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To Our RBAC Community,

Thank you for the kindness you have shown to us at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center during this tragic wildfire emergency. We have learned that patrons, employees, and Board members alike have experienced significant loss. Your outpouring of support through messages, check-ins, and contributions to our RBAC Cares Fund, has been moving.

For the past nine days, our dedicated employees have been removing debris, vacuuming the pools, addressing facility issues, and cleaning every surface. The Pasadena Health Department has checked the water chemistry of our pools and we meet industry safety standards for use. Additionally, we have worked with the City of Pasadena, the Pasadena Fire Department, and Cal Fire to accommodate first responders located in the Rose Bowl area, including the use of the RBAC's parking area.

We have often heard that the RBAC is a place you turn to for wellness, achievement, and community. With that in mind, I am pleased to share that we will reopen tomorrow (January 16) with regular hours of operation and a modified program schedule.

Reopening Information

To allow our program staff to address coordination and administrative tasks, we have adjusted our return dates for some programming. And, in some cases, we are coordinating with outside pool openings, which may impact our team times and locations. Program and team schedules will resume as follows:

- Thursday, January 16: Lap Swim, Independent Use, Water Fitness (Recreation pool only), Yoga
- Thursday, January 16: Dive, Water Polo, Swim, and Masters Swim Teams
- Friday, January 17: Rays Team, Water Fitness (Recreation & Therapy Pool)
- Monday, January 20: Group & Private Swim Lessons, Adaptive Swim Lessons
- Tuesday, January 21: Wellness Classes (Therapy Pool)

Our program staff and coaches will communicate directly with you regarding specific schedules and locations.

Parking: We continue to coordinate with CalFire and the City of Pasadena to navigate the use of our parking lot. They have requested that we enter the Arroyo using Holly Street and then enter through the first two entrances on the south end of Lot I.

To our friends and neighbors across Los Angeles, you are in our hearts during this challenging time. For those displaced, evacuated, or affected by loss, we invite you to connect with the RBAC community. As part of our [RBAC Cares Fund](#), we are offering relief from program fees, and donated gear from our vendors will be available. If you'd like to support our employees, we are collecting gift card donations to help with basic needs and essentials. To learn more, please go [HERE](#).

While the road to recovery will be long and challenging for many; I hope that the water will once again offer inspiration and an outlet for healing to all who visit.

I look forward to welcoming you back to the RBAC.

Warm regards,

Melanie Sauer
Interim Executive Director & CFO