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Easton Ehlers, Planner
Marin County Planning Department Re: Marin Catholic Design Review P4506
3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Mr. Ehlers,

We oppose the installation of stadium lights at Marin Catholic High School. When we spoke last week I mentioned that Marin Catholic was told not to reapply for these lights unless there was some significant change. I asked you what made this application different than the previous one. You indicated that they claim that the 'technology' of the lighting is better. It is not better for Ross Valley.

Their football field is in the middle of Ross Valley. It is surrounded by the Greenbrae hills, Spyglass, the hills in Larkspur and the homes on Corte Madera creek and wetlands. The lights will be visible to many hundreds if not a thousand homes. This is a densely populated residential part of Ross Valley. It is completely inappropriate for these lights to be placed here. While it will benefit some athletes at Marin Catholic it will negatively impact far more people who live near or in view of the field.

The application appears to be incomplete.

The environmental report by WRA, Inc. addresses the potential impact of the lights and noise on the birds and wetlands fauna that may be affected. However the prevalent species in Ross Valley is people. There is no analysis or mention of the potential adverse impact of noise and lights on the people who live in proximity or are affected by the stadium lights and noise. This study is incomplete.

The environmental noise study by Coffman is based on projections. The report uses data from 2016 and attempts to use projections of the noise for nighttime practices and games with a larger number of spectators. The temperature for practices and

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night games will be colder. Sound levels increase with lower temperatures. Combined with larger crowds the projected noise levels in the Coffman report are unsubstantiated and unverified by onsite monitoring. The study is flawed and incomplete.

The light study does not adequately address the issue of the sky glow effect at night from stadium lights. We believe it also states that after installation the lights would be tested to see if in fact there is no light spillage. It will be too late for that problem to be resolved. The genie will be out of the bottle.

The light study is incomplete and needs to address the potential for the sky glow effect from the stadium lights. This will be seen all over Ross Valley.

The traffic study is suspect. Many days each year the students at Marin Catholic have early dismissal between 1:30 and 2:30. We do not believe that a student athlete will stay at school until a 4:00, 6:00 or 7:00 PM in order to practice or play games. We believe that there will be a significant number of additional car trips as Marin Catholic is a 'commuter' school. It is important for the traffic study to account for the many extra vehicle trips. This might also be an environmental report issue. The study is flawed and incomplete.

We believe you have read the previous Planning department decision. It stated that Marin Catholic should not reapply for these lights unless there was a significant change of issues regarding lighting, noise and traffic.

The lighting issue is the same as the previous application. They are very bright and inappropriate for a residential area.

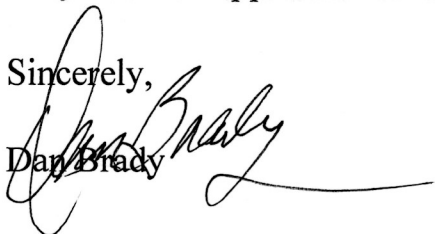
The noise will be louder due to the larger crowds and nighttime games.

The amount of traffic is either unchanged or worse.

Why was this application accepted by Planning??

Sincerely,

Dan Brady



Barbara Herzig

