their skating schools. Also, our summer camp has an average of 60 kids per week. We have kids from the age of 4 - 16 at camp. Leasing out Terry Conners Rink will make camp too expensive for most. Camp runs for 9 weeks during the summer and kids want to keep coming back every week. Camp covers all levels from beginners to advanced levels and also incorporates synchronized skating and hockey. Parents send their kids to camp to have fun, make friends and build confidence all while improving their skating skills.

I believe that if the three main Resident Youth Groups (Southern CT Synchronized Skating, The Skating Club of Southern CT and Stamford Youth Hockey) that rent the ice at Terry Conners were to increase the cost of their ice time then Terry Conners would still be able to run as a city facility and make a profit.

Sincerely,
Val Legutko

Please Open Terry Conners Rink As Soon as Safely Possible!!

Kimberly Paris <kimberlyparis@yahoo.com>

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Dear Board of Finance & Board of Representatives:

I am writing to encourage you to vote to reopen the Terry Conners Rink as soon as safely possible. Terry Conners Rink became my daughters' home away from home seven years ago when we moved to CT from Chicago. Through group lessons, free and public skate, testing and Synchronized Skating, under the guidance of Val Legutko, Gina Valenzano and Ken Smith, my daughters have been able to grow with a respect and love for the sport of skating and the community. In fact, they have spent the last year giving back by volunteering their time at the rink during group lessons and were looking forward to helping with the summer camp program.

Over the years we have had the opportunity to explore other Stamford and local rinks. None have measured up and we have always found ourselves back at Terry Conners Rink. Not only does Terry Conners offer a **great value** but it also provides the most **personal/community** feel of any rinks in the area. It also the **ONLY rink** in the area that **provides enough stands** for people to watch and cheer on our skaters. Having the space to spread out **to social distance** is so important now, and no other rink in the area can offer that! Furthermore, all skaters using the rink are **treated equally** and with respect... regardless of their socioeconomic standing. When my daughters were young they took a group lesson at Twin Rinks and were made to feel that they were unimportant unless we paid up for a private coach we couldn't afford. We quickly moved them back to Terry Conners and through group lesson, their confidence was restored!

I understand that financial cuts need to be made, but please look elsewhere and continue to fund the rink so it can safely reopen as soon as possible this summer. The community needs a win and a reason to smile. My daughters need ice to restore some level of normalcy and lift them out of their depression. But most importantly, providing our youth a safe place to grow, exercise and safely social distance is essential! Terry Conners Rink is uniquely positioned to be the place that can safely and affordably provide that opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kimberly Paris
Samantha Paris
Sabrina Paris
312-882-8809

Terry conners rink

nicholas shelly-cummins <nichlos8292@att.net>

Sun 5/24/2020 3:15 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Hi, I am writing to beg to keep terry conners rink open as it's important to my family and I'm sure many other families. We have been using this rink for over 4 years and we love it. I think there is many other ways to finance like upping the price if admission to our beaches. We have so many out of town people coming to our beaches for such a cheap rate but yet we can't afford to keep a ice rink open for our children. I believe there is other solutions to this so please think of our community while making a decision. Thank you for your time

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Save Terry Conner's Ice Rink

Katie A <abromovitch@hotmail.com>

Mon 5/25/2020 10:23 AM

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With sincere thanks,

Kate Abromovitch
Cole Haft-Abromovitch / Squirt A #31



Terry Conners - please consider saving our rink

Bob Ball <bobball1@optonline.net>

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Cc: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

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Happy Memorial Day!

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Please see attached letter. I am writing you today to please reconsider your proposed actions to cut the funding for Terry Conners Rink. While there are two other privately for profit owned rinks in Stamford, Terry Conners is the ONLY facility that focuses on providing services that focus on the actual Stamford community. There are a number of non-profit organizations as well as community school teams that have called Terry Conners Home for decades including the Stamford/Westhill Boy's High School Hockey Team, the StamfordWesthill/Staples Girls High School Hockey Team, Stamford Youth Hockey Association (and their recent partnership with the Waterside School) and the Skating Club of Southern Connecticut. The other privately owned rinks draw affluent kids from throughout Fairfield & Westchester counties; their participation fees are sometimes double that of the organizations mentioned above which exclude many local Stamford residents.

