

Dear Jocelyn,

I attended, along with you, the KPAB meeting held on 1/27 at College of Marin regarding plans for the installation of stadium lights at Marin Catholic football field. As you know, many Greenbrae neighbors and Marin Catholic parents, coaches, school officials attended. Each group presented opposing opinions. I'd like to take this opportunity to the time to express mine. Speaking as a long time resident of Greenbrae, we moved here in 1967, Marin Catholic H.S. and Greenbrae residents have been a good fit. Over those years, with our three children, we we're at the stadium and attended many games at MC. Since 1967 we have also heard the Saturday games, and occasional game or sports event held any other day of the week, from our deck.

My opinion is very much the same as the Greenbrae residents who expressed theirs at the 1/27 meeting.

I think from that you get the idea. However, I'd like to express my own view of what the addition of night lights by Marin Catholic administrators mean to me.

If, perhaps there is anyone who doesn't understand the nature of intrusion these lights will bring to my home and to many of my Greenbrae neighbors, I would like to invite you, or anyone not sure of the real noise level, to visit my home during any MC home game to hear the existing game/crowd noises. Noise, that now is already accentuated by a sound system supposedly designed to deflect noise but does not. I think you will readily see and hear what that sounds like. Now, instead of Saturdays or during other sports events held there Sundays or weekdays, noise will come with addition of mega-bright lights, and in the evening. Friday evenings, so far. You have heard from many of my neighbors. I believe they have extended the same invitation, if you have any question, to visit our homes. It may help bring about the first-hand awareness that I, and my neighbors, are trying to express. It is not an exaggeration to say we hear everything the game announcer calls. We hear everything that comes through that system and then some. There is also no exaggerating regards to the impact on the quality of life these intrusions cause. And, now more of the same, with the addition of lights, evenings, more games scheduled, more traffic. Everything not-good about the plan will be multiplied.

I am also very, very distressed by the plans and its seemingly disregard of the impact these lights will have on the Federally and State protected wildlife in the marshland adjacent to Marin Catholic. We have the endangered Ridgeway's Rail (clapper rail) there, to start with. As a member of National

Audubon, Sierra Club, Marin Audubon Society, WildCare and Friends of Corte Madera Creek, I know enough to cherish and wish to preserve that land and its protected wildlife. Along with my neighbors, I value that land as being part of a link to my own home/property enjoyment, And, I love the fact that Marin County is foremost in its care for its lands, of open space, land dedicated on behalf of wildlife and its people's enjoyment and general sense of environmental stewardship. Hopefully, along with wildlife, I have a shared protected right to reasonable enjoyment and privacy of my home and its environment, day or night. Those night lights will change everyone's living environment, and, not in a good way.

I am further concerned about MC's plans for night time stadium lights, which include the expansion of games played, practices, rental of the facility to outside interests due to the addition of night lights etc. and its impact on parking spaces needed by Marin General Hospital. If you tried visiting someone in the hospital during the day you know that it is not easy to find a parking space now. Hal Brown Park is a wonderful park enjoyed by the entire Marin community. Will the park's now already precious parking spaces be jeopardized? There appears no justifiable need for me and my neighbors to have to lose so much for a private enterprise expanded use. . It seems that in Marin Catholic's desire to grow and enlarge its mark in the sports area, they have overlooked the plan's negative impacts to its many, long time, supportive neighbors here in the Ross Valley/Marin community. I hope you will note our voices in this as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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