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Easton Ehlers, County Planner
Marin County Planning Department Re: Marin Catholic Stadium Light Application

Dear Mr. Ehlers,

This is my second letter in opposition to the stadium lights proposed by Marin Catholic. I live across Sir Francis Drake from the school and have no opposition to the sports. There can be a lot of field noise but it is during the daytime. Neither I or my neighbors bargained for or want our nighttime use and enjoyment of our homes disturbed by field noise.

The main problem with this application is the audacity to place stadium lighting in the middle of the densely populated Ross Valley. This is not the Midwest or the plains of Texas. Marin Catholic claims that the lighting technology is so good that we won't even know they are there. Really!

The football field is surrounded by hills replete with houses, condominiums and apartments. Stand on the field and look around. They will light up the valley for the many hundreds of people who look into it every night. This is absolutely and unequivocally inappropriate. That the County might consider this a valid or permitted use in this residentially zoned beautiful valley defies belief. If these are permitted I would conjecture a public push back like the Sir Francis Drake lighting that had to be replaced.

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