



## SI Neighborhood Association

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September 17, 2020

TO: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

**RE: Appeal of Saint Ignatius Stadium Lighting Project, Planning Case Number 2018-012648CUA**

We are the Saint Ignatius Neighborhood Association -- made up of 165+ neighbors surrounding Saint Ignatius College Preparatory private school -- and we are strongly opposed to their proposed stadium lighting project located at 2001 37th Avenue in the Sunset District. We have additional support from the Sierra Club, D4Ward, and the Sunset Community Garden, among others.

As you will see from our CUA and CEQA appeal filings, expert testimonial letters, and the attached neighbor testimonials (from 2015 to the present) the Saint Ignatius Stadium Lighting Conditional Use Approval (CUA) does not meet a number of key planning code requirements and was exempted from necessary environmental reviews under CEQA. The Planning Commission has not adequately demonstrated how the proposed project actually satisfies the planning code or General Plan, nor how the project's environmental impacts would be negligible. Our consultants have determined that the project does not meet the purpose, spirit or intent of the planning code and General Plan, and that the project would bring lighting, noise, traffic and parking impacts that are much greater than the Commission and Saint Ignatius contend.

Saint Ignatius (S.I.) is planning to install permanent night time stadium lighting on their athletic field. These LED lights will rise 90 feet above the field which is directly adjacent to many of the surrounding homes. The light arrays on top of these light poles will be huge - about the size of 2 to 3 trash dumpsters next to each other -- and will rise above our neighborhood to be seen from as far away as Grand View Park. They will be grossly out of character and scale of the Sunset neighborhood. Please see images in Attachment 1.

These permanent stadium lights are proposed to be in use for 150 nights a year until 9 pm and until 10 pm for large attendance sporting events.

In the past, S.I. has rented lighting for football games and the neighborhood (extending many blocks in radius) experienced the effects of night time games, namely increased traffic, cars speeding, blaring loud-speakers, cheering, air-horns, litter, absolutely no street parking, blocked driveways, double parking and pre/post gaming drinking and partying.

During these temporary lighted games, residents experience noise levels too loud to even have a conversation in their own homes -- even several blocks away from S.I. What would be normal conversations turn into shouting matches as we try to talk with our families Watching TV or having a quiet family dinner is out of the question during these nights. These impacts go far beyond the just the houses surrounding S.I. -- noise, lights and parking jams occur throughout a wide block radius -- from several blocks East of Sunset Blvd, down to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue as well as north and south, extending to Santiago and Pacheco Streets.

S.I. already has daytime and weekend games/practices that result in loudspeaker use, constant noise, parking and traffic issues. But this is to be expected when you live near a high school during school days and weekends, but not our evenings.

To our knowledge, S.I. would be the only high school in San Francisco with night time stadium lighting. Other SF private and public high schools (with much larger student bodies) have vibrant and healthy sports programs which are easily conducted during daylight hours or they use Kezar Stadium. As demonstrated by these other SF high schools without lighting, we question the real need for night time lighting at the school.

Earlier this year when SINA spoke with S.I. representatives about this lighting project, they stated that the night lighting is a marketing tool to enhance their athletic standing and will be used to attract potential student athletes to their school. They went on to explain that they must actively compete for exceptional student athletes to attend their exclusive private school.

S.I. has also maintained that their "new" co-ed sports activities require practices at night and thus the lights. In actuality, SI has been co-ed since 1989 and, if they have been in compliance with Title IX, this should not be a problem for either the school or the students. All other city high schools are able to schedule practices for all their students without needing permanent lights on until 9 pm.

As one of our neighbors, a high school educator asks -- what about the SI students? After a full day of school, they will now have sports practices until 9 pm. When will they finally get home, do their homework, or get some sleep? In the past, S.I. has dealt with serious issues

surrounding their students being pushed too hard. We question why the school is proposing to install permanent stadium lights and scheduling mandatory sports practices until 9 pm practically every school night. We all believe that sports are a healthy and necessary part of high school education -- but not until 9 pm. Further, as you will see in our submittal materials, the adverse effects of night time lights on teens brains is well documented.

Importantly, Saint Ignatius is an exclusive private school, with very few students coming from the Sunset neighborhood. The majority of their students actually come from outside San Francisco. The campus is closed to the public and the installation of the lights will only benefit the school -- to the permanent detriment of the neighbors' quiet evenings at home.

Saint Ignatius has historically been a good neighbor and we are accustomed to their day time sports events during school days and weekends. Saint Ignatius is a powerful and prestigious institution in San Francisco and many long-time residents in our association, while adamantly opposed to the stadium lights, are reluctant to submit letters of protest for fear of the school's repercussions. In the past, when some neighbors called S.I. Security to have students move their cars from blocking a driveway, or complained directly to S.I. about their leaving litter in their front yards -- neighbors found graffiti on their garage doors, eggs thrown at their homes, and in a couple of cases trash/dog feces put through their mailboxes. While these cases are not common, they leave a lasting negative impression on our neighbors.

The installation of permanent stadium lighting at S.I. would be extremely disruptive to our evening residential living. As you have read in our appeal, this CUA flies in the face of the SF General Plan guidelines, most importantly: 1) to protect residential areas from the noise, pollution and physical danger of excessive traffic, and 2) to protect the livability and character of residential properties (Urban Design Element Policies 4.1 and 4.15).

These stadium lights, and their extended use virtually every weeknight during late fall, winter, and early spring, will substantially impair and impede the reasonable use and enjoyment of our homes and our quiet residential Sunset neighborhood. We have young children who need early bedtimes, we want to enjoy quiet dinners with our families, we want to be able to park in our own driveways after work, and we want our friends and family to be able to find parking near our homes.

Our neighborhood association is not asking anything that any other school area neighborhood currently enjoys -- the ability to reside in a peaceful residential zoned neighborhood with quiet evenings.

This is not hyperbole; attached are neighbor letters dating back to 2015, documenting the past repercussions of night time S.I. games, the lit practice field usage, and even excessive day time loudspeaker noise at practices.

If these lights are installed, anything goes, and while SF Planning issued a final motion with certain usage conditions and S.I. has developed a (flawed) Large Event Management Plan, there is really no enforcement mechanism. It will be up to the neighbors to monitor the usage of these lights and the associated traffic, parking, and nuisance issues, and to report on any violations.

The Planning Department and the Commission have not addressed any of the points raised by neighbors in their many letters, in SINA's submittals for the Commission hearing, in the draft and final Motions, or in the appeal response memorandum. They continue to assert the project benefits without considering any of the many valid neighbor concerns.

We strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to overturn the Commission's approval of this project as it is not necessary or desirable for the neighborhood, and the adverse impacts to our neighborhood's livability far outweigh the benefits to the school that the project might bring. At the very least, the Board should be able to recognize that Saint Ignatius must do a great deal more work to demonstrate that the project will not create the impacts that we reasonably expect, and to make the project an acceptable new use of the school campus.

Sincerely,



Deborah Brown, Secretary



SI Neighborhood Association

Attachment 1: Visual Renditions of Light Towers

Attachment 2: Neighbor Past Experience Testimonials, 2020

Attachment 3: Neighbor Planning Commission Opposition Letters, 2020

Attachment 4: Neighbor Opposition Letters to District 4 Supervisor, 2015

Attachment 5: SINA Online Petition Opposition Comments, 2020

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**VISUAL RENDITIONS OF LIGHT TOWERS**

ILLUSTRATIONS

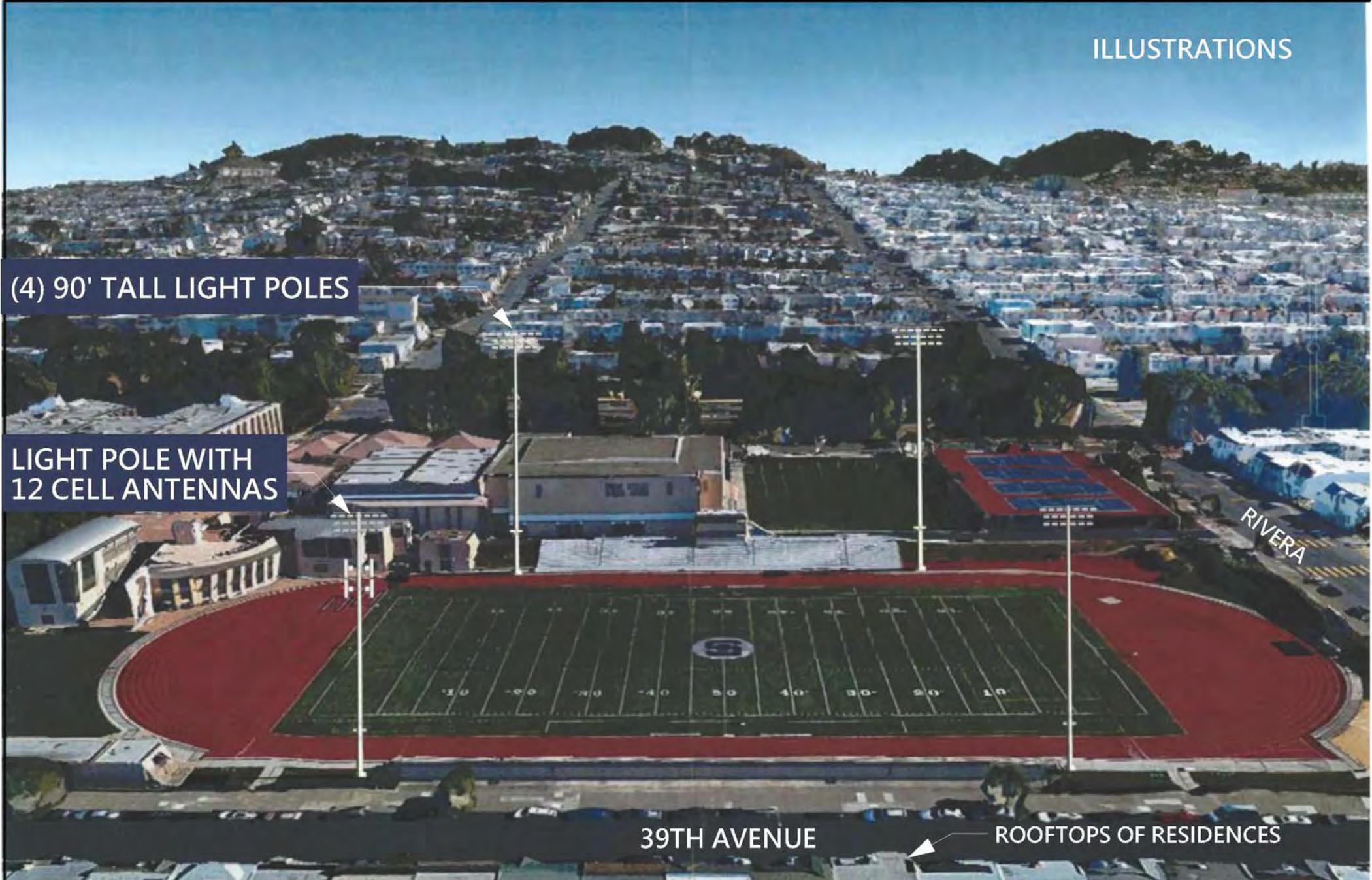
(4) 90' TALL LIGHT POLES

LIGHT POLE WITH  
12 CELL ANTENNAS

RIVERA

39TH AVENUE

ROOFTOPS OF RESIDENCES





9-STORY HIGH LIGHT POLE WITH STADIUM LIGHTS

TYPICAL RESIDENCE

39th Ave

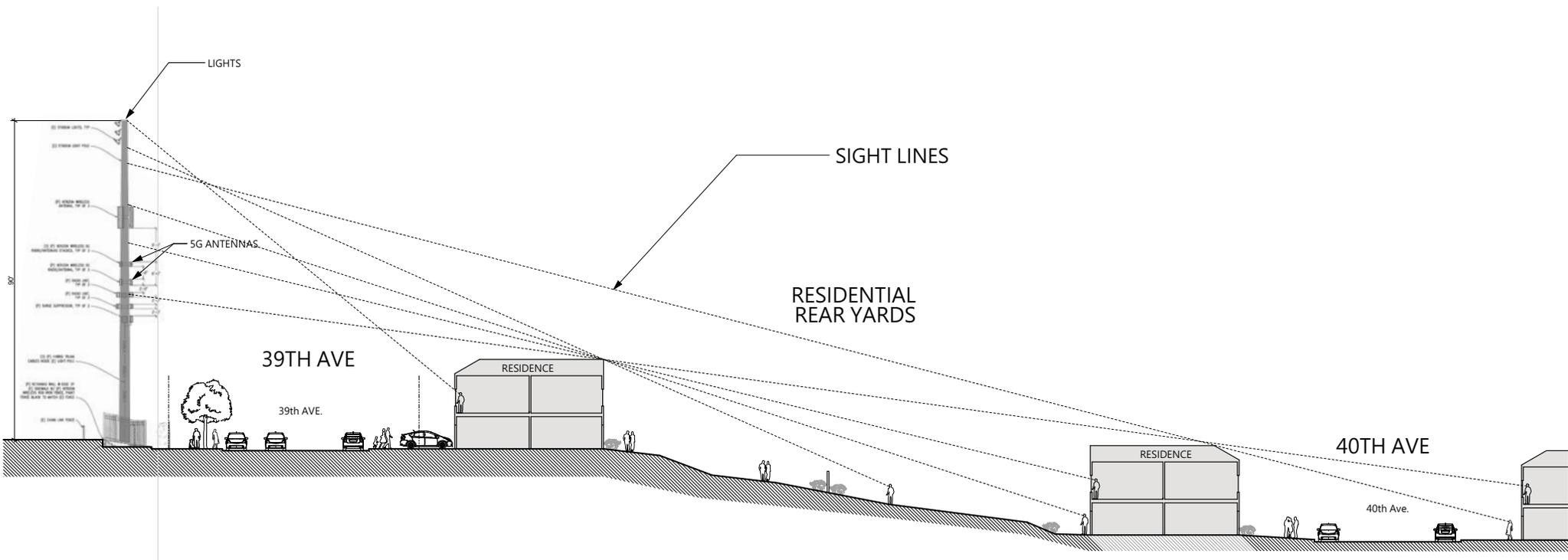
S.I. STADIUM FIELD

SIDEWALK

STREET



S.I. PROPOSED LIGHTS & ANTENNAS  
ILLUSTRATION OF CONTEXT  
BY NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS  
MAY 6, 2020



LARGE-SCALE SITE CROSS-SECTION  
LOOKING SOUTH  
W/ SIGHT LINES

39TH & 40TH AVENUE VIEW

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**NEIGHBOR PAST EXPERIENCE TESTIMONIALS  
2020**

**From:** Peter Koch <[kochsf@att.net](mailto:kochsf@att.net)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 3, 2020 8:46 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your Past Experiences with SI night games

Hi Deborah, this is Peter & Sandy Koch at 2825 Rivera St. S.F.

We Have lived across from Saint Ignatius for almost 30 years. During those Friday night football games that SI put on with temporary Lighting, it was extremely disruptive. Our biggest complaint was the noise.

From about 7PM to 10 O'clock we couldn't even be in our living room, the noise was so loud.

We had cars parked in our driveway and litter all over the street.

We have always , over the years , been good neighbors with SI when they went through various building projects ( Art Center , Swimming complex, Tennis courts, etc.). But this new project of lights and Friday night football games is unacceptable.

My wife and I tolerated those the Friday night games because we thought they were a one-time event, but the disruption on an ongoing basis is frightening. The parking was dangerous if we had to get out of our garage in an emergency. My wife was scared with all the teenage camaraderie going on after the game, which I witnessed a lot of drinking. This quiet neighborhood cannot absorb 2,000 or more fans. I am not comfortable in my own house during those football night games.

Thanks Peter & Sandy Koch

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**From:** Tiffany Pavon <[tiffany@tiffanypavon.com](mailto:tiffany@tiffanypavon.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 5:14 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your Past Experiences with SI night games

Hi SISunsetNeighbors-

Night lights----

We live directly across the street from Saint Ignatius on 39th Ave.

When there are night games, we are unable to use our living room or use our front bedroom. The lights shine into our home even with the shades shut, I'm not talking street lights it is like daylight but harsher. Then there is the noise from the loudspeaker, cheering, music, and people milling about, we cannot even watch tv or have a conversation in our own home. We have the right to quiet enjoyment in our homes and these games are very disruptive for all of us.

Then add in all the traffic, double parking, blocked driveways, people hanging out in front of our house before and after games. There have been countless times that

we are unable to get in and out of our driveway due to it being blocked. We have had people yell and become combative when we ask them to move their cars so we can get in and out of our own driveway. The school staff sees this yet has failed to act even after we as neighbors have asked for help addressing these issues. With adding night games these issues will become worse.

SI has been able to have their sports programs work together to use the field without adding lights for many years. Why do they need to do this when it creates so much disruption and chaos in a residential neighborhood? We also have children that are in school and need to be able to go to sleep at their bedtime and can not with the bright lights glowing in their window, noise blaring.

I have attached an audio file with how loud the loudspeakers were during a daytime practice last month. This was just a day time practice without cheering, music, noisemakers, etc.

Tiffany

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**From:** Coral Ho <[coral\\_ho@hotmail.com](mailto:coral_ho@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 10:51 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your Past Experiences with SI night games

Hi Deborah,

Here are what I experienced with the rented light game day before. I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years and I was affected by the game every time. I don't remember when SI have the game but I did remember all the bad experience from the game night. Since my bedroom is facing the SI football field, the light was so bright that was affecting my little kids to get to sleep.

Also, lots of people were screaming and yelling during the game, it created lots of noise. In addition, lots of car park around the neighborhood during game day. The SI student already generate lots of car parking occupy problem in our neighborhood, with the game, it gets worst. I just experienced it today that an SI student parked her car in front of my house since yesterday (Sunday) and then she moved her care today when I got home from work at 5:30pm. If there is game, she may not moved her care until later of the day.

Hope my writing can help.

Coral

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**From:** Christine Crosby <[christine.crosby10@gmail.com](mailto:christine.crosby10@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 12:07 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

Hello,

My name is Dr Crosby and I reside at 2186 36th Ave, across the street from SI. In the past few years, temporary lighted night games have resulted in blinding light through our living room windows, making it difficult to rest and have story time before bed. When the practice field is rented to club sports, which are expensive, exclusive sports league, the lights are often left on past their permitted time and shine directly into homes and bedrooms on 36th Ave.

My driveway is often blocked on both sides, preventing us from even using the curb or sidewalk to access our driveway and garage. Parking blocks away when returning from work/school/grocery stores means we have to schlep our belongings and child home rather than park in the driveway or garage which we have every reasonable expectation of being able to use. It also means that visiting guests have nowhere to park conveniently. This includes our senior citizen family members, many of which have mobility issues. When a certain relative visits, her knee prevents her from walking long distances. Many times, she's unable to access the driveway spot we "save" for her when she's expected. She double-parks in front of our home while coming inside and my husband drives her car to find a spot and then returns, wasting valuable family time, when we should be able to use our driveway for the vehicle.

Parents and students alike give us the "finger" when we inform them that they are parked illegally, blocking our access to our residence, and ask them to find a more appropriate space. While we sometimes ticket/tow, we fear that these inconsiderate "neighbors" will retaliate and damage our home, or worse injure our family. Due to their behavior, we have no reason to give them any further benefit of a doubt. We resorted to paying almost \$500 to the SFMTA to paint our curb tips red, but this also does little to discourage illegal parking and our driveway is blocked frequently regardless.

