

Dear Ms. Drake,

My wife and I have lived on Corte Balboa for 30 years. Our home is on the hill directly north of, and overlooking the Marin Catholic stadium.

We are seriously concerned about the enormity of the expansion of events at the stadium which would be enabled by the proposed lighting system. We see Marin Catholic's plans for 514 games and practices annually as an unwarranted disruption of the quality of life for us and for all the residents of Ross Valley.

Our principal objection is based on the noise pollution from these events and the timing of the events. Because of the acoustical characteristics of the hills around Marin Catholic, we can hear the loudspeaker and crowd noise the stadium almost as clearly as if it were next door—we can even hear a single raised voice on the Marin Catholic field. To date we have learned to live with it, especially because the noise has not extended into the night time.

Marin Catholic now proposes to sponsor numerous events that will extend the lighting, loudspeaker, crowd and band noise until as late as 9:30 PM, and, I would assume, well beyond that time if for any reason the game is delayed, interrupted, or goes into extra periods. As I rise at 5AM every morning I need to get to sleep early in the evening; the noise from the stadium would severely interfere with my sleep and greatly diminish the quality of our lives.

Another serious concern for us is the effect of the powerful lighting system on the view from our house. At present we enjoy a wonderful night view of the entire Ross Valley across the Creek to Larkspur and Corte Madera, as well as Mt. Tam in the distance. The massive lighting system that Marin Catholic proposes to install is likely to obliterate our view.

As a final note, I would urge you to reject the Marin Catholic proposal *in toto*, rather than allow them start with a request for 514 events and plan on bargaining down to a somewhat smaller number. Any noisy, massively lit events that extend into the night would be a disaster for Ross Valley.

Yours truly,

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