

## Marin Catholic's Lighting Proposal

Once again Marin Catholic is submitting a proposal to the county to put four 80-ft permanent light towers on their football field so they can hold night games during the fall and winter months. They tried this before when Hal Brown was Supervisor and he voted against it because it was not right for the community. The environmental impact would be enormous regarding traffic, parking, noise, and light pollution.

The proposed lighting system would be utilized for 514 games and practices during the football season held Monday through Friday and a handful of games on Saturdays starting as early as 4:30 PM and ending late at 10:00PM. That's a possibility of six nights a week!

We all moved here knowing there was a school across the street and there would be football games on Saturdays. The noise generated from those games has always been very loud, but it's during the day and although it's a nuisance we've learned to live with it.

Now MC wants to change the rules and start having night games frequently for all winter sports. This change would greatly impact the surrounding neighborhoods by determining when our kids can go to sleep, creating more traffic for all commuters on Sir Francis Drake BLVD, disrupting the animals that live in the marsh, creating light pollution, and making it more difficult for us to have peace and quiet in our homes in the evenings. Our quality of life and enjoyment of our homes will be very negatively impacted by this proposal. We would now be living across the street from a sports complex rather than a school, and this does not fit in with the lifestyle we enjoy in our quiet neighborhoods.

No school in Marin County since the 1970's has been allowed to put lights on their football field for night games for a very good reason, the surrounding neighbors don't want to live with this kind of intrusion. There is precedent in the county regarding night games and we don't believe Marin Catholic should be allowed to proceed with this proposal. We hope you agree.

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