The litter left behind from normal school days is quite annoying, but after games, the discarded alcohol containers and other trash is disturbing. The broken glass is a hazard to pedestrians and bike tires, especially children using balance bikes. There's no effort made by SI to mitigate these problems and when the school is called to inform them of a mess clearly left by a student (signed homework) they respond by asking "Why are you calling us? Just clean it up". We would appreciate that the offending student be asked to apologize to the neighbors they littered on. That's what I would do with my child, should he be so inconsiderate. We frequently observe track and other SI athletes using the green space as their personal bathroom. This is really exemplary of how the SI community feels about the Sunset district in general. We all have a responsibility to teach children in our charge right from wrong, something a religious school ought to take more seriously.

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**From:** Anne Marie Benfatto <[annemarie2@comcast.net](mailto:annemarie2@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 7:57 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

Hi Deborah,

Attached please find a letter about the impact of day and night games on the neighborhood. Thanks for collecting all of this info and working so hard on this.

Thanks so much,  
Anne Marie

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**From:** Josette Goedert <[josette.goedert@gmail.com](mailto:josette.goedert@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

Hi Deborah,

We have lived directly across from Saint Ignatius for 8 years now (39th and Rivera) and their level of consideration has gone significantly down. At first we were able to come home and enjoy our home on the weekends or evenings, but now it's almost out of question. Every single weekend they either have a game or have rented out their fields to external organizations such as pee-wee football, lacrosse, soccer, frisbee golf, all day activities or sports camps, etc. If we need to leave the house we know that we will not get parking anywhere near our home or have any peace and quiet. The events start early in the morning (sometimes blowing whistles as early as 6:45 AM on a Saturday) to not ending until way past 4 or 5 PM in the evening. This goes on almost every weekend. Saint Ignatius also starts some practices Monday through Friday with whistles blowing again as early as 6:45 AM.

We've had our driveway blocked so many times that we have resorted to calling SFMTA to issue tickets because we have no other choice. I personally have had SI parents blatantly ask me if I was going anywhere "anytime soon", so that they could illegally block my driveway because they were late for an event at the school and they couldn't find close parking. I had to let those parents know that if they remained parked in my driveway that I would tow them and that it didn't matter if I had anywhere to go - I need access to my car in the garage. I have called the school several times to get their students to move their cars out of my driveway or out of my neighbors driveway.

Anytime I have politely asked a student to move their vehicle 9 times out of 10 they have argued with me and then I tell them that they can get their car out of the impound if they park there. They then move their vehicles out of my driveway. I have included a photo of their student's vehicle in my driveway from May 5th, 2015. I called the school and SFMTA - the student arrived just before SFMTA did and moved their vehicle. I was significantly late for a meeting that day due to their student parking in my driveway and I told the SI office that, but they didn't seem to care, but only offered the rebuttal of "the student's know the rules and we had them move their vehicle."

On weekends it's almost worse because the people who come from outside the city never obey the red on the driveway. We had a pickup truck park in between my driveway and our neighbors (mind you a Prius can fit there, but nothing bigger). I then had to argue with the driver to move his truck and he told me that he was late for his son's football game and I had to let him know that his truck would be in the impound if he didn't move it. Almost every weekend I have to let someone know to not park in my driveway. The last time I called SFMTA was last November on a weekend and the driver argued with SFMTA for giving them a ticket.



When Saint Ignatius had their temporary lights up last year they were shining directly into our home. We could turn the lights off in our house and have it still be illuminated brightly. SI did not turn the lights off when they were supposed to and sometimes they stayed on for at least another hour after they were supposed to be turned off. This would be as late as 10 PM some nights. The level of consistent noise from the loud speaker is blaring. I have included a video from their practice on June 15th at 4:05 PM. This is a small example of how loud it is, but please note it's much louder for games and for all day weekend events and games.

Overall, SI isn't a good neighbor and now that we have a 1 year old daughter - I would like to be able to keep her naptime and bedtime routine without consistent noise, crowds, loud speakers and bright lights. Saint Ignatius has not taken into consideration how this will affect the small children in the community when the lights won't go off until late shining directly into their bedrooms. Having the lights be used for up to 200 nights per year is absolutely ludicrous and in the end potentially causes our child's nighttime routine to be drastically changed. They have not taken into consideration how the small children in the neighborhood would be affected by their NON-ESSENTIAL 90 foot lights. The yes vote has shown our community that the city favors Saint Ignatius and their students that pay an exorbitant amount of tuition for a project that doesn't directly affect their education, but negatively

affects the Outer Sunset. The Saint Ignatius students and parents do not have to live with these lights and 5G technology across from their homes. They will drive home, which is mostly outside of San Francisco city limits.

It remains beneficial to preserve the family oriented environment that has been developing over the years for young families here in the Outer Sunset. I cannot in good conscience find anything positive with their proposal for 90 foot lights, up to 200 nights a year field usage and 5G technology. Saint Ignatius likes to tout themselves as good neighbors, but they are anything but that.

Best,

Josette

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**From:** village attab <[villageattab@yahoo.com](mailto:villageattab@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 8:45 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

We live on 2450 38th ave. few times we experienced loud noises from games. I thought that it came from Vicente and 42nd ave. I went out to discover that the loud noise came from St. Ignatius High School. I walked toward there and the louder it became. The game was just ending. So many people were idling around continuing the fiesta outside of the stadium, some were drinking, some were smoking, and others just loud and loud disrespectful of the neighbors. The whole area matter of fact looked out of control. I thought to myself how could a school treat its neighbors this way? The light were vivid, cars everywhere and many were just honking and oblivious of the neighborhood's children who must rest and go to bed.

Unfortunately I didn't record the time or took any photos. I just went on a fact finding mission. I was about to tell the police but I didn't. That day disgusted me of that school and never wish that decent people would send their children there.

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**From:** carole gilbert <[carolegilbert@comcast.net](mailto:carolegilbert@comcast.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 9:54 AM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

My name is: Carole Gilbert.  
I live at: 2179 40th Ave  
SF CA 94116

I have lived here since 1984, 36 years. In that time I have watched St Ignatius high school expand both physically and with the student body population.

In recent years we have had a lot of trouble with students and parents blocking the driveway. I've had vehicles ticketed and now have turned to having them towed due to the seemingly lack of consideration for our neighborhood.

During the night and weekend games we typically have parents and students double parking on 39th Ave. and Rivera St. Due to double parking, the 48 Quintara bus is not able to turn on 39th Avenue, It is forced to change its route and come down 40th Avenue. The police do not seem to be monitoring this situation I have seen motorcycle police just watching the games but not monitoring the issues mentioned above.

The temporary lighting that SI tested out lit up the sky. It looked like daylight was coming in our windows that face the SI field. We always can hear the loud speakers blaring, and the crowds cheering.. This is extremely disruptive and once SI increases their night time events to 150 + events per year it will be impossible to relax in my home in the evening. The games/practices will be until 10 PM during week nights and weekends. The crowds that leave will linger walking to their cars, making noise, tossing litter and racing up our streets. Why students need to play games and practice until 10 PM when they should be home doing homework and sleeping is beyond me.

The public San Francisco high schools do not have night games at their schools. When this occurs, they play at Kezar Stadium they don't disturb their neighbors. Why can't SI do this?

I find this behavior a detriment to our ability to enjoy our quiet home life. Noise, double parking, trash, people hanging out are not acceptable to me.

Please reconsider their petition for this lighting project. Do not allow them to disrupt our neighborhood. I know if you lived in our neighborhood you would not want this to move forward.

Thank you,  
Carole Gilbert

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**From:** timothy brey <[timuna@gmail.com](mailto:timuna@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Update & an Important Request

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I live on Rivera St directly across from Saint Ignatius' football field end zone. Student athletes normally stay until about 7 pm during the school year. They all seem to have cars and park them throughout the neighborhood. While not always convenient, this has been manageable. Now SI wants to start school later and with the addition of permanent lights have student athletes here until 9 or 10 pm. They also will have big games here (football, and to an extent soccer and lacrosse) which will bring crowds of 2,000 people or more. They normally have their football games on Saturdays all day, which impacts the neighborhood in a negative way due to the impact of increased car traffic and parking issues (parking in people's driveways and taking any and all parking spaces for at least four blocks in every direction). Having lights on for most of the night and having crowds with major traffic, parking, and noise issues is not taking the needs of the neighborhood into consideration.

During the planning commission meeting, the SI principal told the commission that game attendance would not exceed 1,000 people. Either she was intentionally deceiving the commission or has not read SI's own material which they sent out to their neighbors. According to their own printed mailer, they have at least 8 games scheduled which they deem high attendance: having up to 2,000 people. I know for sure that when they play Sacred Heart or Serra high schools, attendance will be over 2,000 people as

those are big rivalries and bring out a lot of people, many who do not even have current family members attending SI.

Also, SI promised (at the planning commission meeting) to dim the lights at 8:30. I don't see how they can make that promise as that would entail dimming the lights in the middle of a football (or other sport) game. We as neighbors have no way to hold them accountable.

The planning commission only seemed to consider what was best for SI and its students. The neighbors and neighborhood and the public interest didn't seem to merit much concern or consideration. That's not right and seems in direct conflict with the mission of a public agency such as the planning commission.

Playing high school sports should not create such an imposition on the neighborhood and have so many negative consequences for those of us who live here.

Attached are two photos taken when they had temporary lights up for evening practices.





They had them up for a couple of months. These lights were very bright. Many times they left the lights on after students had left the field. Often they had a loudspeaker on during practices giving students directions/commands as part of their training. We could hear it with our windows closed. Does that kind of behavior sound like a good/considerate neighbor to you?

Sincerely,  
Una Fitzsimons and Tim Brey

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**From:** Joy Chan <[joychan327@gmail.com](mailto:joychan327@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Your Past Experiences with SI night games

Hi Deborah,

Here is our past experience, sorry it may not be a short description. You can extract what you need. I am going to write the email to Board of Supervisor next, with some of the similar comments.

I want to share our family experiences with the SI's night sports activities in the past several years we live here.

First of all, we live directly across from the SI sport field on Rivera St between 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. We already foresee this project of installing new 90' tall lights will have adverse effects on our family and house, which we worked so hard to build over the years. Over the last few years of living here, we have to tolerate 1) difficult parking during school days, 2) difficult parking during the early evening and weekends when they have games, 3) cars blocking our driveway all the time (the curb side outside our house can only fit a small car,

so when someone try to park a larger car, it will block our driveway by a foot or so), 4) double parking all the time at the block on Rivera St between 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Ave making driving and crossing streets with my kids very unsafe. Not to mention all the noise and littering problems outside our home, we have to constantly pick up the emptied snack bags that were left on our sidewalk (I know I cannot prove these were from the SI students but I am sure at least some were from them).

To make matters worse, I remembered earlier this year in February, SI rented a few temporary lights for their night practice, this was the worse nightmare we had. When we got home in the evenings, the lights shined straight into our house, from our living room all the way to our master bedroom at the very back of our house, the whole house was flooded with lights. To give you some context, I measured on Google map, from where the lights were placed, they shined about 500' from the north side of the field all the way across the block and then through my house which is 63' long, approximately 600' of array of lights. My kids said the lights hurt their eyes and we had to close off our curtains for days until the Daylight Saving kicked in and SI did not have to use the lights anymore. I had called SI and talked to Tom (Director of Communication) and John (Director of Athletics), they tried to address the issue but it did not help.

Our concern is with the new 90' tall lights, although it claims this is newer technology that will minimize lights shining onto the neighbors, who can guarantee it will not be as bad as the lights we experienced earlier this year? Once the lights are installed, that is it, the matter is settled, we have no way to complain. Also, even though these new lights may not shine horizontal directly onto the neighbors, the glow of the lights and multiplying by the glare effect from the fog, I do not think the light pollution will be a non-issue.

I urge the City officials and Board of Supervisors to listen to the neighbors, this light project is really pushing forward to the advantage of SI only but at the expense of the neighbors. There are many alternatives they can do to continue promoting their strong athletic programs and having night practice is not the only option. Can they better schedule their class time? Shift some of the practice to during the day and other classes in the evening if the students are to stay longer hours at school anyway? On the other end though, we have no options, this is a neighborhood we live in, family and house we worked hard to raise and build. To not get impacted, does it mean we can only move to elsewhere?

Best,

Joy

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**From:** DM Little <[florence723@yahoo.com](mailto:florence723@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, August 31, 2020 2:13 PM

**To:** SISunsetNeighbors @hotmail.com <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Your Past Experiences with SI night games

Deborah - our family list is attached - Denise Malmquist-Little, Malmquist Family Trust



# MALMQUIST FAMILY TRUST

Denise Malmquist-Little Trustee

**Trustee holds full Power of Attorney for all matters pertaining to**

**3031 Quintara St. SF CA 94116 AND Marie J. Malmquist**

CONTACT: 415-665-4746

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September, 2020

## **LIST OF EXPERIENCES DURING AND FOLLOWING NIGHT GAMES/EVENTS HELD AT ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY affecting our home and our block (Quintara between 39<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup> Avenues):**

*First, we apologize for having no pictures or formal documentation. We never thought such would be necessary. We have shared all this with SI in the past and were told they would look into it. The only improvement we have seen was the PA system doesn't carry as clearly as far as 30<sup>th</sup> Ave anymore.*

- Urination – almost every night field event for the last 5 years has found our doorway (we don't have a gate) being used as a restroom. The smell is horrible, and clean-up disgusting. It has also sometimes occurred after late events such as dances or theater events.

- Cigarette butts – butts are flipped out of moving cars towards our home ... our home has wood/flammable siding. Burning butts, smoldering butts, and cold butts are left in our doorway, on our driveway, and in what used to be our front yard (presently being prepped for new landscaping). We used to have a large pine tree in front and sometimes cigarettes were ground out into the bark.

- Food & food wrappers – are tossed with no regard to proper disposal. They land in front of the house, in the doorway, in the old plants, and the ultimate was when the wind carried the trash up onto our roof!

- people in our doorway – street lighting has improved, but it is still dark in our doorway when our porchlight is off. From the dark, we hear the voices of groups hanging in our doorway; language is often crude. Trash is left behind. Smoke comes up into the house – cigarette and marijuana. We would have to get up out of bed and turn on the porch light to get them to leave, and sometimes they wouldn't...

- Drug dealing – SI security knows about these guys. They park on the Q street hill and have police scanners in their cars. They host folks to sit in the car and smoke weed. Some kids/young adults stop and make a purchase and leave; they even do drive-up window-to-window. SI security has worked with our neighborhood and SFPD to clear the area of such dealers. If there weren't buyers coming to evening and night events, there wouldn't be dealers.

- Blocked driveway – Mom is 90 years old. If we have a late appointment, parking is all taken up and sometimes I cannot even get into the driveway to take her in. I have to double park and try and get her into the house safely. Same thing happens if I take her out to eat dinner. Depending on the time of year, it has been dark and more dangerous trying to get her safely into the house. This is also a problem during the regular school day, but SI security is more help in finding student drivers and having them move their cars to not block the driveway. At evening/night events, SI doesn't have that ability.

- Noise – The loud speakers are very loud. The crowds are very loud. During night field events, we cannot have a conversation in the house without shouting. The TV has to be turned up to a high level to be

heard. We cannot use our deck because the noise is worse outside. SI did adjust their volume once they learned the play-by-play could be clearly heard and understood all the way up past 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but it is still super loud right next to the field.

- Dangerous driving – When hyped up at events, teen judgment takes a backseat. We have witnessed drag racing up our hill, kids on top of moving cars, items flying out of moving cars (balls, trash, clothing), kids standing in cars out of moon roofs, and kids hanging on to car windows while standing outside and the car is moving.

- Adults – whether evening practices or full blown events/games, adults double park, leave engines running, and talk loudly before, during, and after the event. They make driving on the hill dangerous because corners are blind and cars are going two ways in one way worth of street space.

- After parties – often people don't leave once SI locks their gates. Groups congregate in the Quintara Street parking lot, in the baseball field & seating, and in the soccer fields for drinking and partying. This is disturbing and unsafe. They are often even out on the street standing around their cars, leaving beer cans behind.

*The submission is compiled from the combined memories of the Malmquist Family over the last 5+ years.  
Submission composition: Denise Malmquist-Little, Head Trustee.*

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**NEIGHBOR PLANNING COMMISSION OPPOSITION LETTERS  
2020**

2179 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
August 28, 2020

SF Planning Commission

Dear SF Planning Commission:

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your approval of Saint Ignatius High School's plan to install lights for nighttime activities.

I have lived in my home for the last 36 years. When I first moved in, the impact of SI was not felt on our neighborhood. Over the years, they have expanded their physical footprint as well as the size of their student body. It seems that over the years, the students, parents and administration have had less respect and less regard for our neighborhood. Their Good Neighbor Initiative has had little impact on the behavior of the SI community.

Street parking has been an issue for years. I cannot count the number of times that my driveway has been blocked. One morning I told a student that he was blocking my driveway. He said that he was late for school, that he didn't have time to move his car and just walked away. Not only is this a problem in the daytime, but it is also a problem when SI hosts night games. Students, parents and spectators double park and block our driveways with no regard for the inconvenience they have caused to the people living in the neighborhood. With SI's proposal to host more than 150 nighttime activities a year, this will be a problem day and night, many days a year.

Noise is also a big problem during their outdoor activities. The loudspeaker, the horns, the whistles and the crowds can easily be heard in my home. It is not possible to have a quiet conversation in my own living room. If this were happening many nights a year until 9PM or 10PM, this is totally unacceptable. Often at the end of the games, people going to their cars have been very noisy and sometimes very disruptive. They leave trash in the streets or in our yards. I have seen students driving recklessly, speeding and running stop signs.

Another new issue that I have noticed this summer is that the SI students who are participating in sports are often not respecting social distancing and not wearing masks. When I have passed them on the street while they are training, I have politely reminded them that they should be wearing the masks that they are carrying in their hands. Responses have been things like, I don't have to wear a mask I am outside or I don't have to wear a mask because I am running. If the school is not enforcing proper safety for its students, how can we be assured that they will be enforcing proper behavior during daytime or nighttime events? If the students, parents and spectators are not going to observe recognized Covid protocols, they are endangering each other as well as the people who live in our neighborhood.

The fact that SI is located in a residential neighborhood is a unique situation. It is not the norm in San Francisco to have multiple blocks of residences within a couple of hundred feet of high-use school sports fields. No other high school in San Francisco has night games at their home fields. It is an unreasonable expectation for SI to expect their neighbors to give up their peace and quiet **in their own homes** so that their students can play sports at night. They are not acting as good neighbors, but as an institution that has no regard for the good of the community.

Sincerely,  
Anne Marie Benfatto

From: **Christine Crosby** <[christine.crosby10@gmail.com](mailto:christine.crosby10@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, May 1, 2020, 3:07 PM

Subject: Letter to Protest Application at 2001 37th Ave, SI Lighting Project

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Cc: sisunset neighbors <[sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)>

Dear Supervisor Mar and SF Planning,

My name is Christine Crosby and I reside with my husband and young son at 2186 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, right across from St. Ignatius College Preparatory. When we purchased our forever home, I was thrilled to be so close to our great public schools and the green space of Sunset Boulevard. My husband was humored to be moving next to his alma mater, S.I., which he attended about 20 years ago.

