

## Benefits of Y at Mahackeno will outweigh any downside

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### To the Editor:

As a Westport resident, I am writing to convey my strongest support for the Mahackeno project. I moved to Westport with my wife two years ago, and eight months ago our first child was born. We plan to have more.

The expansion of Y facilities to the site at Mahackeno offers a fantastic opportunity for our chil-

dren in the future and for our family as a whole to participate collectively in healthy constructive activities with appropriate facilities. Combined with the beaches, Longshore and the excellent reputation of our schools, the new Y will only cement Westport's place as one of the most desirable lifestyle locations in the region — adding value to all resi-

dents in a number of ways.

It may come at some cost — progress usually does — but provided it is well managed the benefits will be significantly greater than any downside. I truly hope that Westport will do the right thing for the future of its families and make the project happen.

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