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Hello, Jocelyn,

Thank you for your interest in hearing the private enterprise, Marin Catholic High School's, plan to add stadium lights for their proposed night games and other events scheduled to be held at that private school, and the Ross Valley community resident's concern about their negative impacts.

As a resident of Ross Valley, I would like to suggest the County might take the time, read and hear the concerns that I, and others of Ross Valley community have re the installation of these lights. There seem to be many issues regarding the environment both for human and animal/bird species in the valley. The intrusion of lights on and into the community surrounding the stadium and beyond given the lights great wattage amp power. While the effect of the lights might appear to be subtle to a few (according to MC spokespeople) living in the valley, to others and most, it will be seen as an invasive, blazing, glaring effect. Not a pleasant consideration to have to be now thinking of closing one's drapes or blinds, at night, to keep out the artificial night glare. The broken tranquility of the evening sky, the projected reflective light entering our home spaces and the forced feel of urbanization onto a distinctly suburban, quiet, family neighborhood is not why most of us came to live here.

The same intrusion of bright night light spreading onto and out into the nearby Hal Brown Park, the marshland area, and the Corte Madera Creek might very well negatively impact the breeding habits of the federally protected, endangered Ridgeway Rail (formerly Clapper Rail). This is also an important consideration to me, residents, neighbors, friends from Ross Valley, all of Marin and the Bay Area. Stadium lights at the private enterprise, Marin Catholic are a bad idea for the entire Ross Valley community. They were bad several years ago when first proposed. Hal Brown recognized that then.

Marin Catholic can and will continue to do its excellent job in educating youth and have a grand playing field for its daytime use. I think we understand the meaning of "quality of life," it can mean the same to all. It can happen if respect be given to a community of people who already know they will experience adverse (and serious) effects if Marin Catholic's proposal is granted.

Thank you for your time, Jocelyn

Respectfully, Sheila Hershon