We are now so disappointed to learn that S.I.'s "good neighbor pledge" does not include maintaining the peace and quiet of our neighborhood. This holiday season, it's very possible that the brightest thing in our living room will be the glare from new stadium lights, not our Christmas tree lights. The loudest thing in our living room won't be my husband teaching our son carols on the same piano that he learned to play on as a child; it will be the ruckus of visitors leaving night games, practices and events. The problems of students and visitors using the Sunset green space to relieve themselves (I have videos) will only intensify, as will the discarded coffee cups, take out containers, and other debris, currently at an all time low with school out.

Aside from spoiled special occasions, our daily life will be altered by later bedtimes than are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. An 8 PM bedtime will be nearly impossible with the disruptions to our neighborhood. Proper circadian rhythms are essential to good physical and mental health. This is true not only for humans like my son, but for nearly all species. There are many genes conserved across species involved in using daylight to regulate the body's clock, signifying its biological importance.

Unfortunately, there has been no EIR or CEQA presented to the community for review. This is due to a "No New Use" claim on the proposal application. *This claim is utterly false and should not be accepted by City Planning.* In 2020, we must look forward and not backward. We must have a look at how this project will affect our environment as a whole. It is no longer acceptable to sacrifice our environment tomorrow for our convenience today. My son and all future generations deserve better than that.

During this global pandemic, there is time for the applicants to make concessions if they are no longer willing to abide by the terms of their original "Conditional Use" permit. They can submit an environmental impact study to ensure the appropriateness of this project. Should it be deemed appropriate, they can add local community service hours to their student's graduation requirements that would provide clean-up after events. They can clarify how many nights this will be used until 10 PM, and limit it to no more than 30. They can include the community in true engagement during which we are unmuted. There are any number of ways we could work together, if the City will give us the extra time to do so.

I ask that you please assist us by delaying this upcoming Public Hearing until the community can have a real Neighborhood Meeting with SI and Verizon and our voices can be *heard*, not muted. I ask that you please delay this hearing until there is more information on how this will impact the quality of our environment. This is a very important issue that impacts our community in an enormous way and will for decades to come. History will not look kindly upon a hasty decision in this uncertain time. Right now, you have the opportunity to do good for your community, I hope you take it. Thank you for your consideration. Stay well and healthy during this unsettling time.

Best,

Christine Crosby, Ph.D

## Opposition to SI Lighting Proposal during SIP

Christine Crosby <christine.crosby10@gmail.com>

Dear Jeffrey and Delvin,

I hope you and yours are well during these increasingly trying times. I am writing today to express my dismay at the lack of transparency S.I. and Verizon have been showing during the application process for permanent nighttime lighting of a residential neighborhood at 2001 37th Ave. They recently released notes from the "Neighborhood Meeting" held via zoom on May 28. These notes were not provided to the SINA, as requested, but were found via a lengthy internet search.

The meeting notes do not indicate that the entire community was muted and no questions asked during the meeting were addressed. This is important. Since then, there have been ZERO additional opportunities to collect or impart feedback to SI. My calls have letters have received no reply. The installation of 90 foot lights, and all the downstream consequences to our neighborhood, deserve more consideration than that. We deserve to have a forum, in person ideally, to be heard.

Further, the information presented during this "meeting" was insufficient and not reviewed. At least one slide showed the relative cell phone coverage of our neighborhood showed my home as having little to no coverage. I have a Verizon device and have never had a problem with coverage in this home. I strongly challenge the veracity of this report and encourage the Planning members to do the same. Please do not base this decision solely on one side of the story. All good data can stand up to scrutiny. Now more than ever, we should be scrutinizing what we are presented with.

Finally, I received a letter (also posted to the SI website) detailing their argument for the lights. I found this to really stand out in my heart: In the first paragraph they admit that this project is an "enhancement" for their students. In the second paragraph the wording is changed to "necessity".

They may believe this will enhance their athletic program, but it will detract from residents reasonable enjoyment of their neighborhood. As for the claim this is needed, shouldn't we wait to see what large gatherings look like in the future rather than continuing to play from yesterday's playbook?

One extremely important question that SI has refused to answer is how many nights will the lights be used for? And how will they be tracked/measured/accountable to this? There are so many logistics that have not been worked out.

Please stay well and healthy. Thank you for your consideration.

Best,

Christine Crosby, Ph.D.

My name is Carole Gilbert and I live at 2179 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Francisco.

Saint Ignatius (S.I.) is planning to install permanent 90 foot LED nighttime stadium lighting on their football field **in our residential neighborhood**. SI is proposing these stadium lights to be in use for over 150 nights a year and until 10 pm for most events.

Despite the current COVID-19 crises, Saint Ignatius has been able to move this project forward over a few weeks because one of their stadium light towers will hold Verizon wireless antennas. SI already has existing cell installations on their campus buildings.

During the current stay at home orders, SI is trying to sneak their giant stadium lighting project through the planning process quickly and with as little attention from neighbors and our city officials as possible. **The project has been renamed The Verizon Wireless Project when it is actually a project to install 4 Permanent Stadium Lights with massive impact on our neighborhood so that they can play sports until 10pm during weeknights.**

SI is not acting in good faith or as good neighbors. They scheduled a Zoom meeting as required by the Planning Department. All attendees except the SI staff were muted throughout the entire meeting. Very few of our questions that we pre-submitted were answered. The meeting was ended 20 minutes early with no opportunity for discussion. This is not in the spirit of the public meetings and public input required by SF Planning. SI is currently closed- why the rush to install these stadium lights now? It seems like they are trying to push their agenda through in a time when neighbors have little ability to fight this due to current stay at home orders.

This project is for the private usage of SI. It has no public value. Yet it will have a huge direct impact on the public - our neighborhood and we have no say in how this will be implemented. **These are not the actions of Good Neighbors.**

It's not just about the equipment (lights & cell tower.) It's about how the night activities will affect and disrupt our neighborhood evenings. During these events traffic increases, cars are parked illegally, the loudspeakers are clearly audible from my house, which is two blocks away from the field. There is often a large amount of trash littered on the surrounding streets. The lack of regard by SI for the neighborhood and the neighbors is very clear.

I don't understand the necessity for students to be attending practices for sports until 10pm when the school day ends many hours earlier. When do they do their homework. Education, not sports should be a priority.

Many of us bought our homes with full awareness of SI having weekday/weekend activities during the daytime - but to extend that into the evenings is new and unacceptable. **Please decline SI's request.**

*Thank you,  
Carole Gilbert*



## Protests to Against the Saint Ignatius Stadium Lighting Construction Project



Coral Ho <coral\_ho@hotmail.com>

Tue 6/2/2020 3:02 PM

Hi Jeffrey & Delvin,

I am the resident of 40<sup>th</sup> Ave & Rivera Ave. I have been living in that area for 20 years and I am continuing oppose to the light installation project from Saint Ignatius School. The reasons are as the following.

1. If the light installed, the S.I. students will practice at the later time of the day. This would create parking problem in my neighborhood. As of the situation now, S.I. students usually go home around 5pm which will free up the parking space for the neighborhood to park when we go back home from work. However, if they stay late for practice with the lights on, then the parking space will be limited around the neighborhood around 5-9pm.
2. All the games at night time will create noise no matter what you do. Sometime when S.I. rented a light pole for night games, our neighborhood were all affected by the noise that create by the audience that no one can control it. We complain about noise is not based on nothing, we did experience it.
3. This project has been rejected by our neighborhood for 5 years, there are a lot of exchanging ownership for the houses in this neighborhood also. Why the new owners also reject about this project? There is only one reason which is the evening games with the lights on really affect our peaceful life in our neighborhood.
4. According to the letter that S.I sent to us, it states, "We believe this project will be of great benefit to the school and its students, while minimizing any disruption to the surrounding neighborhood." From this, we can see that this project is only benefit to the school and it's students, not for the neighborhood. Also, S.I agree that it will create disruption to the surrounding neighborhood because it stats that minimizing any disruption to the surrounding neighborhood.

S.I hosted a video conference with the neighborhood on 5/2020, however, S.I just express the benefit about the project, they did not let us to express our through and even stop the meeting after lots of neighbor wrote comment on the screen.

This project is only benefit to the S.I and create disruption to the surround neighborhood. As all people know that parking is a very big problem in San Francisco especially at the residential area, with this increasing practice and games happening after S.I install the light, it will get worst, plus the noise pollution from the extra games at evening time is something that no one can control of.

I hope you two can help me to express my concern towards this project and stop it for future discussion.

Coral



# MALMQUIST FAMILY TRUST

Denise Malmquist-Little & Allen Malmquist, Trustees

Messages: 415-665-4746 Email: florence723@yahoo.com Text: 415-601-2313

Attention: Corey Teague, Zoning Administrator, SF Planning Dept.

Corey Teague,

We have owned our family home since 1956, long before St. Ignatius High School bought and developed their present property at 2001 37<sup>th</sup> Ave SF CA 94116, in 1969.

Our property is in a residential area. Across the street was originally sand dunes. Across the dunes, we had Mark Twain Elementary (later Sunset Elementary), AP Giannini Junior High (later Middle School), and the West Sunset Recreation Complex (now expanded to include not just the rec building, library, playground, tennis courts, and baseball fields, but also soccer fields).

The parcel acquired by SI was, in the time of our home purchase, slated to further expansion of the West Sunset facilities, to include an Olympic sized swimming pool, and more. Never were their plans to include night functions – or more importantly: environment-altering exterior night lights as now proposed by SI.

**We strongly oppose the addition of lights on any height poles or other support system to the SI property.**

**We support the addition of Verizon equipment only if that equipment is on the 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (East) side of the property, not along the 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue (West) side of the property which faces private residences. We would also support a location at the neighborhood garden.**

As a long time SF Catholic family (including a Catholic teacher), it is incomprehensible to us that:

1. SI used a horrific pandemic to push forward a physical plant project not related to safety nor the pandemic
2. SI is trying to pass off the project as a benefit for the neighborhood by attaching it to their own money-making venture with Verizon
3. SI has the nerve to say the project is a deep seeded need so the female population of the student body can have a sports program – a need brought about by SI CHOOSING to go co-ed in 1989 – over 30 years ago!
4. SI held what was to be a public Q/A meeting and

- a. Muted all participants not on the SI presentation agenda (this could not have happened in an open actual physical presence meeting)
- b. Used 40+ minutes of the allotted 60 minutes to repeat presentations given at past meetings on SI reasoning and Verizon projections and sports light company technology
- c. Ignored a number of submitted questions and skirted the issues on those questions claimed to have been addressed
- d. Closed the meeting 20 minutes early
  - i. without ever acknowledging the 70+ neighbors zoom presence
  - ii. nor opening to questions from those present
  - iii. nor allowing any discussion of any points brought up during the ZOOM
  - iv. nor allowing the discussion of topics important to the neighbors that SI did NOT bring up during the ZOOM

SI's methods and behavior in pushing forward on this project at this time of struggle for all citizens in un-Christian and sets a very poor example for the students of SI. Unfortunately, this is an extension of other failures of problems solving that SI very much needs to address.

We, as property owners, are opposed to the installation of lights on the SI property because

1. SI has already shown a lack of responsibility for their presence in the neighborhood following evening/night gatherings such as dances, plays, recitals, games as witnessed by
  - a. The presence of urine left behind by students and activity participants on the private properties adjacent to SI
  - b. The presence of garbage, including but not limited to cans, bottles, empty alcohol beverage containers, used condoms, medical gloves, food wrappers, syringes, and more on neighbor property, the public fields, on sidewalks, and in the streets
  - c. Breaking of the San Francisco curfew time by youth hanging out in the soccer fields, the baseball fields, and in parked vehicles in the neighborhood
  - d. Drug use by minors and other event attendees as witnessed by the scent of marijuana in the air, smoke presence from cigarettes and vaping devices
  - e. Light, noise, parking violations, and other disturbances to the home life of the neighbors on Quintara & Rivera Streets, and on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and Sunset residents beyond the border locations.
2. In researching the sale value of our property, we have been told by real estate professionals that the properties adjacent to SI are not appreciating in sale value at a level of similar properties farther away from the SI campus. Our tax value increases at the same rate as surrounding homes, but our sales value lags behind specifically due to
  - a. the constant lack of parking during school days and evening activities

- b. the use of the street by students as a training area
- c. possibilities/chances of property damage
- d. the disruptions listed directly above under #1.

We also object to the plan for lighting because

1. We cannot find environmental studies on file to show that our property will be safe from
  - a. vibrations of boring
  - b. underground displacement
  - c. ground water disruption
  - d. water supply (well at 40<sup>th</sup>/Quintara & SFWD supply pipes) contamination
2. We are aware of the neighborhood disruptions of light, noise, traffic, garbage, etc., caused by the field lights at South Sunset Playground and do not want the same disruptions in our neighborhood.
3. We do not want large supply vehicles damaging our street surfaces.
4. We do not want construction noise during the day, evening, or nights
5. Construction always brings about disruption of rodents ... we don't want rodents on the move.
6. We do not see an environmental study for
  - a. Animal habitat and life cycle safety affects
  - b. Plant endangerment or disruption due to
    - i. increased dirt in the air
    - ii. changes in light cycles
    - iii. changes in ground water movement
7. No other high school in SF has needed to put in lights for night games in order to have a successful and student-fulfilling sports program
8. No other high school in San Francisco has lights on its field for parent group activities, etc.
9. We do not see a lighted field with 150 night uses going to 10pm with participants hanging in the neighborhood unsupervised for hours followed the night activity in the field as good for the neighborhood, but do see it as harmful.

We do not see SI's actions nor attitude as being in any way "good neighborly." We feel that SI has not acted nor is acting in "good faith." We see no benefit for ourselves or the public in this project; the only known value is private and financial for SI. As long time property owners, we feel not only ignored but rudely dismissed. We do not see any neighborhood welfare consideration in the plan nor the actions of SI.

We plan to fully participate both independently of and with the Si Sunset Neighbors group in protesting and stopping the SI lighting project.

For the Malmquist Family Trust,  
 Allen Malmquist, Trustee, & Marie J. "Anita" Malmquist, Trustee & Resident

*Denise Malmquist-Little*

Denise Malmquist-Little, Trustee

To: SF Planning Commission,

We are against the lights at SI. We are against what affect this will have on our neighborhood. We are against lights being on for many hours after sunset many days of the year.

While it's true that many houses were bought after SI was here, the fact remains that when we bought, there was no practice field with lights on most nights until 8:00 and all practices and games were during daylight hours. I know that when girls joined the school it doubled the sports teams, but this greatly affects neighbors much farther than the surrounding blocks. In addition, SI rents out its fields to other groups and I'm sure that will become a more frequent practice when the field is accessible day and night.

I live on 36th Ave directly across from the practice field. This is an example of the view from my house when they brought in temporary lights last fall

And this is my usual view

And this is me in the middle of my house with all the lights off

I have nothing against SI.

My girls went there and got a great education. I just don't want to have lights shining in my house and blocking my view of the ocean and sunset every night for practices and on weekends, possibly even during the summer if they rent out the field.

Please vote against lights at SI.

Debbie Montarano  
SI neighbor

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** CPC-Commissions Secretary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:57 AM  
**To:** Diamond, Susan (CPC); Fung, Frank (CPC); Imperial, Theresa (CPC); Johnson, Milicent (CPC); Koppel, Joel (CPC); Moore, Kathrin (CPC)  
**Cc:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Subject:** FW: Regarding Planning Department record number 2018-012648CUA

Josephine O. Feliciano

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**From:** Jon LeFors <[jon.lefors@outlook.com](mailto:jon.lefors@outlook.com)>  
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**Subject:** Regarding Planning Department record number 2018-012648CUA

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Greetings

I am writing in regards to record number 2018-012648CUA, the St. Ignatius College Prep at 2001 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue request to install LED lights on their main sports field. I have six main areas of concern regarding the project (See below).

- 1. Parking:** Parking is already an issue during the daytime hours with their regular students. I have lost track of the number of vehicles I have had to tow so that I could get out of my garage. Based on my weekend experiences with kids / parents attending events at the school, who are less familiar with the neighborhood and the parking rules, it will be a nightmare when there are events in the evening. I have already had the experience of someone purposely blocking my driveway knowing that I wouldn't be able to get parking enforcement here before they were done with their event. All of the above will be further exacerbated by the fact that there are far fewer parking spots available in the evening due to folks coming home from work and parking on street. Families on my street have a lot of vehicles, with five and six cars for two of the households, so this is a big deal.

2. **Traffic:** As with parking, this is already a madhouse in the morning and when school lets out. Parents regularly pull to a stop in the middle of the lane on Rivera to drop off and pick up kids, often on both sides of the street at once, making it scary / dangerous to get past. The traffic coming off of 37<sup>th</sup> onto Rivera is aggressive, not wanting to wait for a break, so they often pull in front of cars with the right of way. When there are sporting events it is not uncommon for one of the team busses to be double parked on Rivera between 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup>, visually obscuring two cross-walks and the exit from the St. Ignatius parking structure. Getting past the bus requires pulling into oncoming traffic. And so on.
3. **Pedestrian Safety:** I am really thinking of myself (And my dog!) here, but the issues impact everyone walking in the area. Other than the crosswalk at Sunset, where there is a signal, and walk/don't-walk signs, all of the other crosswalks are uncontrolled. In the case of the ones at 37<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> there aren't even stop signs on Rivera, so pedestrians are reliant on motorists seeing them. Seeing people waiting to cross before they are already in the lane, everywhere except at Sunset, is very difficult / impossible, especially if SUV's are in the adjacent parking spaces. Add in the urgency on the pedestrians part to get to class / the game / practice and it gets dangerous. The final pedestrian danger zone is the exit from the St. Ignatius parking structure / campus onto Rivera as there is not stop sign for those exiting, and poor visibility for those entering. Even though the exit crosses the sidewalk, and pedestrians have the right of way, vehicles are often aggressive here and expect pedestrians to yield.
4. **Noise:** My house was built in 1946 and try as I might, it is proving very difficult to soundproof. As it stands now I hear everything for any of the events; every starters pistol, every coaches whistle, and every song when they just have music on during practice. Closing all of my windows helps, but not enough that I can't still hear everything over the sound of my stereo or TV. Having this noise continue into the evening hours when I am trying to relax would be very objectionable.
5. **Litter:** I have gotten used to the amount of litter the students generate and have accepted that it will never go away. I have also accepted that St. Ignatius would never send students or their own people out to pick things up, which is unfortunate. What I have noticed on the weekend events is that the parents are the real problem, leaving beer and wine bottles, pizza boxes, grocery sacks full of tail-gating trash, dirty diapers (Really), etc. This really gives me the sense, more than anything else, that they think this whole area is just a parking lot. And this is during the daytime.
6. **Communication with St. Ignatius:** I attended several community meetings with St. Ignatius soon after I bought my home in 2013. I found St. Ignatius to be less than candid, manipulative, and entirely self-serving. They said whatever they needed to in order to get us out of the room. They cried poverty at any suggestion that they spend money to address a problem. They don't want to take responsibility for anyone they loan their field to. Etc. If I thought there was a chance at an honest dialog, where my/our concerns could be heard and accepted as anything other than an impediment, I would be more willing to go along with their plans.

In summary, **please do not approve their request to add lights and hold more nighttime events.** I feel that there are too many existing issues with St. Ignatius as a neighbor to introduce even more with night activities at their main sports field.