While there are a few local hockey men's leagues they play at Terry Conners as well, the overwhelming majority of ice time is being used by local kids from our community. In this time when we have had to take away so much from our kids, I urge you to reconsider taking a facility away that provides a place for our kids to exercise and participate in activities that they truly love. We have had to take away so many things from our kids the past 3 months, so I urge you to please consider working with us at SYHA as well as the other community programs to give them something to look forward to in the future...

Sincerely,

Bob Ball

33 Redmont Road
Stamford, CT 06903
(203)829-1407



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With sincere thanks,

Keep Terry Conners up and running all year please!

Andrea Bonfigli <andreabonfigli@hotmail.com>

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To whom it may concern,

I write this letter in support of keeping Terry Conners Rink operational all year round. Our Family enjoy the ice-skating opportunities that the rink in Cove Park offers at an affordable price to the Stamford residents. We live in the Cove area and the location is fantastic for us and for many other residents. My daughter loves to ice skate and Terry Conners offers the opportunity to practice and enjoy ice time also during the summer months. The staff is fantastic, and all the programs offered are remarkable. If the rink will close during the summer months many local ice-skaters will miss the excellent camps and training sessions available. Not everyone can afford the high-priced fees that other rinks in the area are charging. One of the reasons we moved to the Stamford area and specifically to the Cove neighborhood are the beautiful Cove Park and the Terry Corner Rink where my daughter practices the sports she loves.

I appreciate your consideration in reevaluating the possibility to keep Terry Conners Rink fully operational all year round.

Sincerely

Andrea Bonfigli

In Favor of Terry Conners

Sarah Boside <sarah.boside@greenwichschools.org>

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Greetings To All,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Sarah Boside and I am a member of the Southern Connecticut Skating Club, housed in Terry Conners. This email has been sent out to many of you before, but I would like to emphasize the importance of the rink and its impact on my community before your final decision on the 28th. I've added an extra section at the end about the price difference as well.

I understand the pressure on your backs during these trying times. I thank you for all of your hard work and dedication in putting our health and best interest first.

Despite this, cutting the Terry Conners Rink budget is not an answer. As a part of the skating team, our rink allows us all to connect and build relationships that would not have been made otherwise, boosting our drive towards becoming a better team. Our rink is a haven for those who strive to become better skaters, better athletes, and most importantly, better citizens. Removing this simultaneously removes these opportunities for others.

I've been skating since I was 9 years old, introduced to the wonderful world of ice through the Terry Conners Summer Camp program. Within a week I learned to skate forwards without using a crutch, yet, that is not what I took away from it most.

By putting myself in the world of skating I felt a light go off inside me, all I wanted to do was skate on the team and get better with my new friends around me. Six years later, that light shines brighter than ever.

Being a volunteer skating instructor, I can see my younger self in the little kids I teach. No matter how many times they stumble, that light pushes them the same way it pushes me. To kill a community of love, motivation, and character for the sake of saving a budget is, by all means, unacceptable.

Other rinks do not offer the same compassion and motivation to their goers, as well as affordability. Free skating sessions at Terry Conners cost \$4-8, while many sessions at other rinks cost \$10 or more. I cannot give up the hard work of my coaches and my team, and I most certainly cannot give up the hopes and dreams of the little kids who aspire to become great athletes.

Please heavily reconsider your choices.

Best regards,

Sarah Boside



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Kristen, Jim and Nick Cannon #22



Terry Conners Rink: Non-Profit SYHA Funding Proposal

Reischea Canidate <reischea@gmail.com>

Mon 5/25/2020 5:33 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

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Hello Ms. Rosenson.

My name is Reischea Kapasouris.

I am requesting that you please forward the following message and the attached letter to the members of the Board of Representatives.

To the Esteemed Members of the Board of Representatives:

My name is Reischea Kapasouris.

I am a Stamford mother of two with a third grader attending Newfield Elementary who also has discovered the game of hockey. He plays for the Stamford Sharks of the non-profit Stamford Youth Hockey Association (SYHA) which calls Terry Conners Rink home.

SYHA recognizes the financial crush the city is facing and has come up with a good faith plan to help without dismantling the affordable programs that utilize the rink.

