

**From:** Robert Casey

**Subject:** MC lights

As a 35 year resident of Greenbrae I want to express my opposition to the attempt to put field lights at Marin Catholic High school. I have many reasons for opposing these lights and among them are:

1.The lights themselves will partially destroy the sight lines and views from many homes in the area. People purchased their homes with those night time sight lines and they should be able to keep them.

2.The noise from evening football games will disrupt the serenity of the neighborhood. It is bad enough on a Saturday afternoon, but that was here when we bought our houses, now we are being asked to destroy our Friday nights as well. For what? Because the football team would rather play on Friday nights instead of Saturday? It also means more traffic, more cars coming and going during the Friday night commute times. Are you thinking clearly? You want to increase traffic, increase pollution, and ruin the neighborhood, just so a private school and play football on Friday night instead of Saturday. Seriously, that is a very bad trade off for our community.

3. The noise and traffic pollution for evening practices will mean that students who have evening practice will be commuting to school twice a day. As we know most students at MC do not walk to school because they do not live near enough. If you think they will stay at school and study for three hours, you don't know any teenagers! So they either drive or are driven by a parent. They all will be picked up after practice because it WILL BE DARK, THAT IS WHY THEY WANT LIGHTS!

It does not make sense, lets solve one problem (not enough practice space) by creating many more problems for the community. If MC needs daytime practice space, they should find it in the surrounding area, like at College of Marin.

4. MC is a private school, we are not being asked to give up the serenity of our neighborhood for a public good. It should not be our problem to solve, it is Marin Catholic's problem.

In summery, this is a bad idea that looks worse every time they propose it.

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