



PRESERVE ROSS VALLEY

January 22, 2016

Dear Jocelyn,

I saw the notice today on the Marin Catholic High School Design Review / Use Permit (P1123), and wanted to send you a brief note. I am one of dozens of very concerned neighbors that strongly oppose this proposal.

Marin Catholic High School has been a good neighbor for more than 60 years. Daytime use of its athletic fields is accepted by our community, including Saturday use. And the school's academic, athletic and social life has flourished under this arrangement. But now Marin Catholic is seeking to undo these long time friendly relations—solely for its own purposes and benefit. The installation of the lights will significantly change the use of its campus, and night-time use will be fundamentally detrimental to the quality of life in our community.

Neighbors of MC already experience practice and game noise during the daytime all week. Lights would cause virtually unlimited night-time usage of the stadium. The disruption to peaceful evenings is an unacceptable imposition on residents, who should not be asked to tolerate such a transformation of their own neighborhood.

In addition, traffic along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Ross Valley is already a major problem, which is why the County is spending \$13 million to study and alleviate congestion between US 101 and the Town of Ross. Even after this project, the traffic flow will rate a grade of C, according to the County. MC is right in the middle of this heavily impacted stretch. The stadium lights would generate even more traffic right at rush hour, obviously a negative development and counter to the effort to improve the corridor. Parking for 1,500 attendees does not exist and as a result attendees of the night games would spill into nearby neighborhoods searching for a spot.

I and several neighbors plan to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you very much,

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