

Dear Administrator,

I wish to thank you in advance for being the contact member of the Kentfield Planning Advisory Board and for your attention in this important and sensitive matter.

I am assuming you are aware that Marin Catholic High School has again submitted an application to install four 80 foot stadium light poles on their football field.

I am assuming you are aware that this proposal is almost identical to their previous proposal with the exception that their latest report says these same lights will be more directionally centered to illuminate only the football field, And by that belief, they say will not negatively impact the environment surrounding and including Ross Valley residents. I do not have any faith that this will be true given the light poles plan includes 8 lights PER pole at 1500 watts each. That's some bright Friday night lights.

The proposal says the additional use dates will not impact traffic and noise. This is not exactly true either. We already know about the present traffic congestion around the school especially on Friday afternoon and evening.

We might heed: "If you build it, they will come" adage.

It's true.

So, what is different in their proposal? Nothing that I can see. What is different in my request to you this time? Nothing. My reasons remain pretty much the same as last time. Asking you to please, reject this small, private school's request that if approved will result in having a negative impact upon the community. A community made up of people who have been Ross Valley good neighbors, are longtime MCHS supporters, former students and their families, medical service centers and businesses. In addition, the surrounding Ross Valley environment and its wildlife, migrating and nesting bird habitat, with one endangered bird species, e.g., should be taken into consideration for any possible disturbances.

I am hoping and trusting in your good judgement to consider the desires and needs of Marin's tax-paying homeowners and businesses and again reject Marin Catholic High School's proposal for stadium lights.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheila Hershon