

**Subject:**

Thoughts on the Sports Illustrated Resort in Ann Arbor

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**From:** Beth**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2024 8:51 AM**To:** Lenart, Brett <[BLenart@a2gov.org](mailto:BLenart@a2gov.org)>**Subject:** Thoughts on the Sports Illustrated Resort in Ann Arbor

Hello Mr. Lenart,

This morning I read about the SI resort discussion in the Michigan Daily summary. I was moved to write after following this effort through curiosity and various communications and opinions. Noting there is an opportunity to share feedback, which I have not ever shared with the City, thank you for considering. Also seeing that you have extensive experience and leadership in many of the concerns I have about this project, I sensed I could share my thoughts openly.

I appreciate Chris' views especially as an Ann Arborite and celebrating how our community rises to such a high level of leaders and best, but my heart sinks as I read about the "heros" or examples of who we may admire or recognize and what is meaningful to the entire community of what Ann Arbor stands for.

I've lived in various communities across the United States and I made a decision, Ann Arbor was the place I wanted to end my professional career (B.M.'77). I've lived here now for over 7 years and I have no regrets. This is because A2 has all the qualities of a place I consider important (quality health care, academics, intellect, the arts, etc.) but most of all, concern for equality for all, social justice, caring for resources.

I do not see this SI Center contributing to Ann Arbor's best qualities, only encouraging less equal access and celebrating, what I believe to be, are limited values of what is truly meaningful to Ann Arbor's future and the community we can contribute to being.

Thank you for letting me share these thoughts with you.

Respectfully,

Beth  
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