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Dear Council,

Thank you for your service to our great community. I've been a Burlington resident for over twenty years, and my wife and I have raised our (now adult) children in Burlington schools, parks, programs, and safe and quiet streets.

As a family, we have also been avid sailors, keeping our boat at the beautiful LaSalle Park Marina on Burlington Bay. Lovely flat water for a short sail, and access to the lake for longer adventures.

I'm writing to encourage the City of Burlington to assume operation of the marina directly.

Although I have no complaint with its current management, I understand that it will not be able to operate this year due its insurance provider failing to renew its policy at the last minute. The City's direct involvement will address the insurance issue and ensure access to the water for the entire community.

An open marina benefits everyone. Residents with small craft

on trailers will be able to fish, jetski, or go out for the day. The Able Sail program will be able to continue offering joyful on-the-water experiences to residents with disabilities. The 75 sailboats stored on land will return to the water and free up parking. Everyone wins!

The LaSalle Park Marina is Burlington's marina. It is owned by the city, and the city has recently invested \$4M to upgrade its wavebreak. It is a turnkey operation.

On the flip side, if the marina is not operated this summer, the docks cannot be secured from unapproved use, and become a liability risk to the City.

Thank you for taking the time to review the situation. Please support Burlingtonian's access to one of our greatest assets: the waters of Lake Ontario and Burlington Bay!

Sincerely,

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