

February 4, 2016

Dear Ms. Drake-

My name is Perelandra Wait and I live at 55 Almenar Drive in Greenbrae, along with my husband Andrew and our two children. Our home and street are directly across Sir Francis Drake Blvd. from Marin Catholic therefore we are well acquainted with the impact that school has on our neighborhood and on our community. I do not support the installation of field lights as they have proposed.

I am a life-long Marin resident with middle-school aged children so I am not unsympathetic to the idea that schools provide a valuable contribution to the community. However, Marin Catholic is a private school with students from the larger Marin County area; these students are not exclusively from our own local community. As such, the benefits to the community claimed by Marin Catholic are not truly benefits to *this* community. They benefit Marin Catholic only. This is not a win-win situation. Why should our community bear the burden of the negative impacts of this proposal while all of the Marin Catholic families go home to their own communities?

As many other concerned neighbors have pointed out, Marin Catholic's rationales in support of their proposal for stadium lights are incomplete, disingenuous and, ultimately, irrelevant to us in the Greenbrae and greater community. Marin Catholic has not adequately addressed our concerns on a variety of issues, including the:

- environmental impact of lights on the wetlands bordering the school
- increased car and foot traffic on SFD and neighboring streets
- increased noise and crowds at night

Nor has Marin Catholic provided any compelling reasons for the installation of the lights. I do not believe that later practices and game time will build or further enhance our "community". Again, this is a benefit to mainly the Marin Catholic community, and one that already exists in their current stadium and game schedule.

My family and I love our Greenbrae community. We chose to make this place home for all of the beauty and benefits it provides. We are the long-term residents who will not move on in 4-year cycles as our children leave Marin Catholic for another community somewhere else. We will still be here; we'd like to be here without the increased light, noise, crowds, traffic and loss of environmental diversity due to the unnecessary increase in lighting for a private school of term-limited students who are not exclusively from our community.

Thank you for your consideration of our input in your planning process.

Best regards,

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