

Attention Easton Ehlers:

I write to oppose Marin Catholic's lights project, which will cause light and noise pollution.

I have lived in Kentfield/Greenbrae my entire life and I believe it is imperative that Marin County take action to protect our dark skies. Marin Catholic is located on the edge of a beautiful marsh. The animals that live there and the people that live in our community will be adversely impacted if our quiet peaceful nights of stargazing are disrupted by the glare of stadium lights.

I have two children that were varsity athletes and I am a strong supporter of youth sports. I also think that Marin Catholic is a good neighbor. But there is no reason that Marin Catholic needs to add lights in order to serve its student athletes. Students in Marin have enjoyed football and other sports for over 60 years with no lights on the fields. There is no compelling reason to change that now. Students are better off with practices after school so they can be home with their families on weeknights to enjoy family time and do homework. On weekends, day games are safer than having teen drivers drive from all over Marin at night.

People choose to live in Marin for the natural beauty of our open spaces, including Mt. Tam, our marshlands, and our dark skies. Children thrive growing up in these peaceful surroundings and looking up at star-filled night skies. There are many places in the Country and California you can live if you want to participate in Friday Night Football but there are few places that offer the beautiful serenity of Ross Valley. Our children and families depend on our leaders to protect Marin County marshlands and neighborhoods from intrusive light and nighttime noise pollution.

The animals that live on the Marsh and in Corte Madera creek depend on us to protect them from further development and intrusion of their habitat.

For these and many other reasons, I respectfully request that you deny Marin Catholic's application for permanent field lights.

Thank you,

Suzanne Fogarty