Please read our organizations attached letter and proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Reischea





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Please keep Terry Conners Rink Running

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is Peng , a mother of two young girls. Here I would like to ask to keep Terry Conners up and running as a city facility. Both of my girls learn skating at Terry Conners for 2 years. We really love the dedicated coaches and the facility. My girls skate twice a week at the rink and we very much appreciate that Stamford can provide the rink at such affordable price compared to private rinks. Besides, my girls make many good friends here who love skating as we do. We look forward to use the rink in summer when Connecticut reopen all its public facilities. It will be so sad if the city committee decide to close this place.

Thank you for attention!

Sincerely,
Peng

Request for Terry Connors

Mary Sullivan <marysullivan1999@gmail.com>

Mon 5/25/2020 12:35 PM

To: Rosenson, Valerie <VRosenson@StamfordCT.gov>;

Hello Board of Representatives,

I am writing to request that you keep Terry Connors open this summer. My 15 year old daughter and all of her friends practically live there year round. In addition to skating on the synchro team, taking skills classes, and competing in events, she also assists with lessons for the younger students. The rink has been a positive social environment for her and it has been an affordable option for me as a single working mother.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Mary Sullivan
203-962-2209

SAVE TCR

Feifei Xia <Ada16682002@hotmail.com>

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Xia, Feifei , Parent of a youth hockey player of Stamford.

Please save Terry Conners rink

ysvivian@yahoo.com

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Please keep Terry Conners rink operating under sufficient budget. My two children have been skating here for years. It's not only a rink, but also a tight social community where they could make friends, build life values and perseverance, and volunteer to give back to the community. It is a staple to the City of Stamford that our neighboring towns admire to have. Because of the city's support, some low income families are able to send their kids to join skating programs and have the equal chance to learn. They otherwise won't afford the high cost of other private rinks.

I understand it is a trying time for the government to save money. But it should not sacrifice the learning opportunities of our kids, in particular those in need. It is the time Stamford residents need your support most. Please do not cut the budget on Terry Conners and keep it running with your support.

Thank you.

Rachel Yang

Sent from my iPhone

Support of Terry Connors and idea to save \$\$\$

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Tue 5/26/2020 9:53 AM

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Cc: Martin, David <DMartin@StamfordCT.gov>;

Dear City Board Member,

I am writing in support of Terry Connors. The rink is our second home. Many hours are spent at TCR during my son's hockey season and camp during the summer. It has been an invaluable part of our lives and a special community that I feel is endangered given proposed budget cuts and talks of privatization.

Moreover, TCR summer camps and skating lessons are reasonably priced. Stamford has had a tradition of making experiences accessible to children; if privatized, skating may become cost prohibitive. The programs at TCR also fall in line with the mission statement of Stamford Public Schools.

I support increased fees so that we can continue to use TCR for team sports. I think we're all working with the city to try and share the economic burden of COVID-19. Talks of privatization during such a difficult time makes for more anxiety and uncertainty.

In the short term, please fund the rink so it can remain open and fully operational for the next year. The rink's supporter's also deserve an opportunity to research options to maintain the rink including forming an "authority".

Please look into the possibility of insurance savings, if not already. City properties like schools, pools and TCR have not been used for their intended capacity/purpose since March. Could insurance companies provide a credit or discounted rate similar to what car insurances have done for their customers during the pandemic? Special terms should also be negotiated for the future if a second wave of the virus emerges and city buildings become dormant again. It doesn't hurt to inquire.

As a city board member, I know your job is unbelievably difficult during these unprecedented times. Thank you for your commitment to our city and your personal sacrifices. Stay safe.

Be well,
Jeanette Bilcznianski

Terry Conners Ice Rink

Marc Lechner <Marc_Lechner@msn.com>

Tue 5/26/2020 5:28 PM

To: Marc Lechner <Marc_Lechner@msn.com>;



To the Honorable Mayor Martin, esteemed members of the Board of Finance, Board of Representatives, and our Stamford community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are in unprecedented times. While the city financials pale in comparison to the personal tolls, it must be addressed, which is why we are writing to you. Stamford, like the rest of our nation, is facing excruciating decisions to make up for the unimaginable financial losses across the board. Every decision will come with sacrifice and we recognize that. In fact, the SYHA family wants to do our part to help.