Regards,

**Jon LeFors**

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## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Nina & Jay Manzo <nijaymanzo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Subject:** St. Ignatius Stadium Lighting 4/29 Community Meeting-- Proper procedure not followed.

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Dear Planner Horn,

In reference to the St Ignatius' community zoom meeting on 4/29 concerning stadium lighting at the SI playing fields. **It appears that proper project procedural steps were not being followed. The meeting should be considered invalid.** Tom Murphy from SI who led the zoom meeting, rushed the meeting, ending it twenty minutes early and did not attempt to answer any of the participant questions from the neighbors. Only some questions submitted in advance were answered. This is not the way to hold a community meeting and it was a meeting in bad faith. Many came away from the meeting stunned at SI's behaviour. **It is obvious that a zoom meeting is not the way to conduct this kind of community outreach and participation.** Many residents are left out of participating if they do not have the current technology. **The meeting should be redone once the Shelter in Place is lifted and the Planning Commission Hearing should be rescheduled as well.**

As a neighbor of this project (within 100') and a practicing architect in San Francisco-- I oppose it--The lights are out of scale with the neighborhood and more night games have more disruptive impact on the community. I'm very concerned that the SI Field lighting proposal has been approved to move forward without the due diligence that is owed to the community.

The lack of information warrants that the City hold off on approving this project, especially given the current shelter in place order which by definition limits community involvement and input.

Does SF Planning Dept have the following information that can be shared with the community?

1. SI needs to provide light levels, light trespass and overall photometric light studies showing the light that the immediate community will receive. Previous community meetings requested this information-- **This was not presented in the 4/29 meeting. Merely saying that it has been done is not the same as producing the studies. Only aerial views were presented and these were not convincing.**

2. SI need to provide to the community a site section drawing showing scale of poles in reference to the houses across the street on 39th and on Rivera. **This was not presented in the 4/29 meeting. No daytime renderings of all four proposed lights from street level were shown. Only Verizon presented a street level view but it did not show the scale of houses across the street.**

3. The Verizon proposal for providing more cell service was unconvincing. The Verizon service proposed coverage map only provides more coverage for what is mostly the West Sunset Baseball and Soccer fields. Playing fields don't need essential service.

**How can residents judge the scale of the poles if they are not properly shown from the street level at all? Multiple daytime views are required.**

Overall **this is a woefully incomplete set of documents to put in front of a community** and a poorly conducted meeting by SI--it does little to relieve any apprehension about the lights being proposed. It

does show that SI has not really taken the communities needs seriously nor have they listened to their concerns. A unprecedented situation is being used to their advantage. The rushed pace of 4/29 meeting only underlined the sense that SI is not interested in our community. SI's gain is at the communities' loss.

**SF planning should not support this application as it does not benefit the community. This is a project that is out of scale with the neighborhood context and degrades it with increased noise, light and traffic pollution. It will be disruptive as it increases times of field use in the evening when local families are eating and resting. It will have an overall negative impact on residents' daily life.**

It is surprising that SI which touts itself on being community oriented is completely tone deaf in responding to the concerns of their neighbors and has made little progress in working with the community. Instead they have merely rehashed a previous submittal in hopes that we are all too distracted.

**We ask that you invalidate SI's 4/29 Community meeting on grounds of improper procedure-- it should be redone properly and the 5/14 Planning Commission Meeting should be rescheduled until after the shelter in place is lifted. SI needs to provide better information to the community.**

Yours,

Jay Manzo  
Please feel free to contact me.

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Jay Manzo <jay.zomanzo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 2:24 AM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); Koppel, Joel (CPC); Moore, Kathrin (CPC); Diamond, Susan (CPC); Fung, Frank (CPC); Imperial, Theresa (CPC); Johnson, Milicent (CPC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Marstaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** Please reject Saint Ignatius Stadium Lighting Proposal

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Dear Planning Commission Members,

As a resident of the area around Saint Ignatius High School, I respectfully urge you to reject this proposal for stadium lights for the following reasons:

1) Speaking as a practicing architect, this project is completely out of scale with the surrounding residential neighborhood and will be an eyesore. It does a disservice to the community and city by imposing such out of scale and inappropriate structures in this modest community. **SI has not even provided the community with renderings that show the full context of the 90'-0" light masts as the presented renderings conveniently omit the homes along 39th Street. This is because if the houses were shown, everyone would realize how massively out of scale and forbidding these lights will be. Out of character and looming, they will be blight to the community and city as a whole by changing the quiet character of the residential neighborhood. I do not think that this is the city that many residents want to live in.**



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2) **This is a Conditional Use Application but this project does not serve the public community or neighborhood --the main criteria for a conditional use application.** SI is a well known private school and is being mischaracterized by Planning as just a "neighborhood school". It is not a "neighborhood school" by any stretch of the imagination. It does not serve the community--neither its fields and pools are available to the community (except for swim lessons) and a sizeable percentage of the students are from places outside San Francisco.

This project does not meet the criteria of a CUA: The proposed lights will be used to 10pm degrading the public environment with light pollution 200 nights a week. The public is not served well-- The lights are only of benefit to SI. All the externalities of trash, noise, glare and traffic at night are the detriments that will be left for the public to suffer.

3) **SI plans to have Friday Night games that will only bring more people (2000 estimated--1000 more than current), traffic and noise and pollution to a residential area seriously degrading our neighborhood peace and health on a day that most folks want to have a quiet evening to start the weekend.** By moving to later games, SI will increase the traffic, noise and light pollution periods. **The project increases in traffic and people cannot be characterized by Planning as having "no change"--there will be a detrimental impact to the community.** Planning has not seriously addressed this increase.

Lightwise, SI has not provided convincing photometric studies--indeed Planning has not shown that the lights meet the CalGreen requirements (Adopted by SF) that limit footcandle trespass beyond property lines. The proposed photometrics are in excess of the Calgreen values. In addition, Verizon can probably find other areas for antennas **without lights** on SI property.

Day games as currently done are the best solution for the community; neighbors have communicated this to SI. The public is not served well by night games--our peace and quiet on Friday nights will be further changed with increased noise, traffic, light, and many times trash.

4) A personal note--I am an amateur astronomer-- I take great pleasure in using my telescope to show my sons and our friends the great skies we are so blessed to have out in the Sunset. At twilight we can see the phases of Venus. Jupiter and Mars can sometimes be seen at 8pm on winter and spring nights. San Francisco is a great city with a magnificent connection to the natural world.

**Creating an environment with 200 nights a year of glare and light pollution until 10pm will take this privilege of starry nights away not only from me and my children, but from all the neighbors and their children.** (Unless you are staying up.) **This is just so a private school can have the games and practices at their pleasure--at the expense of the public's quality of life and a beautiful dark sky. This is not fair to the citizens who make their home here.**

Thank you,

Jay Manzo

May 5, 2020

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Re: Conditional Use Application 2018-012648CUA at St. Ignatius College Prep J.B. Murphy Field

Dear Mr. Horn,

My name is Joy Chan, our family lives in the Sunset District at 2819 Rivera St., right across from the St. Ignatius (SI) College Prep J.B. Murphy Field, the outdoor football field. I am writing to strongly oppose the conditional use application for SI to install four (4) 90' permanent stadium light poles and one (1) Verizon wireless telecommunications services (WTS) facility antenna on one of the poles, at their football field. We want to express the following concerns prior to the May 14, 2020 Public Hearing Meeting:

1. The installation of these 90' light poles will have adverse and negative effects on the surrounding neighborhood. Sunset district is a residential neighborhood with mostly 2 to 3 stories high single-family houses and some multi-family units in specific zones like along Judah St. and Taraval St. **The proposed light pole of 90' is 3 times higher than the houses in the entire Sunset area**, even higher than any of the building structures at SI. This has a negative impact of the view and feel of the neighborhood and disturbance on the skyline. We understand that SI claims the higher the light pole, the more the light will shine down to the field and not to the neighbor houses. Our question is why do they need the lights?
2. Sunset district is a quiet residential neighborhood, where many of us come home at the end of a typical long workday to have some quiet and restful time. SI is proposing these stadium lights, allowing them to use for over 150 nights a year, i.e. almost every other day, and until 10 pm for athletic and other events. This will disturb the quietness of the neighborhood, **impose unnecessary noise and light pollution to the surrounding environment**. Also, not to mention, this will lead to other issues like parking, traffic control, safety, and environmental cleanliness. With years of living in this neighborhood, we tried to be good neighbors and bear the disturbance from all these issues. Regretfully to say, SI only manages their facility and immediately in front of their buildings, they do very little to manage those issues that bleed to the surrounding streets.

3. Although this project may meet minimum standards of the Planning Code, please consider why this project should be approved. SI is a high school and this football field facility is for their SI affiliated usage only, i.e. that is for a small group of San Francisco community (mostly affluent families) and **has no benefit to the general public**. Also, we have observed and did not find other public high schools in the City installed stadium lights and are using them for a considerable amount of nights throughout the year.
4. As this is a high impact project to the area, SI was meeting the Planning Department's requirement to host a Neighborhood meeting on April 29, 2020. However, in our opinion, the meeting was not successful and did not meet its original intent. We are aware that many of the neighbors felt the same way. For the scheduled 60 mins online meeting, SI allocated 15 mins for presenting the lighting design, 15 min for speaking about the Verizon plan, and with 20 mins left, Tom Murphy, SI Marketing and Communications/Project Lead, did not allow the attendees a Q&A session due to technical difficulties, he claimed. Despite the fact that technical difficulties might be true, our neighborhood organization sent a list of questions prior to the meeting and Tom could have used the time to answer those questions. Tom did not and claimed those questions are not directly related to the project. We feel **SI is not acting in good faith in this regard and provide lack of opportunities for the neighborhood to express concerns**, and that defeated the purpose of the neighborhood meeting. They just did the meeting to check the box.
5. Despite the current COVID-19 pandemic when many non-essential projects were slowed down and put on hold, SI tried to move this project forward, partnering with Verizon and combining the lighting project with the WTS antenna to classify as essential for emergency communication infrastructure. They should be considered two different projects. We also want to argue the necessity of additional WTS facility in the area. Looking at the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Map available on SF Planning's website (see map below), the location of wireless/cell towers appears to be well distributed in the Outer Sunset area. **We do not really understand the need of additional wireless tower and what the benefits will be**. We are not sure if this may be a strategy for SI to partner with Verizon, getting their sponsorship on this project cost, receiving monetary benefits for leasing out the light pole for the antenna use, and using it as a vehicle to move through City's permitting review more quickly as an essential project. We, as general public, need the City Officials' help in keeping public benefits a priority when reviewing projects, if this WTS facility is really deem a necessity.



In conclusions, as a neighbor to SI who will be directly impacted by this project, we want to reiterate our perspectives in seeing the adverse impacts of the project. This project impacts the skyline of the neighborhood, leads to additional noise, light pollution and other issues like parking, traffic control, safety, and cleanliness to the surrounding environment. We do not understand why this project should be approved as it only provides benefits to a private party in the expense of suffering by the general public in the neighborhood. SI is handling this project poorly as reflected on how they ran the neighborhood meeting. They are just meeting the City requirements to host the meeting and check the box, but they do not really care about the neighbors' voices and do not plan to address them. Lastly, we should not let them move this project through quickly by combining it with the WTS facility and marked as essential. These are two different projects and the need of the additional cell tower is still a question.

Please seriously consider our concerns. We look to the City Officials as the subject matter experts and are confident and trustful that you will guard the gate and not approve project that has no benefits but negative impacts to the City in large. I hope this project will be not carried out with a "not in my backyard" manner. Thank you very much for your attention and reading this long letter.

Sincerely Yours,

Joy Chan

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Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 11:14 AM  
Subject: Saint Ignatius Record Number: 2018-012648CUA  
To: <[Jeffrey.Horn@sfgov.org](mailto:Jeffrey.Horn@sfgov.org)>

Hi Jeffrey,

My husband and I along with approximately 90 other Outer Sunset residents attended the zoom meeting regarding Saint Ignatius' installation of lights and verizon cell towers.

I am extremely concerned because SI touts that they're good neighbors, but they indeed are not. SI made it incredibly difficult to find the zoom meeting notification on their website. You had to go all the way down to the bottom and click on their Good Neighbor Program and then hit the PDF link for the notice.

From there the notice didn't hyperlink the zoom meeting, which is extremely problematic for residents that do not know how or feel comfortable with technology. They also put another hinderance if you wanted to dial-in using your cell phone because the password was mostly letters along with only 1 or 2 numbers. If residents don't understand to input the letter associated with the number then they are barred from entering into this open meeting.

Once in the meeting they muted everyone's microphones on zoom, which I can understand due to the sensitivity of the issue and many residents disdain for their proposal. What I believe is not okay - is having a dog & pony show from the lighting rep along with the rep for Verizon. Yes, the residents need a general understanding of what they're trying to do, but not once did SI respond or answer the questions that were happening in the chat or what was sent to them prior to this meeting. SI also ended the meeting almost 22 minutes early where they couldn't taken the time to respond to our concerns. There is a Public Hearing still scheduled with your office on Thursday, May 14th and it should not still happen!

We did not get anything addressed and my fear is that SI, like usual, is moving through the motions to get what they want. The Verizon rep even said on the call that they do not need 90 foot lights in order to install their 5G technology. They can easily put it on the top of SI like the AT&T technology that already exists. SI is not a public school, so the community will not be able to (nor have we ever) been able to benefit from using their facilities (they closed access to the pool to the neighborhood a few years ago).

At what point do the neighbors get a say in what SI does? They are noisy, inconsiderate, rent out their field every weekend, the students double park or park in our driveways and now they want to incorporate lights that will stay on for almost 120-150 nights a year! When they had the temporary lights in the fall they didn't turn them off when they said they would and would remain on sometimes up until 11 PM. There will be more traffic in the neighborhood at night, less availability for us to park our vehicles near our homes, more noise during the week nights, more light pollution and litter.

We live directly across from their field and know first hand how awful of neighbors SI actually is versus what they say they are. We have 9 month old baby now and do not want lights or 5G technology across from our home as it drastically changes the nature of the Outer Sunset. We'd like to preserve the family oriented environment that has been developing over the years for young families here in the Outer Sunset. Please help us stop these projects!

**From:** "Goedert, Matthew" <mgoedert@nixonpeabody.com>

**Date:** May 5, 2020 at 3:49:00 PM PDT

**Subject:** St. Ignatius High School Lighting and Verizon Wireless Proposal.

Hi Gordon,

I am a Parkside resident. I attended the zoom meeting regarding Saint Ignatius' installation of a Verizon cell tower and football stadium lights. I am concerned about the SI's failure to provide reasonable access and notice of the pre-application meeting. In addition, I am concerned that SI did not address the light issues, existing and increased amplified noise issues, increased parking issues, existing and increased rental of SI's facilities to third-parties or the reason why the Verizon project has been expanded to add football stadium lights when all Verizon needs is one pole or a rooftop to place their equipment.

### **Failure to provide reasonable access notice to pre-application meeting**

SI's notice of the pre-application meeting only included a zoom link to participate. SI failed to provide a dial-in number which excluded many of the neighbors from participating. While Zoom does allow for participants to dial-in, SI's created a password for the meeting that included letters along with one number. The meeting code they choose was "suf3ap". By using letters, it barred neighbors from dialing-in to the meeting. I understand that the City's Shelter-in Place Order has caused old protocols to be put on hold; however, the City's order did not relieve SI from using reasonable method for hosting a meeting by simply providing a telephone number. As a result, SI barred a large part of the populations from attending the meeting. Based on SI obligation to provide a pre-application meeting and effectively not provide one on April 29, 2020. The applicate is required to redo the meeting in order to reasonable provide an accessible meeting by providing a telephone call-in number or use zoom meeting with a call-in number that does not include letters in the meeting access code.

### **Verizon**

Verizon is considered an essential business. However, the Verizon rep said during the zoom meeting made it clear that they do not need 90 foot football lights in order to install their 5G technology. They can easily put their technology on the top of SI's roof, like the AT&T technology, or use one 45 foot pole. Verizon does not need or want four 90 foot high football lights. SI is trying to use Verizon essential business status from the COVID-19 crisis to add football lights to their football field. By using this status, they would become the only high school in the city to have lights on their football field.

### **Parking Issues**

Over the last 50 years, SI has changed from a boarding school for boys to a commuter school with more than 1800 students traveling from all parts of the bay area. This change in their business model has never been addressed. Being a commuter school results in an additional 500-700 cars in the residential neighborhood during the day. SI relies solely on the neighborhood to provide parking for its students. To make parking worse, SI prohibits students from using the parking in the front of the school which push student to park further out in the residential area. The parking issue will only be compound by adding football lights which would include additional cars driven by the parents, family, and friends of the students and visiting teams all trying to find parking. During the zoom meeting, SI failed to address the existing parking issue or how adding additional cars would affect the neighborhood.

### **Noise Issue**

The school and football field are on a hill. The speakers used by the public announcement system on the football field are located much higher than the surrounding houses. The noise pollution from the field actually amplifies the sound after it clears the roofs of the nearby houses becomes trapping the backyards of the row houses. This results, the houses closest to the field being having to deal with noise levels that are louder in their backyards than in their front yards. This is problematic because many of us have young children that go to sleep around 7. Our child is unable to take a nap during the day due to the noise levels and adding night activities would result in her not being able to sleep until after 10.

## **Lighting Issue**

The lighting diagram only show the direct light being produced in perfect weather conditions. It does not show the bleed of the light based on the actual weather conditions or the reflective light from the metal stadium seats, plastic track, white paint, and plastic football field. Any independent study would show that the houses immediately across the streets would be severely impacted due to the schools use of lighting. There is a reason why no other high schools has football lights. The only football fields with lights in the City are the community college and Kezar stadium. The community college complies with commercial parking requirements, did an impact study, environment study, and doesn't have residential neighbors feet away from their field. As for the other fields that are using similar lighting, they are all open to the public and each have better boundaries between them and residential housing. SI's does not provide access to their fields.

## **Rental of SI's facilities to third-parties**

Before the stay at home order, SI's rented out their facilities to third-parties. Making the use of the football an everyday activity The football field was rent out between one to two days a week to third parties. Youth football, flag football, traveling teams, fun runs, SF Giants baseball, and summer camps, all rent out the field and all are not related to the students use of the field. Except for the traveling teams, each start a 7 am and goes to 5-6ish. SI's rental actively likely accounts for more than 20% of the field time. When you add in their other rental activities, SI is acting as a commercial space and not complying with the city ordinances regarding parking. In an effort to rent out the field, SI allows these activities to use the school speakers and lets them know about the free available parking.

## **Trash**

SI's has failed to address the trash left by their students or the third-party renters in the neighborhood. SI has set forth no plan to pick up the trash left behind for its existing use or from its increased use.

## **Environmental Study Require under the current plan**

The amount of dirt that will be required to be moved for the Verizon building and holes for 90 foot light automatically require an environmental study.

## **Existing use permit requires them to benefit the community.**

SI does not provide any benefit to the community. The benefit described on their website require the community to pay full price to attend the sporting activities or theater. Requiring the public to pay for benefits is not a benefit.

SI is noisy, inconsiderate, rents out their field every weekend, the students double park or park in our driveways and now they want to incorporate lights that will stay on for almost 120-150 nights a year! When they had the temporary lights in the fall they didn't turn them off when they said they would and would remain on sometimes up until 11 PM. There will be more traffic in the neighborhood at night, less availability for us to park our vehicles near our homes, more noise during the week nights, more light pollution and litter. I would like to preserve the family oriented environment that has been developing over the years for young families.

