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### **Consider those who have to live with the lights**

Several recent letters ignore various negative impacts that would be caused by installation of football stadium lighting at Marin Catholic High School.

The project would be in the wrong place. Marin Catholic's immediate neighborhood is vertical in nature and terraced directly above the school. This topography amplifies sound and concentrates light pollution, as we have already seen with the Marin General Hospital project.

A few letters have argued that installation of field lights would not increase noise in the area, because the plan is simply to move daytime events to evening and night hours.

This is wrong for two reasons. First, the project would shift noise to a worse time. The normal daytime murmur from Sir Francis Drake Boulevard tends to mask other sound.

Transferring the noise to the quiet, dark hours would intensify the disruption. Second, supposedly the biggest night-time events that would occur at Marin Catholic would be the Friday night football games, with a small projection of only 500 attendees.

If Marin Catholic's real goal is to create a community environment to serve the entire county on Friday nights, then the project would cause attendance to grow. This can only lead to increased noise and bigger negative impacts.

Proponents of this project contend that neighbors do not have the interests of the community at heart. The neighbors are the local community, and of course we are concerned with having youth activities.

But we are also worried about the severe impact on our community caused by shifting activities to night-time hours. Marin Catholic is a private school. The vast majority of its students commute from outside the immediate area.

These families would not feel the disruption caused by the project. Finally, in the past few decades the neighborhoods around Marin Catholic have experienced significant increases in noise, traffic and light pollution.

To the cumulative impacts of these changes, we say, "enough already." From our perspective, Marin Catholic is piling on to make matters worse, apparently not recognizing its proposal's very real consequences to the surrounding neighbors.

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