

Communication from Public

Name: Angela Kohler

Date Submitted: 09/18/2023 11:02 PM

Council File No: 23-0543

Comments for Public Posting: I have a child with a rare genetic disorder. We feel that it is especially important for her to be safe around water. But many swim instructors were wary of working with someone like my child. We don't have our own pool so we were even further limited in our options. Our friend generously let us use their pool so we could work with Bill. He was the only one who could get her to enjoy her time in the water, let alone teach her the techniques to keep her safe around pools, and she still asks about him often. When you have an autistic child you really cling to the people who connect with them. Bill's gentle approach was such a gift. If he was able to give lessons in his own pool we would be there in a heartbeat. It would really be providing a service for people who do not have the luxury of their own pool. I think water safety is not just for people who can afford their own pool, and who have neurotypical children. I love the idea that Bill can reach more kids with different backgrounds and abilities this way. The lessons are soothing and gentle and in a calm environment, perfect for a backyard pool and I hope you consider giving the permit to someone who does such remarkable work. Thank you, Angela Kohler

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Name:

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 07:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I took my son to a week of swim classes with Bill ad we absolutely loved him. He's very caring and attentive in teaching the kids how to swim, while providing a fun safe environment. My son had a great time an by the and of the class he was jumping in the pool and swimming to Bill. We are 100% in support of Bill teaching at his home.

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Name: David Lee

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my wholehearted support for "Swim with Bill" and to urge you to grant the necessary permit that will allow Bill to continue his invaluable work of teaching water safety to children in our community. As a parent, I cannot emphasize enough the significance of what Bill has achieved. He has taught my daughter to swim and be safe in the water from the tender age of two. This is no small feat, and I believe it is a skill that can potentially save her life. Bill's dedication to teaching water safety is remarkable and unparalleled, and it has made a significant positive impact on our family. One of the unique aspects of "Swim with Bill" is that it may be conducted home, which provides a safe and controlled environment for teaching children to swim. Not everyone in our community has the resources to own a pool or the means to access swimming lessons at a facility. Bill's willingness to open his home to teach children in the community has been a blessing for many families, including mine. His dedication to making swimming lessons accessible to all is a testament to his commitment to our community's well-being. Swimming is not just a recreational activity; it is a vital life skill, especially in a city like Los Angeles with its numerous pools, beaches, and water bodies. Bill's expertise and teaching methods instill not only confidence but also a deep understanding of water safety, which is crucial for our children's well-being. I believe that by supporting "Swim with Bill" and granting him the necessary permit, we are not only promoting water safety but also strengthening the fabric of our community. Bill's efforts go beyond just teaching swimming; he fosters a sense of community by bringing families together and ensuring that our children grow up with the skills they need to stay safe in and around the water. I kindly request that the LA City Council considers the immense value that "Swim with Bill" brings to our community and approves the permit he needs to continue this vital service. Bill's dedication to water safety has already had a positive impact on countless children, and I believe that with your support, he can continue to make a difference in the lives of many more. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter. I urge you to support "Swim with Bill" and help ensure that our children have the opportunity to learn essential water safety skills. Best Regards, David Lee

Communication from Public

Name: Kari Johnson

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 11:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bill has been a patient and beloved instructor for my disabled child. It's hard to find a swim instructor who works well with my child and we do not have a pool. Being able to access Bill's pool would greatly enhance my son's life. We're working on making him water safe. He doesn't handle loud and crowded communal pools well. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Aviva Moss

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bill Marsh taught my child to swim. He is a naturally gifted teacher and guides children through what could be a scary process in a kind and supportive manner. Allowing him to reach as many children as possible should be top priority in LA. Learning to swim is absolutely necessary here for everyone's safety! It's also more than appropriate for a swim teacher to teach swimming in his own pool. Bill teaches 3 children at a time- hardly a traffic issue. He is quiet and the kids attend without making noise. It's a no-brainer. Let Bill teach wherever he can!

Communication from Public

Name: Evangeline

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 02:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Swim to bill has been such a gift to both of our children. He is a calm, caring human and a true gift to the families of LA county. I strongly support him being able to teach in his backyard.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Javaherian

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 02:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please accept this message as support of William "Swim to Bill" Marsh. While my home does not have a pool, we were fortunate enough to have a dear friend set up a swim course in her back yard with Teacher Bill. I'm still so thrilled my daughter Quincy was able to participate. Quincy was somewhat of a wallflower, but because of Bill's tremendous care and patience she learned how to swim with such confidence and power. The process completely changed her life, and I think that with the swim knowledge Bill passed on to her she has now has the power to save her life in the water if needed. What teacher Bill does is nothing short of incredible & helping him spread swim knowledge to as many children as possible will ultimately save children's lives.
Sincerely, Andrea & Quincy

Communication from Public

Name: Kari Stringham (Drake)