Matthew Goedert Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Matthew <mattgoedert@yahoo.com>

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**Subject:** SI Sunset Football Lights

I am concerned with SI's summary of their answers to the issues brought up by the neighbors. The problem is SI wants the neighbors to lose their enjoyment of their residential homes for the benefit of their commercial enterprise (it's paying student and third party renters). Their answers to the neighbors' concerns are simply that they are going to interfere with our enjoyment and the neighbors should be happy to lose the ability to enjoy their property.

Their new PR spin is confusing. On the one hand, they say that they won't be expanding their use, and on the other hand, they need to expand their use to handle all of the sports that they added. The fact is the lights will expand their use and change the neighborhood.

My main concern is that they refuse to address their parking issues and have glib answers regarding the light and noise issues. Their light expert was the sale guy. Based on discussions with other lighting experts, they were unable confirm their "expert's" claims and suggested that such results would only be possible in perfect weather conditions. The noise issues are real and will interfere with the neighborhood children's ability to sleep at night. The neighborhood has a lot of children. There are more than 30 kids in the house closest to the field.

Their summary also miss quoted the Verizon speaker who clearly said that Verizon could put their equipment on the roof, but it would slightly change the coverage area. He didn't say that the possible loss of coverage area from the equipment would result in a loss of coverage. In fact he suggested that the roof could be used and that he did not need football lights.

There is a reason why no other school has football lights. There is a reason why parking is required for any commercial space requesting to use space in similar way. There is reason why the school does not want to address the huge parking issue that it currently has and will have it lights are added.

This was a residential area before the school was added. The school's growth should not change the original character of the neighborhood. The school is a tax-free entity that does not have to pay property taxes unlike its neighbors. The City should not be making exceptions to a non-public school that provide no benefits to the neighborhood.

The neighborhood has been an extremely good neighbor to the school. All we ask is that they be a good neighbor to us.

Please vote no to the lights. Or at the very least separate the lights from the Verizon equipment. Matthew



Matt Ciganek <mattc@vanguardsf.com>

Thu 6/4/2020 9:57 AM

To whom it may concern;

Regarding the proposed changes to add lights to the field at SI to create a new night-time event space, I have a few questions for the planning commission.

- 1) Why was the “call” from SI cut off before questions could be heard? I was on the call and there were many residents with questions being reflected on the “chat” feature. There was no opportunity to ask questions.
- 2) What is SF Planning’ s threshold for neighborhood input reflecting a negative opinion of the project in the surrounding area by Sunset District residents?
- 3) If approved, how will this project affect SF Plannings approach to any / all other parks and fields in San Francisco who want to add night lights? Given that LED lights are “affordable” by using less power than traditional lighting and purportedly directed in towards a field or park, isn’t it likely that this type of improvement will be implemented in many other locations? How would that affect public safety in affected neighborhoods at night due to increased activity and light pollution in the city as a whole?

This process feels pre-approved like it’s proceeding through bureaucratic process with no actual consideration of the problems it’s creating. I appreciate that Planning extended the period of time for consideration but this is an exceptional time in all of our lives and this extension is likely not enough for a decision on a project of this magnitude.

The Sunset District is a strong community of residents, students and local businesses. Planning should recognize that this is no longer a sleepy bedroom community on the outskirts of San Francisco. Attention needs to be given to the residents who already have a lot of school events that impact the neighborhood taking place on a year round basis. SI has been here for a long time but that’s not to say their desires are more important than the residents of the community. Changes this impactful should be considered very carefully.

Thank you,  
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RE: Conditional Use Permit

2001 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Record Number: 2018-012648CUA

Mr. Horn,

We're in receipt of the Notice of Public Hearing on the referenced project. As a long time resident and home owner in this community, we're accustomed to the vehicles and noise during school rush hours and events. However, we certainly have concern with changes that can exasperate rather than improved the existing condition. The following are concerns regarding the proposed CUP for additional lighting and more critically night activities in our residential neighborhood.

Following are comments and questions to the applicant's Project Application General Information form.

**Project Application Statements:**

**Environmental Evaluation Screening Form**

#8. Air Quality - applicant stated the project will NOT add new sensitive receptors to residential dwellings, and schools within an Air Pollutant Exposure Zone. Has the City analyzed the **air, noise, traffic, and parking impact** from these **additional night activities** to the adjacent residential community? These activities will most definitely negatively impact our residential community's right to peace, and quiet at our most precious wind down time from a day's work.

Parking – City Planners should review the parking impact to the adjacent residential as it is today. During school session, or school sports events, the residential streets are fully occupied by student and event attendee vehicles. With the addition of night activities, residence returning home from a day's work may not be able to find parking space near their place of rest, or can find the driveway blocked.

Lighting – project propose four ninety feet (90') tall light. The proposed light is probably over 4.5 times the height of the residential homes. The light source of these 90' high poles can be in

the direct view line of these homes. Homes along 39<sup>th</sup> Ave can very well look right into these 90' tall lights. Applicant's graphic presentation presents a controlled light distribution. Please have applicant provide photos of exact similar condition and product to confirm accuracy of the graphic presentation. How high are these 90' tall lights in appearance adjacent to the residential homes?

**Priority General Plan Policies Findings:**

Item#1 – Applicant's stated that the lights and additional activities will bring people to the neighborhood is correct, but that is precisely the concern the community has with an influx of people, cars, noise, into the residential neighborhood during a period most family desire quiet enjoyment of family time. Also the statement that local restaurants will benefit from these increased traffic does not seem to be correct, as it appears that a majority of event attendees immediately depart from the Sunset District.

Item#2 – Can applicant provide data and events that occurred during the past minimum two years on under privileged youth activities utilizing the fields?

Item #8 – Can applicant clarify the statement that this project will enhance the use of West Sunset soccer fields and reduce traffic in the area on Saturday. How does the additional separate activities on the SI field reduce the traffic on the soccer fields?

Regards,

Mr. Chu

2235 38<sup>th</sup> Ave



Will residence look right into these lights?

How tall are these lights adjacent to residential homes?

**St Ignatius Prep School FB/S**  
San Francisco, CA

**EQUIPMENT LAYOUT**

**INCLUDES:**

- Bleachers
- Football
- Soccer
- Track

**Electrical System Requirements:** Refer to Amperage Draw Chart and/or the "Musco Control System Summary" for electrical sizing.

**Installation Requirements:** Results assume ± 3% nominal voltage at line side of the driver and structure located within 3 feet (1m) of design locations.

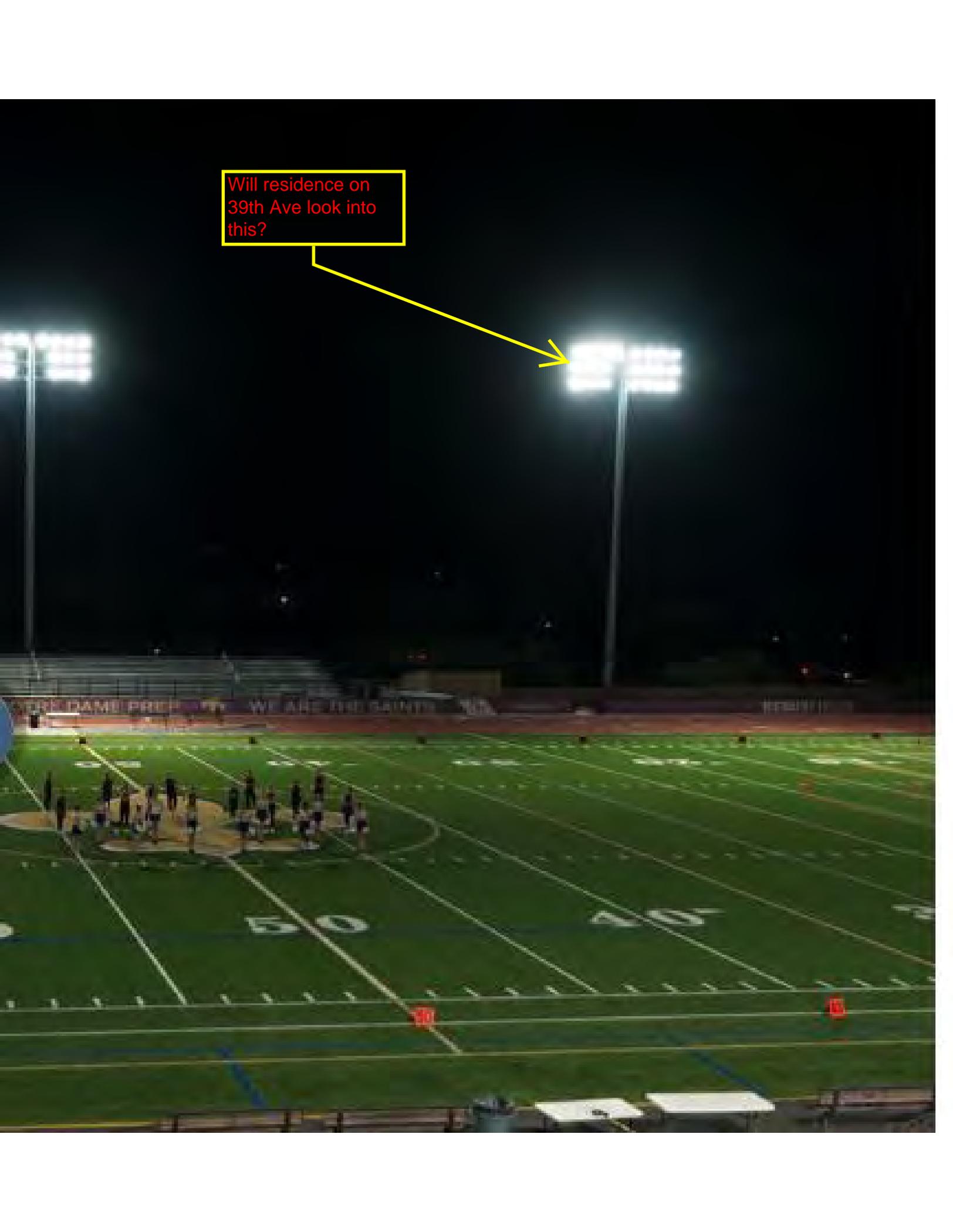
**EQUIPMENT LIST FOR AREAS SHOWN**

QTY	LOCATION	CLASS	GRADE ELEVATION	Pole		Luminaire		
				HEIGHT	DIAMETER	TYPE	TH	
1	F1	L5590C	-	15'	15"	TLC-B	100	
				85'	85"	TLC-LE	100	
				90'	90"	TLC-LE	100	
1	F2	L5590C	-1'	15'	15"	TLC-B	100	
				64'	64"	TLC-LE	100	
				89'	89"	TLC-LE	100	
2	F3-F4	L5580C	7'	22'	22"	TLC-B	100	
				65'	65"	TLC-LE	100	
				87'	87"	TLC-LE	100	
4	TOTAL							

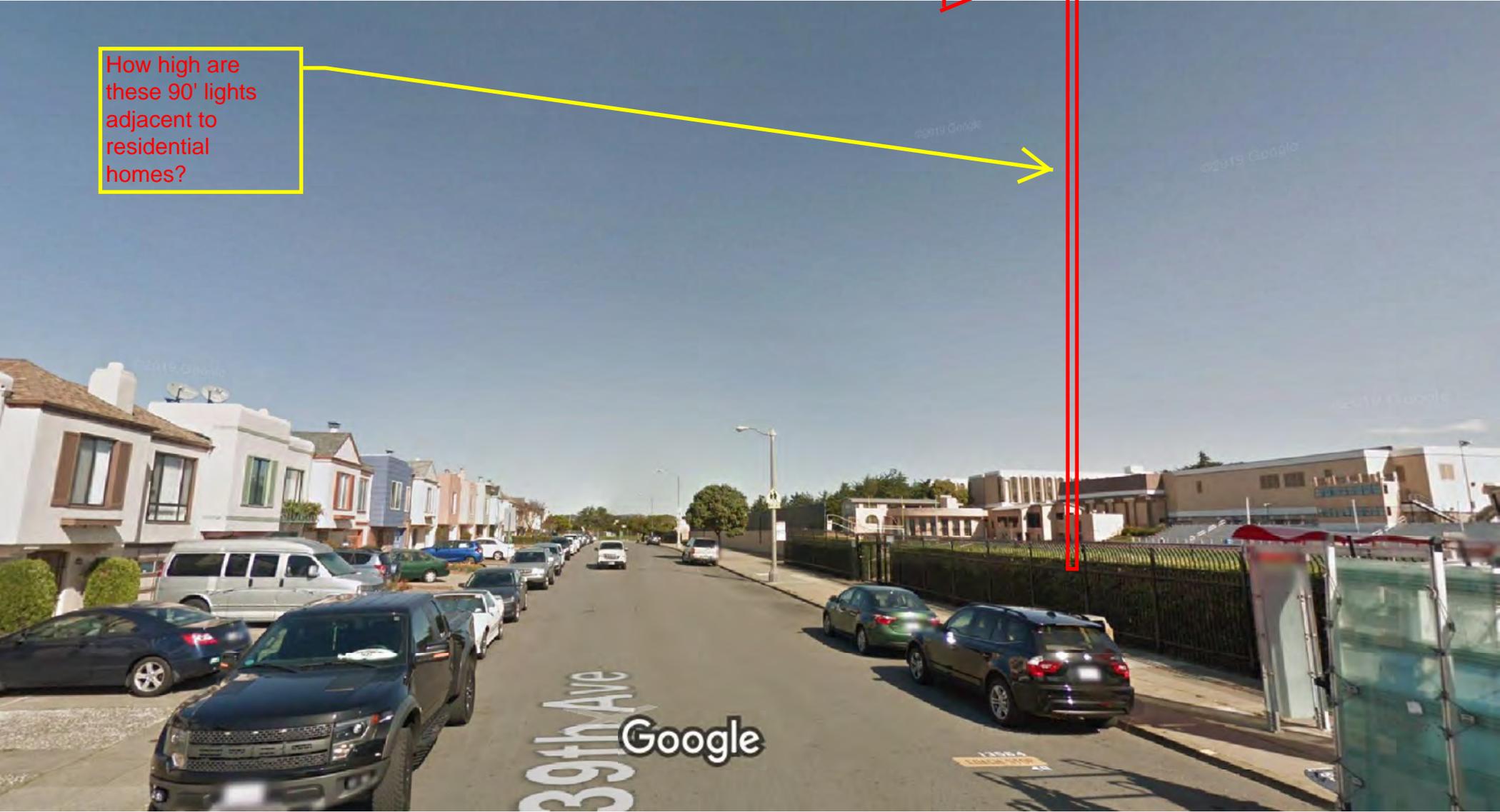
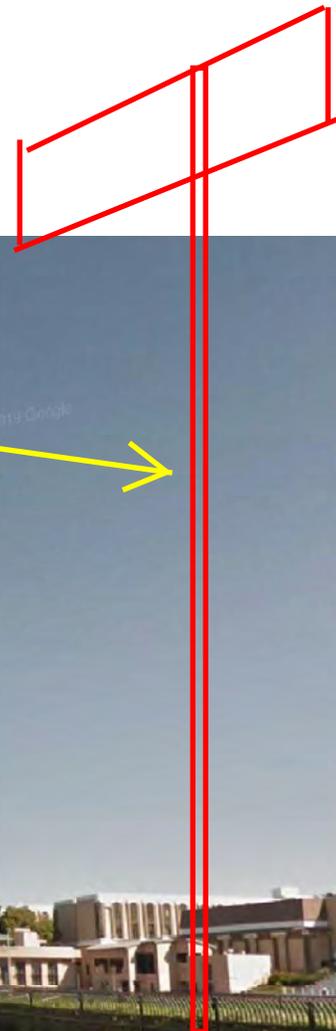
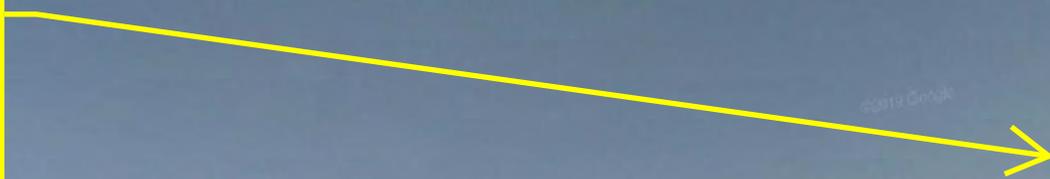
**SINGLE LUMINAIRE AMPERAGE DRAW CHART**

Ballast Specifications (100 watt power factor)	Line Amperage Per L			
	(100 Watt)			
Single Phase Voltage	208	220	240	277
TLC-LED-400	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.9
TLC-81-575	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.4
TLC-LED-1150	6.8	6.5	5.9	5.1

Will residence on 39th Ave look into this?



How high are these 90' lights adjacent to residential homes?



## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Nina & Jay Manzo <nijaymanzo@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** Marstaff (BOS); Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); CPC-Commissions Secretary  
**Subject:** S.I. Stadium Lights in Context  
**Attachments:** 200506 SI LIGHTS SITE X\_SECTION 39TH AVE.pdf; 200506 SI LIGHTS SITE X\_SECTION 39TH\_40TH AVES.pdf

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Dear Planner Horn, Planning Commissioners and Supervisor Mar,

As a homeowner with a family and two children living near S.I., I want to tell you that I am strongly opposed to the proposed stadium lights and cell antenna project. I hope you understand how distressing this proposal is for nearby residents, especially having it reviewed during these difficult times in which we are already experiencing great stresses and uncertainty. To see the peacefulness of our homes threatened by this project is extremely disturbing. **This project will be a massive visual blight to the neighborhood, as well as impose so many additional nuisances (like traffic, parking issues, light pollution, noise, litter, etc).**

I can't understand how the Planning Department or Commission could even consider this project, as it doesn't meet the requirements of a Conditional Use Permit per the Zoning Code. Even in the recent community Zoom meeting hosted by S.I., there was no mention of how this project would be desirable for, compatible with, or serve us non-S.I.-affiliated residents here the neighborhood (see SF Planning Code Section 303(c)).

As an architect I think often about the message that the built environment expresses. These **grossly out-of-scale light poles and antennas**, erected by Verizon (certainly at a great profit in terms of rental income to S.I.) send the message that this private institution, with very little neighborhood basis, values their own needs and profits far above the interests of the surrounding community. The significance of private organized sports and cellular communications, as embodied in these massive towers, will be looming over all of us in the area. It will be seen and felt constantly from our front yards, our rear yards, our decks, our living rooms, dining rooms and bedrooms. The brilliant LED light-throw, cheering crowds, and amplified announcements will reign over our family dinners and the evening down-time we and all our neighbors want to enjoy at home. And the 5G cell antennas (with there as-yet-unknown health impacts) will be running constantly 24-hours a day over the heads of all our neighborhood children.