There is absolutely no question, we love our community rink and do not by any means want to lose our skating home. Terry Conners houses the Stamford Sharks, the Waterside Hockey Initiative for underprivileged youth, Learn to Play, Stamford Public Schools, Synchronized Skating just to name a few. It represents the very essence of community. Hence, the rates charged by the rink were always below market value because it was never asked to up charge our children for the sake of capital expenditures.

So how do we maintain the original intent of Terry Conners to service the community while aiding the necessary capital improvements?

Please view the link: <https://go.aws/3ejBtAE> to find our proposal to keep Terry Conners the one and only public skating facility servicing the Stamford community. By increasing our rates by 30% and limiting your budget decrease to no more than \$500,000 we are confident that Terry Conners will have the resources to be budget neutral. We will also begin to build a fund that goes towards the necessary capital improvements needed over time.

Proposed Revenue at Rate Increase Plan for TCR Hourly Ice Rental Rate Increase of 30% (\$315 to \$409.50 for Residents)			
		Differential	%
Total Expenses Per Mayor (b)	1,470,116		
Proposed Adjustment: Payment to Insurance (a) Per Mayor S/B 50k (307-50=257k)	(257,000)		
Adjusted Total Expenses	1,213,116 (e)	(257,000)	-17.48%
Total Revenue (c) + 30% adjusted rate increase	1,210,518 (f)	279,350	30.00%
Surplus (Deficit) After Increase (including Debt & Central services) Total Revenue (f) minus Total Expenses (e)	(2,598)	536,350	99.52%

Terry Conners is not just a skating facility, it is our beloved home. It has been the place where our children socialize, learn about sportsmanship and develop into productive young adults.

Please consider our good faith offer to help in keeping Terry Conners a community facility that maintains affordable programs for the youth of Stamford. The Sharks have called Terry Conners home for 47 years, we would like to keep it that way for 47 more!

With sincere thanks,

Marc Lechner

SYHA coach, adult league player and hockey parent of two (pictured below)



Please keep the Terry Conners rink as a city facility (from a Stamford resident)

David Lundberg <david.c.lundberg@gmail.com>

Tue 5/26/2020 2:22 PM

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Dear Members of the Board of Finance and Board of Representatives,

As a long-time Stamford resident and home owner, I ask you to please allow the City to maintain ownership of the Terry Conners ice rink, so that prices can be kept at levels that residents can afford.

I understand that the Covid-19 pandemic is forcing the City of Stamford to make tough financial decisions. However, having a City-operated ice rink is a true asset, and its value should not be underestimated, in my opinion. Indeed, having an affordable ice rink located in an attractive location like Cove Park can't be beat, and is a real draw to the area.

My family has grown up at the Terry Conners ice rink and we consider it a second home. My two daughters, aged 12 and 9, have attended the ice staking summer camp there virtually every week for the past three years, they're part of the synchronized figure skating that practices there every week, and they're virtually always at the public ice skating session.

I fear that if a private operator took over the rink, we could no longer afford to have my daughters ice skate. Certainly, if I compare prices of Terry Conners vs. neighboring rinks like Chesea Piers or Twin Rinks, I see a very sizable difference. I have my neighbors here whose kids do ice hockey with the Sharks at Terry Conners, and I now they share many of the same concerns.

Thank you for attention on this matter. As a Stamford homeowner, I, like others, pay considerable property taxes to the City but I've always take some comfort that a small percentage goes toward city-operated facilities like Terry Conners that are so important for our youth.

Sincerely,
David Lundberg
40 Buena Vista St
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Fwd: TC Rink

Cooper McManus <cooper.mcmanus@gmail.com>

Tue 5/26/2020 9:13 AM

To: Winterle, Cynthia <CWinterle@StamfordCT.gov>;

Good morning -

I am writing to express my concern about Terry Conners ice rink. I want to voice my opinion that closing or privatizing the rink is a bad decision. My husband skates at TC with friends and my children a couple times a week, losing this would be terrible news.

I'm worried if this happens it will have a similar fate as the marinas, one of which is where we used to keep our boat, which have been closed I believe since Sandy.

Loosing these assets is sad for the city, its too bad we can't keep these recreational options open. Please do what you can to keep the ice rink and golf courses open, and fix the marinas. If these places close Stamford will start to look, and feel, like a ghost town.

Thank you for your time

Cooper McManus

[39 Sagamore Rd, Stamford, CT 06902](#)



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With sincere thanks,

Michele & Adam Pearle