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 03:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council file Nos. 23-0543 To Whom it may Concern, Pursuant to Section 12.24 U.24 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, a Conditional Use Permit to permit the operation of a private school in the RE15-1-H Zone; for the continued use and operation of a private swim school at a private residence of William Marsh. I am not being hyperbolic when I say that William Marsh is a community treasure. He is kind, patient, calm and loving. His classes not only save children's lives from drowning but he helps each child to develop confidence and excitement in the water. Bill's methods are unique. He teaches children to swim, head in the water, on day one. His classes are calm and nurturing while helping each child to recognize they can swim. My own child uses his techniques to swim - and although I am watching - I have such confidence knowing if he were to fall in, he could swim to the edge all on his own, thus saving his life. Another thing that is unique in Bill's classes are how organized and quiet children are - the zen-like focus that takes place over a few days, transforms the young swimmers: 2yr olds, 3yr olds, 4yrs olds, 5yr olds are quiet, take turns and are completely focused on Bill and learning to swim. That's because each child feels Bill's caring and calm. They are safe. In addition, Bill's classes are small. Only three to four children per 30min classes, and only at limited times during the day. Not only that, Bill also educates parents on how to help their children be safe in the water, confident in the water, and love the water. It's a wonderful lesson for both child and parent. Seeing a child breakthrough initial discomfort and fear and transform into a proficient swimmer who thrives in the water is a magical transformation that can be applied throughout their entire lives. I hope you will see the value Bill has to offer to our community - both children and families at large. Best, Kari Stringham

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Name: Megan Katz

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 12:17 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: William Marsh (Swim to Bill) provides a life-saving service to the community and being able to do it at his home pool is critical to his business. He is attempting to do it outside of his own pool, but the process would be much more efficient, and he would be able to help far more families, if he were teaching at his own pool. Bill easily taught both of my children to swim in 8 days. My daughter was taught 9 years ago in Bill's home pool, and scheduling was incredibly simple. My son was taught in March/April of this year, and it literally took 2 years up to that point to find a place/days/times that would work for everyone involved. Allowing Bill to teach at his home pool simplifies the process for everyone. I know that my family and the other families I have met in swim lessons are respectful of the neighbors, and Bill expects nothing less. Please allow Bill to teach from his pool, and the entire community will benefit!

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Saedi

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 01:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bill is a beloved member of our LA community. He has instilled confidence in both my boys and taught them to swim with patience, encouragement, and joy. He's an excellent teacher and has likely saved many lives by making sure our little ones know how to swim. It would be a disservice to LA families if he's not able to reach more students by teaching out of his home. His classes are small (no more than three kids), so I can't imagine this would cause any neighbors any inconvenience. It would be such a shame if he wasn't granted the ability to teach from his home and make lessons an option for those of us who don't have swimming pools.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 04:36 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing this letter to express my heartfelt support and admiration for Mr. William Marsh, who has proven to be an exceptional swim instructor and a true asset to our community. Mr. Marsh played a pivotal role in teaching our three-year-old daughter how to swim independently, a milestone that we had been eagerly anticipating for quite some time. We were incredibly fortunate to have been recommended to Mr. Marsh by another family in the area who had experienced his expertise firsthand. The observation of witnessing Mr. Marsh work with our daughter was truly remarkable. His calm and gentle teaching style put our daughter at ease, making her swimming lessons not only effective but also an enjoyable experience for her. His patience, attentiveness, and the care he showed throughout the process were truly commendable. Mr. Marsh's unique approach to teaching swimming, which includes allowing children to learn in the privacy of his backyard pool, is nothing short of remarkable. If a family does not have access to a pool at home, Mr. Marsh teaches children in his own pool. Mr. Marsh's reputation as a renowned and popular swim instructor is well-deserved. His waitlist often spans a year or more, a testament to the high demand for his expertise and the exceptional quality of his instruction. Families in our community eagerly anticipate the opportunity to have their children learn from him, recognizing the life-saving skills and confidence he imparts to his students. What makes Mr. Marsh's contribution to our community even more significant is the crucial role he plays in preventing tragic accidents related to children and swimming pools. Drowning remains a leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children, and the importance of swimming lessons cannot be overstated in addressing this issue. Mr. Marsh's dedication to providing affordable and accessible swim lessons in a safe and nurturing environment undoubtedly contributes to a safer future for our children. In a society where the need for water safety education is paramount, Mr. Marsh's commitment to teaching children how to swim is a shining example of a community-driven initiative. His efforts not only empower children with a life-saving skill but also instill confidence and joy in their hearts as they discover the wonders of swimming. We are deeply grateful to Mr. Marsh for the invaluable service he provides and the positive impact he has had on our

daughter's life. His dedication to teaching children how to swim and his unwavering commitment to safety are truly admirable. In conclusion, we wholeheartedly support and recommend Mr. William Marsh as an outstanding swim instructor and a dedicated advocate for water safety. His contributions to our community are immeasurable, and we feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with him. Sincerely, Cynthia Flynn

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Haymond

Date Submitted: 09/19/2023 09:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Council, I write to you today in support of William Marsh's permit application. My daughter has taken swim lessons from Bill and I 100% believe he is responsible for her confidence and love of the water. He is effortless in providing children with the tools needed to believe in themselves and their abilities while swimming. His approach is incredibly effective yet gentle and encouraging. If only all children could be taught by Bill, we would have a city of confident and happy swimmers. Not only do the children love Bill (my daughter loves talking about Bill!), he loves the children. He makes a very special connection with each kid he teaches. If he is unable to secure a permit it would be a great loss to our children and their families. To deny this permit would be to deny children the ability to learn from the best. I appreciate your time and consideration. Sincerely, Jessica Haymond