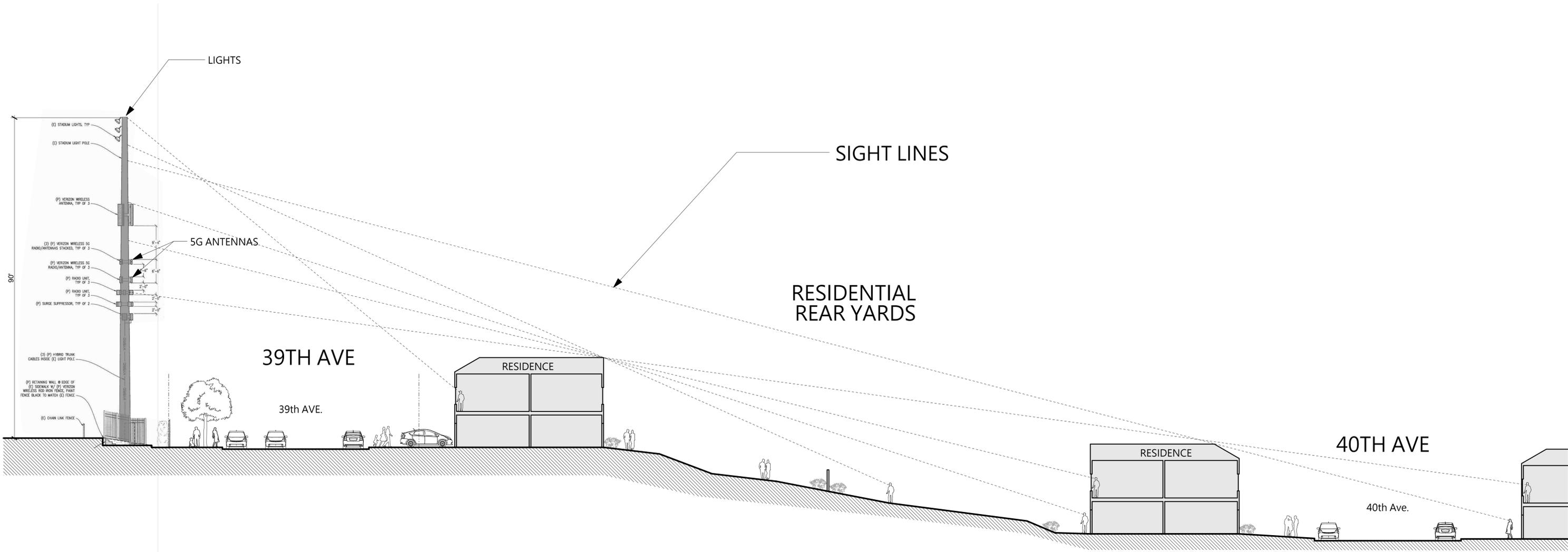
Please do not approve this unfortunate proposal! Let's not see this neighborhood spoiled by this. So many other San Franciscans visit these few blocks when using the public facilities at West Sunset Soccer and Baseball Fields, as well as the West Sunset Library, AP Giannini (where one of my sons is a student), Sunset Elementary, and even the West Sunset Community Garden (which we belong to). They will be walking beneath these gargantuan looming private towers which are so **extremely out and character with the surrounding neighborhood and larger Sunset District**.

Please see the attached drawings I prepared which show Verizon's poles and antennas drawn to scale, and put into the neighborhood context. Such drawings were not provided by S.I., but I wanted to see the actual impact to our neighborhood, in terms of height, bulk, and sight lines. You can see how **out of scale with the neighborhood the proposed lights and antennas are**.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,  
Nina Manzo

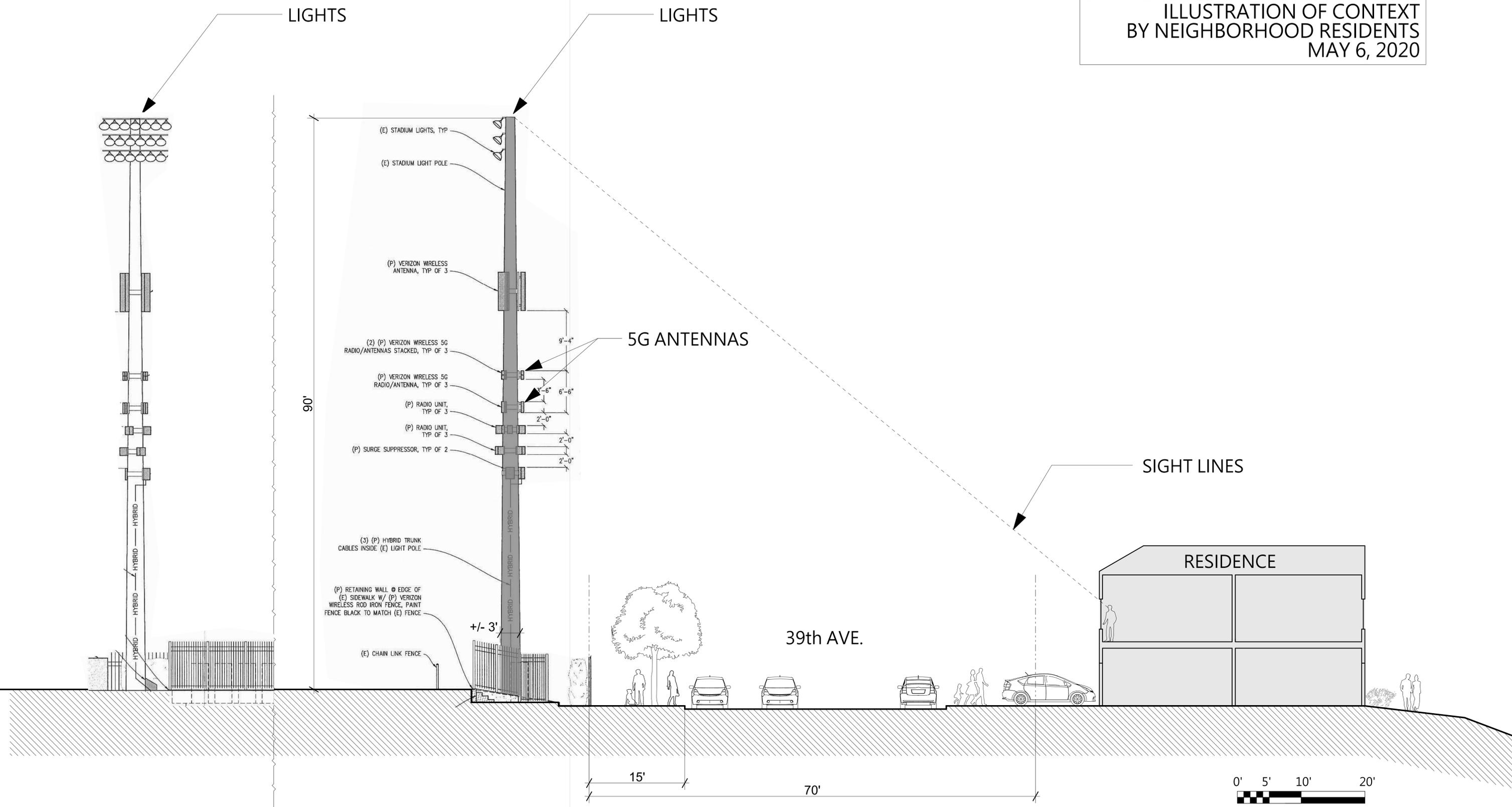
S.I. PROPOSED LIGHTS & ANTENNAS  
 ILLUSTRATION OF CONTEXT  
 BY NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS  
 MAY 6, 2020



LARGE-SCALE SITE CROSS-SECTION  
 LOOKING SOUTH  
 W/ SIGHT LINES

39TH & 40TH AVENUE VIEW

S.I. PROPOSED LIGHTS & ANTENNAS  
 ILLUSTRATION OF CONTEXT  
 BY NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS  
 MAY 6, 2020



POLE EAST ELEVATION  
PER SHEET A-5

SITE CROSS-SECTION AT POLE  
PER SHEET A-3  
LOOKING SOUTH

39TH AVENUE VIEW

<villageattab@yahoo.com>

I live on 38th ave between Ulloa and Taraval and I am deeply concerned and disappointed that such a school as St. Ignatius had decided to put invasive lights on the football fields that will surely, as they know well, will disturb the peace and harmony of the neighborhood.

They already have a stike against them by putting an giant artificial turf that gives you virtigo if you walk by the school and especially on a sunny day, the smell of chemicals from the turff is suffocating. The night lights will cause disturbance after the sunset to neighbors and birds on the trees of the glorious Sunset Avenue.

The crowd will cause noise also, more traffic at night and many other problems. St. Ignatius isn't a sports school, it is an institution to educate, they don't have to push it that much to the point of having night lights. As a long standing school, they should keep to the tradition of respecting the neighbors over profits.

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## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Peter Koch <kochsf@att.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 9:52 AM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); Teague, Corey (CPC); Hillis, Rich (CPC); Washington, Delvin (CPC); Koppel, Joel (CPC); Marstaff (BOS)  
**Subject:** St. Ignatius High School Lights Project

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Good Morning,

I hope you are all healthy and safe. My name is Peter Koch and I live at 2825 Rivera St. SF. CA I want to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposed lights project at Saint Ignatius High School.

I have been living in front of this athletic field for close to 30 years and this proposal worries me and my family greatly ! Over the past several years SI has increased their use of the field to include both Saturday & Sunday events . The parking and Traffic along with the noise on a Sunday morning is horrific.

This proposal to have Friday night football games, along with maybe 2,000 fans , in this quiet residential neighborhood is unbelievable. Saint Ignatius has no right to impose on this neighborhood events that will so dramatically alter our lives and change the feel of this quiet community.

Also, they have done a poor job in addressing our communities concerns regarding Traffic, Noise, Parking , Light Pollution, Garbage. I also have grave concerns regarding the 5G network proposed on one of the lite towers. There have been no answers to our questions regarding the safety of these fixtures.

I am vehemently opposed to this project and also the way Saint Ignatius has disregarded the concerns of this neighborhood and community.  
Please hear our concerns !!!

Stay Healthy & Safe,  
Peter & Sandy Koch

To whom it may concern,

I, Randall Hung and the rest of my fellow neighbors feel strongly against Saint Ignatius' plans for their new proposed stadium lights. Everything about this was poorly conducted and planned, from the initial start of the project to their so called community outreach conducted over Zoom. We were promised an hour long meeting with a time slot for us to ask questions/express concerns. We were all muted during the meeting, which I understand, but we were promptly kicked off after 40 minutes without being able to ask questions. I would not even call it a meeting, it was a sales call informing us about the companies advancement in technology, which has absolutely nothing to do with us nor the project. We feel that saint Ignatius is not acting out in good behavior and will do whatever they feel they are entitled to.

We have expressed our concerns about parking, noise pollution, garbage pollution, and light pollution. How will Saint Ignatius work with the neighborhood on these topics and many more? How will Saint Ignatius monitor and control traffic? Where will we park when we come home? Who will clean up the garbage that the parents, teachers, and students will cause? We already run into issues with parking and garbage pollution. We do not want or need anymore.

Saint Ignatius claims to be a neighborhood friend, but unfortunately, they are not. Few years back, as a compensation to our concerns, they offered us tickets to their games and school events. Is that all we're worth, free tickets? To them, we are just a joke and only in their way of getting what they want. Other schools already send their students off campus for games/practices during school, why does Saint Ignatius feel that they are above everything else? Entitlement.

Sincerely,

Randall Hung

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** seiko grant <sgrant654@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 07, 2020 7:28 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Cc:** Teague, Corey (CPC); Washington, Delvin (CPC); Hillis, Rich (CPC)  
**Subject:** Conditional Use Application #2018-012648CUA

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From: Seiko Grant  
2931 Rivera St.  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
05/01/20

To: Jeffrey Horn, Senior Project Planner  
SF Planning Dept.  
1650 Mission St  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Night Lighting at Saint Ignatius College Preparatory

Dear Jeffrey Horn,

My name is Seiko Grant and I have lived in the Sunset District for 56 years, 53 of those in my current home at 2931 Rivera St. During this time I watched Saint Ignatius College Preparatory (SI) high school being built and transition from an all-boys to a co-ed school. The residents adjusted to the increasing traffic, parking issues and weekend noise from events at the J.B Murphy field. We could always depend on a return to quiet streets in the evening after a full day of work and to get to sleep in preparation for the next day. This is a basic condition that everyone, including all of you in the planning department, needs for a healthy existence. This is why we chose to invest our money and spend our lives here. Our homes provide a space to rest and gather comfort. Our neighborhood is a source of support and safety. We feel very fortunate.

Saint Ignatius College Preparatory school (SI) is planning to install permanent night time stadium lighting on J.B Murphy field using LED lighting on poles rising 90' high. They anticipate use of the lights for over 150 nights a year and until 10:00 pm in most cases. The administration at SI have not been forthcoming about the specifics of this proposal. Details have been changing in every announcement (initially they stated only 10 night events a year) and emerging sporadically. Though legally required meetings have been held and advisory notices distributed, feedback from residents affected by this plan is not given much weight as this project is considered by SI as destined to be completed according to their wishes. In enlisting a telecommunications provider, Verizon Wireless, to install a series of antennas to one of the proposed 90' light poles, the project may be considered an essential service and thus fast-tracked even during the shelter-in-place order. One of graphics, presented by the Verizon representative to demonstrate how the proposed installation would remedy a lack of coverage to access wireless services, revealed that only the baseball fields at West Sunset recreation area and part of Sunset Blvd had less coverage. The Ortega library and neighboring homes have very good wireless connections and nothing additional is needed in the open fields.

Light pollution, noise pollution and increased traffic to the extent that they would significantly effect living conditions for a large number of residents and avian life in the area surrounding the J.B. Murphy field are of great concern. A thorough

investigation into these effects including a full environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act must be conducted. I strongly object to the exemption from environmental review. On the one hand, in the conditional use application, SI states that “ Traffic will not be increased, as persons already attending the school will use the field.” In the project application, they state that “ The lights bring people to the neighborhood..” and “ the field is used by a variety of non-profit institutions...”. These conflicting statements must be resolved. A greater number of night events will definitely increase traffic.

One reasoning for SI wanting to go forward with this project as stated by their representative, Mr. Tom Murphy, in the online meeting of 4/30/20 is to allow a later start time of the school day quoting studies showing later sleep cycles for teenagers. Again in the project application, “..providing greater opportunities for students to have adequate sleep.” Mr. Murphy also mentioned that night games during the week will allow those families to have weekends free and reduce traffic on Saturday. Would that they have as much concern for the weekends and sleep time of the neighborhood residents to whom they say they want to be good neighbors. The enhanced educational experience desired by SI would be better served by teaching the students time management and that participation in extra curricular activities require adjustments which may not always be convenient.

There is no other school in San Francisco, public or private, which has lighted fields on their campus. All those schools continue to provide excellent educational experiences without negatively disrupting the lives of the neighborhood. There was no discussion or questions allowed at this meeting that were not “related to the project”. I consider the concerns of the residents living around the field directly related to the project.

Any other parks in San Francisco with night lighting are open for use by the general public. The “expanded use of existing open space” at J.B. Murphy field is restricted to the students/families of SI. The cost, including reduced property values, will be born by the entire neighborhood. I object to the proposed night lighting on the fields at Saint Ignatius College Preparatory and request that this commission decline to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Seiko Grant

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** seiko grant <sgrant654@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 04, 2020 12:10 AM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Subject:** 2018-012648CUA

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SF Planning Dept.  
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SF, CA 94102  
6/2/20

Seiko Grant  
2931 Rivera St.  
S.F., CA 94116

Re: case# 2018-012648CUA  
Response from Saint Ignatius College Preparatory

This case involves proposed night lighting at J.B.Murphy field in the middle of a residential neighborhood for private use by the school. Many residents in this neighborhood raised objections and questions which these letters claim to address. I found the responses to be inadequate in light of the permanent and significant negative effect this project will have on the neighborhood.

In these letters, representatives of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory (SI) state a “need” for the lights because the students “need” the lights. High school sports is, for many, a special part of the school experience, and it is an extra curricular activity. Students want (not need) to participate. There are requirements to participation which both students and parents must understand and agree to. These are not always convenient, as in waking up early (which is an admirable and productive habit) to begin practice “at the crack of dawn” and driving in to SF from surrounding Bay Area cities, where many of these athletes live, on a Saturday or Sunday. I speak from experience. SI wishes to “reduce the need to utilize off-campus fields and to make the use more manageable and better for our students”. This statement indicates that there are off-campus fields available for their use. When a school decides to expand its sports program, it needs to take into account the manageability of the expansion with the existing facilities and neighborhood in mind. Making it “better” for the students at the expense of the residents is not acceptable.

To say that the proposal is not a change but merely shifts the time and/or days of the existing activities is avoiding the point that the later times are indeed a change that will encroach on the evening lives of the residents. There will be more activity on nights when there previously was quiet. Spreading out disruption over two days (Fri and Sat) instead of all on one day (Sat) is not an improvement by any means. Replacing several nights per year of “the noisy use of generator-powered temporary construction light” is more tolerable and preferable to 154 nights of lights no matter the spill and glare shielding they claim. The lights will be visible and the noise audible from afar.

Their attempt to dismiss traffic and congestion concerns by stating that only students already in attendance at the school will be participating ignores the families and friends of the not only SI teams but those of the opposing teams and the “SI affiliated groups” that utilize the field.

I am also concerned with their vague wording when asked the number of nights and time of light shut off for the various activities in both the letter to neighbors and the summary of discussion. At an initial community meeting, I heard over and over from proponents of the project including the president of SI, “It will only be 10 games a year”. There was no mention of the night practices or low attendance games for which we still have no set number. The summary of discussion document contains phrases such as “large attendance/noisy events will not occur very often” and “large attendance games will be the exception, not the rule”. They write “we do not envision greater than 4 or 5 large attendance night games” in the summary and in the letter to neighbors state “the 2020-2021 school year would have 6

high attendance night games on the lower field-3 football games,2 soccer games and a lacrosse game” . In replies to questions 11 and 21 the response includes the lines “SI is requesting usage until 10pm so as not to restrict future unplanned and/or changed use of the field due to schedule and league changes” and “We are requesting to have the lights on until 10pm on weeknights and 8 pm on weekends as we are unsure of future needs. At this time, in the short term, we foresee the lights being use primarily for low attendance practices.” I see here elusive wording that allows for much expansion in the future. I stress that 10pm is very late for such lighting on a weeknight . All the fields with “similar lights” referred to in response to question 21 of the summary of discussion are public fields. Imagine stadium lights outside your house until 10 pm during the week ,especially if you have children or rise early for work, as many of us do.

Sincerely,

Seiko Grant

Dear Members of the SF Planning Department and Commissioners,

I just can't see this adding up. Saint Ignatius want's 90 foot light poles to facilitate student athletics? Is this for the direct benefit of SI's students, or just student athletes?

According to SI's recent postcard, they would "only" use the lighting 200 nights?

200 nights/year = 40 weeks = 5/7 illuminated nights/week for the standard school year:

California requires in class instruction at a minimum of :  
 180 days/year for grades 4-8 at 900 hours/year, and  
 180 days/year for grades 9-12 at 1,080 hours/year

900 hrs. / 6 instructional hours/day = 150 days/yr. = 30 weeks/year. Illumination happens during illuminated nights even when school isn't in session (grades 6-8)

Looking at grades 9-12:

1080 hrs. / 6 instructional hours/day = 180 days/yr. = 36 weeks/year. Illumination is at least happening 20 illuminated nights absent school in session.

The fact that SI apparently knows already future scheduled illumination dates makes it very difficult for them to revoke promises and contracts they've already signed with other schools, organizations, etc.

