

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ed. I recently read with disgust that we will have yet another bank at the corner of Post Road and Compo. It's incredible to me that our town can endlessly debate the development of playgrounds and community centers such as the Y, only to have banks and retail shops spring up like weeds through our town with seemingly little resistance. Our attention has to shift to family-friendly, community-centric and sustainable growth protecting the uniqueness of Westport, its citizens, and our environment. Please consider the following as you debate the Y:

We strongly encourage you to support the relocation of the Westport Weston Family Y to the Mahackeno location.

As a child, my local YMCA was an important and influential aspect of my life. Having participated on a YMCA Swim Team from age 6 through high school, I greatly benefited from the programs offered at my local Y. More than five years ago my wife and I moved to Westport to start a family and join a community. An important consideration in our decision to move to Westport was the presence of a strong Y program. While my children are only five and three, we have already benefited from swim lessons, open swims, and summer programs offered through the Westport Weston Y. We enthusiastically look to a future where our children can continue to participate in the many amazing opportunities our local Y can offer.

Living near downtown, I would love nothing more than to keep the Y in its current location. Unfortunately, this no longer seems possible. Also not possible are any other locations in or near downtown Westport. So, our only prospect for keeping a Y in Westport is to move it to Mahackeno. The plans and presentations I have seen depict a state-of-the-art facility which will allow our families to benefit for generations to come. I struggle to understand how this can even be debated — the answer is simple: Move the Y to Mahackeno!

Thank you for your due diligence and efforts to review the pending relocation of the Y. The decision should now be clear. It's time to get building!

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To the Westport Planning & Zoning Commission

I am forwarding a letter I sent a few weeks ago and can't imagine why this issue is still being debat-