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As the Orcas Tennis Club President representing our member, I urge you to support our request to create a covered court for year round, indoor tennis play.

Right now in order to play tennis in the winter islanders must travel off island to play, the closest indoor tennis facility is Bellingham.

We have needed an indoor court on the island for many years. Our goal is to build an indoor tennis court that is a barn like structure which will be consistent to the land use around our property and will have very low impact on neighbors.

Benefits of this are many. Having year round tennis supports the health of our island families. Indoor tennis will allow for youth to develop their skills and have a facility like this can open for the possibility for a high school tennis team. Which can lead to college scholarships. Having indoor, year round tennis will also lead to inter island tournament play.

Lopez pool is an example of indoor recreational facility in a rural area. This is the same use we are asking for.

Please don't make us wait until 2025 for this to be approved! We need to move on this now. We have the support and momentum.

Thank you for your consideration.

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