1. Doesn't this put extra influence, pressure on the Commissioners and SF Planning Department and others who make the decision on the "proposed lighting question" **to rubber stamp if not reward SI's proactive but controversial move** (regarding schedule, promises and contracts) with little if any really time for public comment or a fair airing of contrary viewpoints?

Has SI entered into contracts without full disclosure of the permissions/permitting process they've yet to complete in order to fulfill any contract? What does this demonstrate to their students? We can break the law and get away with it if you don't get caught?!!

Where is the Democracy, what are the values SI is demonstrating to its students?

When SI needs its students' cars to NOT be towed when their students park and obstruct neighborhood residents' driveways, litter the neighborhood, throw eggs on houses in retaliation and other malicious acts, SI wants the neighbors to "be kind".

But when the neighbors want a courtesy extend to them it appears SI plays lip service but acts only in SI's interest and refuses to consider compromise. Can't the Verizon tower(s) be atop the north SI buildings and the light poles be a maximum of 45 feet high and maybe operational 2-3 nights/week if at all? Fact is the height of the light towers are for the cellular provider and have nothing to do with the lighting needs of SI. That is, of course, if the needs of SI are based foremost on what's in the best interest of the SI students.

Even if the lights are on 4 hours/day x 200 days = 800 hours/year according to the postcard SI is suggesting students (athletic) spend potentially 10-11+ hours/day at school ( 6-7 hours of instruction + 4 hrs. in practice/playing sports).

SI argues their students (athletic and non-athletic) need more sleep so they will start the school day later and thus the school day goes longer into the evening for practice / game times.

2. What's the average commute time for an SI student? Minimum 1 hour each way if they don't live in SF?

Thus: 7 hours instruction w/ 30 min. lunch and 5 min. between classes  
 9 hours sleep (if the student actually is using their spare time to sleep)  
 2 hours commute time to SI for academic instruction, (but not practice or game time)  
 Total = 18 hours leaving only

In general, a non-athlete has just 6 hours/day M-F for potentially:  
 2 hours for family time (meals, breakfast/supper and how many eat in transit?) and 4 hours to study with no time to have a mental or physical break (no time to text, watch TV, play video games? no way!)\*.

Add 2-4 hours for the student athlete's time for practice (daily, 2 hours, 4 hours on game days)  
 Total jumps to 20-22 hours (6/7 days per week considering games played on Saturdays).

The student athlete might have time to eat, but productive, studying time or time for homework? The choice becomes grades or sleep, grades will win and the student athlete is still "sleep deprived".

\* How does this education schedule/system honestly and in practice meet the SI stated objective and goals, "educates all aspects of our students according to the Jesuit philosophy of *Cura Personalis*, care for the whole person" (courtesy of the SI website <https://www.siprep.org>)

What is the SI administration's and SI Athletic Department's priority for an SI student?

3. Education or Participating in Athletics to ensure income for SI?

Isn't SI doing the same thing the PAC10, Big 10 and other conferences and leagues at the collegiate level do? That is, they are relying on sporting events, generate alumni bragging rights which in turn generate the majority of operating revenues via donations and attending sporting events with the student athlete being exploited for the betterment (financially) of the institution?

AND, are sporting events taking precedence to lifelong skills? Is SI choosing sports rather than an opportunity to provide better education to all, glorify brain power, develop honor in intelligence vs. disparaging "geeks", and developing each person for success. Honestly, do the student athletes of SI become a pawn in the exploitation of the athlete who may often be a minority and/or a person of color? Of the ~20 sports SI offers, less than 20% of the sports will actually will utilize the lighting.

Ask why colleges are now allowing athletes to earn money (beyond scholarships) for endorsements from major sporting goods manufacturers? And when will SI follow suit?

4. What is SI really doing? Educating future leaders or exploiting athletic talent for financial gain because less than 1-2% of high school athletes will actually play college sports (DIV I)

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-college-athletics>

AND

less than 4% of college athletes have a successful professional sports career according to the NCAA (many HS sports have no professional sport equivalent):

<http://www.ncaa.org/about/resources/research/estimated-probability-competing-professional-athletics>

Does the country need to develop leaders with ethics, honesty, integrity, intelligence, empathy and wisdom or “Gladiators” exploited for sport, entertainment (commercial revenues, TV rights, gambling) and profit/financial gain? Isn’t a gladiator really just an athletic slave?

5. What are the values SI, the SF Planning Department and Commission wish to teach SI students vs. what values are they actually demonstrating?

Who’s accountable to the ill-equipped former athlete who one day will perhaps be crippled, bankrupt, addicted or potentially imprisoned (O.J.) for failing to emphasize personal value, worth, honesty, integrity and intellect as the foundations for success.

<https://steelvalleybankruptcy.wordpress.com/2018/01/05/how-athletes-go-bankrupt-at-an-alarming-rate/>

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/pro-athletes-big-winners- b\\_5504073](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/pro-athletes-big-winners- b_5504073)

As leaders, elected and appointed officials I, a citizen of SF and a neighbor of SI, look to both myself and to each one of you to consider how our actions, decisions and comments reflect the values, model integrity and demonstrate responsible citizenship to the educators, administration and most importantly to the young and influential minds of the SI student body.

With Kind Regards,

Shirley Recipon  
[srecipon@comcast.net](mailto:srecipon@comcast.net)

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P.S. Sister to a former Big 10 (Michigan State, class of ‘84) athlete (women’s basketball) who graduated with a major in Mathematics (took five years) and is a healthy, productive and successful citizen. She’s the rare exception who also had a 4.0 GPA in high school.

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** sisunset neighbors <sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 2:26 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
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**From:** Shirley A. Recipon <[srecipon@comcast.net](mailto:srecipon@comcast.net)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 8, 2020 11:37 AM

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**Subject:** The Numbers Don't Add Up! RE: SI's 90 Foot Athletic Lighting Needs vs. Students' Development

Dear Members of the SF Planning Department and Commissioners,

I'm a neighbor of the Saint Ignatius Preparatory Academy (SI).

I'm also keenly aware of the plans SI is requesting approval of in order to significantly impact the evening lighting, traffic and noise surrounding the SI athletic fields and adjoining neighborhood residences.

Please find attached for your immediate consideration my heartfelt concern for the neighborhood, the SI students, SI student athletes and the future of each student after high school.

High school is no longer a means to an end but preparation for success in life to open up doors and opportunities in higher education, and citizenship through participation in our Democracy as leaders, advocates and voters.

I appreciate your serious consideration of the points raised and request denial of SI's building permit and petition(s) relating to installation of the Verizon rely system atop 90 feet tall lighting towers.

With Kind Regards,  
Shirley

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**Shirley A. Recipon** | m 1(415)781-9507 | t 1(415)661-1743

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Shirley Yee <shirlcyee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2020 8:11 AM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); Teague, Corey (CPC); Hillis, Rich (CPC); Washington, Delvin (CPC)  
**Subject:** Stop St. Ignatius Stadium Lights

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Dear San Francisco Planning Department,

My name is Shirley Yee and I live with my husband and two kids in the Sunset District at 2155 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Our house is directly across the street from St. Ignatius High School's (SI) football field.

SI's proposal to install four (4) 90-ft. permanent stadium lights in their football field will directly and negatively impact our quality of life. Not only will their illumination shine into our homes (our bedroom fronts 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue), but the noise from the night games will be intrusive. Our two elementary school-aged children have early bedtimes, well before most of the night activities planned for the stadium lights will end.

Such lights have no place in a residential neighborhood. They will rise more than three times the height of standard street lights and almost five times the height of most of the single-family homes in the area. Besides the noise and light pollution issues, the lights themselves will be an eyesore.

On April 29, 2020, SI held a virtual meeting required by the Planning Department. Although the meeting was set for an hour, Tom Murphy from SI, ended the meeting 20 minutes early without addressing any of the questions posted in the chat or unmuting any of the residents in attendance. It was a one-sided meeting where SI was able to do their presentation without having to answer to any of the neighbors. **SI should be required to hold another neighborhood meeting when the shelter-in-place order is lifted.**

As the Verizon representative said during the virtual meeting, there is no reason the Verizon antenna needs to be installed on the proposed 90-ft. stadium lights. Verizon's equipment installation project should be kept separate from the stadium lights installation.

It's obvious the stadium lights are important to SI to attract students. Any benefits accrue to SI only, not the neighborhood. In fact, the noise and traffic generated by the events held at the school will be disruptive to the lives of our community. SI should have never received a Categorical Exemption in their CEQA determination as the use of the football field at the school will change with the addition of the stadium lights.

**I ask for your help in stopping SI from installing the proposed stadium lights** and would be happy to discuss our concerns with you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Shirley Yee

From:Seiko Grant

2931 Rivera St.

San Francisco, CA 94116

05/01/20

To: SF Planning Dept.

1650 Mission St

San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Night Lighting at Saint Ignatius College Preparatory

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Seiko Grant and I have lived in the Sunset District for 56 years, 53 of those in my current home at 2931 Rivera St. During this time I watched Saint Ignatius College Preparatory (SI) high school being built and transition from an all-boys to a co-ed school. The residents adjusted to the increasing traffic,parking issues and weekend noise from events at the J.B Murphy field. We could always depend on a return to quiet streets in the evening after a full day of work and to get to sleep in preparation for the next day. This is a basic condition that everyone, including all of you on this commission,needs for a healthy existence.This is why we chose to invest our money and spend our lives here. Our homes provide a space to rest and gather comfort. Our neighborhood is a source of support and safety.We feel very fortunate.

Saint Ignatius College Preparatory school (SI) is planning to install permanent night time stadium lighting on J.B Murphy field using LED lighting on poles rising 90' high. They anticipate use of the lights for over 150 nights a year and until 10:00 pm in most cases.The administration at SI have not been forthcoming about the specifics of this proposal. Details have been changing in every announcement ( initially they stated only 10 night events a year) and emerging sporadically. Though legally required meetings have been held and advisory notices distributed, feedback from residents affected by this plan is not given much weight as this project is considered by SI as destined to be completed according to their wishes. In enlisting a telecommunications provider, Verizon Wireless,to install a series of antennas to one of the proposed 90' light poles, the project may be considered an essential service and thus fast-tracked even during the shelter-in-place order. One of graphics, presented by the Verizon representative to demonstrate how the proposed installation would remedy a lack of coverage to access wireless services, revealed that only the baseball fields at West Sunset recreation area and part of Sunset Blvd had less coverage. The Ortega library and neighboring homes have very good wireless connections and nothing additional is needed in the open fields.

Light pollution,noise pollution and increased traffic to the extent that they would significantly effect living conditions for a large number of residents and avian life in the area surrounding the J.B.Murphy field are of great concern. A thorough investigation into these effects including a full environmental review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act must be conducted. I strongly object to the exemption from environmental review. On the one hand, in the conditional use application, SI states that " Traffic will not be increased, as persons already attending the school will use the field." In the project application, they state that " The lights bring people to the neighborhood.." and " the field is used by a variety of non-profit institutions...". These conflicting statements must be resolved. A greater number of night events will definitely increase traffic.

One reasoning for SI wanting to go forward with this project as stated by their representative,

Mr. Tom Murphy, in the online meeting of 4/30/20 is to allow a later start time of the school day quoting studies showing later sleep cycles for teenagers. Again in the project application, “..providing greater opportunities for students to have adequate sleep.” Mr. Murphy also mentioned that night games during the week will allow those families to have weekends free and reduce traffic on Saturday. Would that they have as much concern for the weekends and sleep time of the neighborhood residents to whom they say they want to be good neighbors. The enhanced educational experience desired by SI would be better served by teaching the students time management and that participation in extra curricular activities require adjustments which may not always be convenient.

There is no other school in San Francisco, public or private, which has lighted fields on their campus. All those schools continue to provide excellent educational experiences without negatively disrupting the lives of the neighborhood. There was no discussion or questions allowed at this meeting that were not “related to the project”. I consider the concerns of the residents living around the field directly related to the project.

Any other parks in San Francisco with night lighting are open for use by the general public.

The “expanded use of existing open space” at J.B. Murphy field is restricted to the students/families of SI. The cost, including reduced property values, will be borne by the entire neighborhood. I object to the proposed night lighting on the fields at Saint Ignatius College Preparatory and request that this commission decline to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Seiko Grant

Dear Planning Commissioners,

This is a letter on behalf of the Sunset Community Garden, which is located directly north of S.I.'s campus, on 37th Avenue at Pacheco. We are opposed to this project and we ask you to not allow the installation of the nighttime stadium light and cell antennas in this residential neighborhood. Our garden is a natural oasis in our concrete jungle known as San Francisco and we are so lucky that we have it available for our use. We want to keep this area as pristine as it is. It truly is a clean, fresh air oasis surrounded by wonderful trees and nature, and is teeming with birds, bats, butterflies and honeybees. Please don't let the lights negatively impact the natural environment in this area. Think about how your action will be effecting environmental justice. Climate change is upon us all and this quiet community by the sea does not need any more carbon depleting pollution from the lights and car exhausts from the outside area. The ball field has operated without these glaring lights for many years and the games went on.

We are one of the oldest Community Gardens in San Francisco, which started during the Victory Garden era of World War II. We have 54 plots (over a hundred members or more), are free of charge, and are comprised of a very diverse community of gardeners (a large Asian population with many countries from all over the world represented), over 50% of which are retirees on fixed low incomes and don't speak English. Our oldest gardener Lilly Wong is in her 90s and we have families with young children in the Garden as well.

We are a direct next-door-neighbor of S.I., however S.I. never contacted us to inform us about the stadium light project or to ask us about our concerns. We only recently learned about it, through one of our members. At a recent Zoom meeting, our Garden members were very *unhappy* (enraged, disappointed, upset!) about the proposed project and felt disregarded by S.I. The lights at night will disturb the natural balance in the vicinity of the garden and will bring more parking congestion and trash near the gate of the Garden on 37th Ave. We know that crowds attracted to nighttime games (including opposing team's fans) will bring more vandals hopping the fence into the garden and damaging plots and overturning garden furniture, etc., which we have already experienced too much of.

Please consider our needs as an important part of the Community and do not allow these lights and cell antennas. They are detrimental to our Garden and offer no benefit to the Garden Community. Please do not threaten this safe and beautiful place, particularly for the sake of our senior members.

Sincerely,  
Lance Mellon Coordinator

Sunset Community Garden

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Teo Manzo <teo.a.manzo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 2:16 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); Koppel, Joel (CPC); Moore, Kathrin (CPC); Diamond, Susan (CPC); Fung, Frank (CPC); Imperial, Theresa (CPC); Johnson, Milicent (CPC); Mar, Gordon (BOS); Marstaff (BOS); CPC-Commissions Secretary  
**Subject:** SI Lights

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Dear San Francisco Planning Department,

My name is Teo Manzo I am a sophomore at George Washinton high school. I live right down the block from Saint Ignatius. Almost every day (Pre Covid-19) I come home to seeing SI athletes using a hill of Quintara street between 39th and 40th Ave as a hill to run-up as an exercise. They will continually run-up all while the coaches are screaming and yelling. To me, this isn't a huge problem while loud and sometimes annoying this is the least of my concerns. After that, the soccer practices would start and go on until around 6 or 7. Then it finally becomes peaceful, however, if SI were to build these lights that all changes. SI football games are already loud from the announcers and cheering. If this were to happen at night it would be exponentially more annoying. Combined with the aspects of partying at night, teens drinking, smoking (I've seen this happen before at SI and at my own school's football games so I know for a fact that this would happen here) and garbage. That would make things even worse with this happening 3 times a week. So please do take this letter into consideration when you make the verdict and understand the burden you would be putting on us neighbors of SI before approving this project.

Thank you for reading  
-Teo Manzo

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Tiffany Pavon <tiffanypavon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 7:46 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC); Teague, Corey (CPC); Hillis, Rich (CPC); Washington, Delvin (CPC); Koppel, Joel (CPC); Moore, Kathrin (CPC); Diamond, Susan (CPC); Fung, Frank (CPC); Imperial, Theresa (CPC); Johnson, Milicent (CPC)  
**Cc:** sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** Letter Regarding SI

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We are the Pavon Family and live in the Sunset District at 2175 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Saint Ignatius (S.I.) is planning to install permanent nighttime stadium lighting on their football field. These LED lights will rise 90 feet above the field which is located in our own residential neighborhood.

SI is proposing these stadium lights to be in use for over 200 nights a year and up until 10 pm. This is a residential neighborhood.

As I live directly across the street from the field with my family that includes a 12-year-old. This will disrupt our life beyond what is acceptable. Most of these homes have bedrooms in the front directly facing the field and with lights, games, noise, traffic etc our right to quiet enjoyment is at stake.

Having more events and lights and noise that go until 10pm weekdays is just not feasible. On a regular game day, we already have issues with traffic, double parking, blocked driveways, noise and safety. Leaving our home on game days is extremely difficult with our driveway constantly being blocked and double-parked cars making it difficult or even impossible to leave our own home. Add to this nighttime games with loitering and people gathering after games this will create a noise and safety problem in our neighborhood.

We as neighbors have reported our issues to SI just to get brushed aside. We are a residential neighborhood and there is Absolutely no reason that the city should allow this to proceed.

SI is a private school that this will only benefit them and not the neighborhood or city, this will use our city resources more- police, garbage, MTA etc, stretching it thin and taking away from our neighborhood safety.

39<sup>th</sup> Ave and Rivera are bus lines and during games busses have to go around double parked cars creating dangerous conditions for drivers, riders, pedestrians and neighbors.

++++The project has been renamed as a Verizon wireless project when it is actually a project to install 4 Permanent Stadium Lights with massive impact on our neighborhood

The meeting was shut down by SI -20 minutes early without any of the neighbors ever taken off mute and without any discussion.

It appears that SI is taking advantage of the current virus and the need for remote meetings to mute their neighbor's ability to ask questions and voice concerns.

They couldn't MUTE us in an actual in-person neighborhood meeting during normal times.

The Pavon Family

**From:** Timothy Brey <tbreyehs@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 6, 2020 at 10:59:21 AM PDT  
**To:** joel.koppel@sfgov.org  
**Cc:** marstaff@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** Record No. 2018-012648CUA: 2001 37th Avenue / Koppel

## **Record No. 2018-012648CUA: 2001 37th Avenue / Koppel**

Hello Commissioner Koppel,

**I am writing to express my disapproval for the Ignatian Corporation's request to install 90 foot lighting fixtures on the JB Murphy field.**

**The request for Cellular Service Antenna (so deemed essential) should be a separate application from change of use with lighting.**

According to Dun & Bradstreet, "The Ignatian Corporation is part of the Private Schools K-12 Industry, generates 39.31 millions in sales (USD)."

Saint Ignatius is a private entity with a school tuition of \$26,000, is not a public institution and does not provide any public services to the local Sunset community.

**The Ignatian Corporation's Master Plan stated rationale of the need for lights is a joke. They claim the need for lighting due to the hardship in having 66 teams competing for use of the "facility" which again is not the Sunset neighborhood's problem and is also disingenuous since out of the 15 sports, 10 do not use the JB Murphy field (basketball, volleyball, golf, cross country, tennis, waterpolo, rowing, softball, swim & diving, baseball). Again, a private entity that wants to offer it's exclusive clientele a "sports night club" at the expense of the community.**

The claim that "it will have no impact on traffic and parking" is simply not true. Increased time/use of the field logically means more impact on traffic and parking.

They profess how their lights will be newer technology etc. than what was installed at the South Sunset and Beach Chalet fields. This is a misdirection, since they neglect to state that both South Sunset and Beach Chalet are public fields, both of which I have had the pleasure to practice evening soccer with my daughter over the past years. We San Franciscans derive no such benefit from SI's light installation, only a socialization of costs for private benefit.

I note that the City's Planning Code Section 101.1(b) establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires projects to comply with said policies.

Two of the policies clearly are not being adhered to if the commission allows the installation of 90 foot light towers and use of the field until 10 pm.

(2) **That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;**

Residents have come to terms with the regular day-time use of the competitive sports programs of Saint Ignatius, including the noise from crowds and the PA system. Day use includes early morning practices with coaches blowing whistles and teams chanting. I have no reasonable objection to this. This neighborhood is zoned single family residential, but this radical change in use (lighting until 10 pm) will burden all neighbors with increases in parking, traffic, noise and light pollution. Lighting on the field and the use of the field until 10 pm will change the character of this neighborhood forever, in a negative way.

**(8) That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas** be protected from development.

I have come to refer to our neighborhood as the “Big Block,” composed of Saint Ignatius, West Sunset Fields, Sunset Elementary, Ortega Park and Library, and AP Giannini. It is truly unique in that all the power lines, phone and cable lines are buried, leaving a spacious and clean appearance. The vistas looking out from various points in the neighborhood towards the Pacific and up towards Mt. Tamalpais are marvelous. Having 90 foot light poles will degrade these views. Point 8 mentions “sunlight,” a shame it doesn’t also include “night sky” as the light pollution would only degrade the areas night sky.

Commercial Enterprise - Saint Ignatius has historically and regularly rented out use of the JB Murphy field over the 12 years I have lived here to SF Elite Academy Soccer Club, pee-wee football, Adult league Ultimate frisbee teams, to name but a few. These are commercial operations that the further impact the neighborhood. With new lighting, the Ignatian Corporation will likely continue to rent out the field to private groups, allowing themselves to gain more at the public expense.

The fact is that this proposal is only a benefit to a private entity, the Ignatian Corporation, where the public is being asked to carry the burden of the costs.

**If the JB Murphy field were a public park/field, the lights would benefit all people, not just a select few.**

No other high schools (public or private) in SF have lighting and there’s no reason to start such a trend. There are other fields available for special events or final matches that could be used. Or, Saint Ignatius should continue to utilize rental lights for limited events or special games.

I would hope the SF Planning will act in the interest of the neighbors and public by denying the Ignatian Corporation’s (Saint Ignatius College Preparatory High School) request for lighting.

It is really a shame to hold this virtual hearing when many residents do not have the technological savvy to participate, that’s not democracy. This is yet another reason to separate the cellular antennas from the lighting installation/use application.

Finally, can you tell me what critical elements you will be considering when looking at this proposal and if you can separate out the need for cellular coverage from lighting for sports? Can you rule for the essential service from the non-essential (which burdens the neighborhood and public)?

Thank You,

Tim Brey  
2831 Rivera Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** Una Fitzsimons <unafitzsimons11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2020 1:21 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Subject:** 2018-012648CUA Saint Ignatius field lights/cell tower

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May 5, 2020

Re: 2018-012648CUA Saint Ignatius Field Lights and cell tower

Dear Jeffrey Horn,

I am writing to express my disapproval and anger at Saint Ignatius' rush to push through their lighting project under the guise of essential business due to the cell tower project connected with the lighting.

We are still dealing with shelter in place orders during an unprecedented pandemic! You and your colleagues aren't even in your offices. We can't physically congregate/meet with our neighbors to discuss this. Why is this happening now? This is not very democratic. Many neighbors are not technologically savvy and thus can not attend virtual meetings and will not get to have their voice heard.

Saint Ignatius had a "community" meeting on April 29 where they had a representative from the lighting company and a rep from Verizon talk at the 100 people present on the Zoom call, but never answered any of the questions or concerns presented by neighbors at the meeting or allowed any feedback. In fact, the community was on mute the whole time! It was a master class in spin, not in listening to or reviewing the community's concerns. They even ended the "meeting" 20 minutes early!! They revealed they aren't dealing in good faith with their neighbors; they just want their project fast-tracked. How are they able to behave this way and ignore the community (when they are part of this community and benefit from being in this community)? Their lighting project will most definitely adversely affect the neighborhood.

Saint Ignatius is a private entity which generated \$39 million in sales/tuition last year; they also are exempted from 96% of their property taxes. Why can't they put the cell tower on their roof with the other one they have? Certainly they have the money and resources (as indicated by the scale of this project). SI claims their 90 foot lights and evening schedule of 150 nights/year until 10 pm won't have an impact on traffic, parking, and noise. This is not like Beach Chalet or South Sunset Fields because SI is private and the community derives no benefit from this project! It's not open to the public. All the benefit is theirs; all the costs in noise, light pollution, increased traffic (especially during games), and increased parking is ours. How is this being a good neighbor?

SI claims hardship in that they have 66 teams competing for the field space. Many of their sports programs do not even use the field (basketball, volleyball, golf, cross country, tennis, waterpolo, rowing, softball, swim and diving, and baseball). Why should the community (through the impact of traffic, light pollution, noise and parking) have to suffer because they need more time for their teams on the field? No other high school in the city has lights (for late night practices). Why does SI get an exemption? A few years ago SI admitted that at least 40% of their student body drive in from areas outside of San Francisco. That's a lot of extra cars here every day and (if this goes through) every night!

This project constitutes a change in use of their field. Where is the CEQA study/review of light pollution, parking, and traffic from this new night-time usage? My family and I live directly across the street from SI. We expect the daily

deluge of student parking and traffic, but extending usage with the lights until 10 pm will definitely have a negative impact on all of our neighbors' quality of life. SI is lying when they state that there will be "no impact on parking and traffic" with this new project. Anyone with a brain will tell you that of course there will be an impact on parking and traffic, especially on game nights/events throughout the year.

Saint Ignatius' lighting project violates compliance point 2 and point 8 of the City's Master Plan policies:

That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

That our parks and open spaces and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development

The lighting of the field and night-time usage which will increase traffic, parking, noise, and light pollution will negatively impact and change the character of our neighborhood. The outer Sunset is mainly residential and quiet. This project does not comply with the character of our neighborhood. Our neighborhood (around the block of SI, West Sunset Fields, Ortega Park, and AP Giannini) has all the power lines and poles buried, leaving a unique and unobstructed view all the way across to the Marin Headlands! It's a rarity in the city and these proposed lights would definitely change that. We need to protect this unique character of our neighborhood.

Saint Ignatius currently rents out their field on the weekends and early evenings. SF Elite Academy soccer team, pee wee football, and adult league ultimate frisbee teams have used it on different occasions in the early evenings and weekends. SI says they do not "rent" it out, but perhaps they receive a donation instead. They are a private corporation and we have no access to their agreements. We have no way to hold them accountable!!! In essence, they operate a commercial enterprise as relates to their field and this will continue apace with lights. Our neighborhood is residential; we don't need a private night-time sports club operating until 10 pm every night! That will change the character of our neighborhood.

SI is private and benefits a small cadre of students who attend, many of whom do not even live in the city. We have no way to hold them accountable regarding the night-time use of their field. We have no way to hold them accountable for anything. We need you to hold them accountable and say no to this project! It is NOT in the public interest. This project is only in the (private) interests of SI and the resulting increase in traffic, noise, light pollution, and parking must be borne by the neighborhood.

So, I ask you, what exactly is the public benefit of 90 foot field lights on until 10pm 150 nights a year? Again, how is this project in keeping with the character of the neighborhood? How is SI being a good neighbor here?

This seems like a very good example of what is known as privatizing the benefits and socializing the costs. The upside is all SI's. There is no public good here. This project must not go forward. It is not in the public interest. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Una Fitzsimons  
2831 Rivera St.  
SF, CA 94116

My name is Vicki Tomola and I live in the Sunset District at 2135 39<sup>th</sup> Ave,

### Background

Saint Ignatius (S.I.) is planning to install permanent night time stadium lighting on their football field. These LED lights will rise 90 feet above the field which is located in our own residential neighborhood.

SI is proposing these stadium lights to be in use for over 150 nights a year and until 10 pm for most events.

Despite the current COVID-19 crises, Saint Ignatius has been able to move this project forward over the next few weeks because one of their stadium light towers will hold Verizon wireless antennas and during this crisis. Despite the fact that SI already has existing cell installations on their campus buildings.

During our current stay at home orders, SI is trying to sneak their giant stadium lighting project through the planning process quickly and with as little attention from neighbors and our city officials

SI is not acting in good faith or as good neighbors - trying to slip this through when no one is paying attention.

The project has been renamed as a Verizon only wireless project when it is actually a project to install 4 Permanent Stadium Lights on the SI football field with a disruptive impact on our neighborhood

If states can delay elections, if major events are cancelled, when people are dying, and we're all distracted - why is SI allowed to push this project through when it will have such huge effect on the neighborhood and neighbors.

SI is currently closed, has no sports activities for the foreseeable future - why the rush to install these stadium lights now?

Some of our neighbors are first responders and don't have time to pay attention to stadium lighting.

This project has no public value - it is for private SI usage only yet it will have a direct affect on the public - our neighborhood

It's not just about the equipment (lights & cell tower) It's about how the night activities will affect and disrupt our neighborhood evenings. Your attempt to disrupt our neighborhood without our voices heard continues to show your total disrespect for us. You have continued to take advantage, for 30+ years now, by not supplying any parking on your property for the overwhelming number of student drivers you have.

Many of us bought our homes with full awareness of SI having weekday/weekend activities during the DAY TIME- but to extend that into the evenings is new and unacceptable.

### The Meeting - Frustration

Saint Ignatius and Verizon had their SF Planning required meeting yesterday remotely by Zoom and phone in

They MUTED everyone but themselves and proceeded to present the project - lights and Verizon antenna.

Only a few of our questions to SI were answered and the rest ignored.

Tom Murphy from SI refused to answer the majority of our questions because they are "not applicable to the project"

The meeting was shut down by SI -- 20 minutes early without any of the neighbors ever taken off mute and without any discussion.

SI/Verizon should not be allowed to MUTE their neighbors in a meeting required by SF Planning

It appears that SI is taking advantage of the current virus and the need for remote meetings to mute their neighbors ability to ask questions and voice concerns.

They couldn't MUTE us in an actual in-person neighborhood meeting during normal times.

SI claims to be a good neighbor -- this meeting was not conducted by a good neighbor.

I am so outraged at this SI institution and how they think they can do whatever they please with no consideration for the residents of this neighborhood, this behavior by this institution has been like this for 30+ years now. We have had enough!!

This institution has yet to supply a parking lot/ structure to accommodate the overwhelming number of student drivers, most likely not even SF residents. The parking was never an issue when this school first opened.

Now you want to disrupt our neighborhood even more with night lighting shinning into our bedrooms and living rooms, noise and continued parking issues long past the end of the school day for almost half the year. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE!!!

Now this institution wants to place the residents and their children at risk to the possible exposure to electromagnetic waves from cell tower/antenna equipment. Our health, our children's health, young children playing sport nearby could be at risk. For who's benefit? For pure greed by two institutions, selfish SI and corporate Verizon, not at all about what is best for the community.

The City is supposed to be a democratic community, one that will listen and take to heart what the people want, what the people in this neighborhood want, what they and their children deserve to live in this community.

Longtime Resident,  
Vicki Tomola

## Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)

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**From:** 夏蓮徐 <xuxialian@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 10:25 PM  
**To:** Horn, Jeffrey (CPC)  
**Subject:** Oppose to Saint Ignatius stadium light project

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Dear Jeff,

My name is Xialian Xu, and I live in the Sunset District at 2123, 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, San Francisco.

Saint Ignatius (S.I.) is planning to install permanent night time stadium lighting on their football field. These LED lights will rise 90 feet above the field which is located in our own residential neighborhood.

One of the light poles will hold a 5G Verizon wireless antenna

SI is proposing these stadium lights to be in use for 200 nights a year and until 10 pm for many events.

It's not just about the equipment (lights & cell tower) It's about how the night activities will affect and disrupt our neighborhood evenings. Noise, traffic, difficulty to find a parking space in the neighborhood. This is a residential area but not a commercial area. We need to rest after a day's work and our kids need to go to sleep on time!

The majority of their proposed light use is for practices however SI already has a practice field with lights on 37th Ave

Saint Ignatius has been able to move this project ahead because one of their stadium light towers will hold a 5G Verizon wireless antenna which is considered an essential project during this crisis. SI already has cell installations on their campus buildings.

The SI stadium light project has been renamed as a Verizon wireless project when it is actually a project to install 4 Permanent Stadium Lights which will have a negative impact on our neighborhood evenings

This project has no public value - it is for private SI usage only -- yet it will have a direct affect on the public - our neighborhood

Many of us bought our homes with full awareness of SI having weekday/weekend activities during the day time - but to extend that into the evenings is new and unacceptable.

Please consider our voices----- We oppose to Saint Ignatius stadium light project!

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Xialian Xu

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**NEIGHBOR OPPOSITION LETTERS TO DISTRICT 4 SUPERVISOR  
2015**

August 24, 2015

RE: SI'S PLANNED PERMANENT LIGHTS ERECTION/INSTALLATION ON ITS ATHLETIC FIELD  
AT 39<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE AND RIVERA STREET

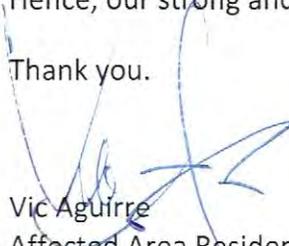
TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This letter is to register our strong opposition to the proposed erection by St. Ignatius Preparatory of a permanent lighting system on its athletic field at 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Rivera Street in San Francisco, CA 94116.

We honestly believe that its installation and operation would eventually cause harm to, and endanger the safety of, the nearby residents in this area with the noise, litter, parking problems, tremendous traffic and possible radiation exposures it could generate.

Hence, our strong and vehement opposition to this plan.

Thank you.



Vic Aguirre  
Affected Area Resident  
2183 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116

2179 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
8/24/15

District 4 Supervisor Katy Tang  
Saint Ignatius Principal, Patrick Ruff

Dear Supervisor Tang and Mr. Ruff:

As a 30-year resident of this neighborhood, I am writing to express my concerns about the plans that SI has for installing lighting for their ball fields and for the proposed construction and installation of taller cell towers.

I am strongly opposed to SI holding night games on their fields. Currently during the school day, there is a great deal of noise and traffic. It is difficult for the residents and our guests to find parking on our streets. I have asked students not to park in my driveway and have been told that they were late for school and that they weren't going to move their cars. There have been multiple accidents in the intersection by my house, caused by students or parents. I understand that many of your students commute from outside the city and that public transportation may not be the most efficient commute option. But during game time it is always much worse. Your students, their friends and families are often double and triple parked. Due to the parking issues, the 48 Quintara bus has had to be rerouted off 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue during games. Our driveways are blocked. This is bad enough during the day games. But to expect us to put up with this at night is unreasonable. It is a real problem for our quiet and safe neighborhood.

There are other issues that also arise during your games. The loudspeakers are very intrusive. It is easy to hear all announcements, even with my windows closed. It interferes with sleeping and with the quiet enjoyment of our homes. We do not broadcast during school hours while your students are in class. I would expect the same from any other good neighbor.

I am also very concerned about the proposed construction and installation of cell towers. I don't see these plans as doing anything to address the current problems in our neighborhood and will just exacerbate these issues.

We have families with small children who need to sleep, adults that need to go to work the next morning and seniors who shouldn't have to tolerate this disruption. We expect to be able to enjoy our evenings without the intrusion of lights, loudspeakers, traffic and we expect to be safe when we drive on our streets.

Thank you for your consideration.



Dr. Anne Marie Benfatto

TO: HONORABLE PATRICK RUFF. I AM IN A WHEELCHAIR

I would like to speak to the issue that the pedestrian around S I CP are NOT SAFE AND at times it is more dangerous than other times. Parents buy these RETRO MUSCLE CARS for their sons (sometimes daughters) - which are driven at an unsafe speed - they ignore the rights of pedestrians & break traffic code laws - they also park in residents' driveways (greater than 18") - parking sticker indicates they are SI students.

Please SIR RUFF - We are just working people here in the sunset district - We are not strong enough to fight these Rich people who have been slowly encroaching into our living areas. PLEASE HELP US

SINCERELY  
JAMES R. Clark USMC Ret.  
2194 40th AVE.  
S.F. 94116

Hi! I am not able to attend the Tuesday evening meetings, but I really would not like to see night field lights on at Saint Ignatius. I live right across the street and my 2 bedrooms face the field. Actually I would like more info on how long the lights would be on and how often. Parking is already an issue when there are games - Thanks,

Linda C. Delucchi

LINDA C. DELUCCHI, 2131-39th Ave,

415 297-8084

A. M. D. G.

To Whom it may Concern @  
Saint Ignace College Prep. High School

It has come to my attention that you will be installing lights and having night games at the ball field.

Enough is enough. This High School has stepped on the toes of this neighborhood since 1970. Parking is ridiculous around here.

The students required for the neighbors is not the way it should be for a Catholic High School. The constant amount of people between S.I. and the West Sunset playground both in noise and parking has gotten out of hand and you want to make it go into the evening now. So it will be from 8am to 8pm if you got your way. How would you as a S.I. resident like to live here.

I will stand in the way of this, and also push for neighborhood parking permits for property owners in the neighborhood if this goes thru.

Yours,  
D.F. Dooling Class of 1969.  
Ashamed at being a S.I. Alumni.  
And am glad to be from the old school where they were easy on the neighbors on Stanton St.

To: Supervisor Tang  
St. Ignacious Principal Ruff

From: Carole Gilbert  
2179 40<sup>th</sup> Ave.

I am writing this letter to you both in order to express my concern about your plan to install 90-foot lights on your playing field for the purpose of holding night games at your school.

I have lived in my home since 1984 and have experienced the growth of your school and how it has slowly encroached on our quiet family neighborhood.

Below are just some of the issues this neighborhood currently faces during daytime/weekend events:

1. Day time parking is taken up by your ever-increasing student population.
2. Your after school sports programs have continuously caused traffic issues. Students, parents and game attendees frequently double park.
3. Students stand in the middle of the street talking to friends in double-parked cars, which causes traffic problems and great safety issues.
4. During these times the 48 Quintara Muni bus is unable to make the turn onto 39 Avenue. They are forced to change their route and drive down 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue in order to continue serving the people of this neighborhood. This practice must stop because it is against Muni regulations to change their route.
5. People continuously block our driveways during these daytime games as well as during regular school hours.
6. There are no parking and traffic officers here to monitor these events.
7. Your loud speakers are extremely loud. I can hear every word as clear as if it were being said inside my house, which is 2 blocks away.

Once you start playing and practicing at night these issues will only multiply. We chose to live here because this is a neighborhood of quite single-family homes. We are families who work and have children. We

Hi Katy and Patrick,

I am representing the house of 2127 40<sup>th</sup> Ave and 2146 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. My family is living in 2146 and my father is living in 2127. My family and my father are **opposed** to build a permanent lights on the athletic field at Saint Ignatius School. The light will be too bright that would affect my family to fall asleep and it will create a lot of noise and parking problem. In addition, it will bring more stranger to my neighborhood at the night time which is not acceptable. I wish you will understand our concern and do not build a permanent lights in the athletic field.

Any further concern, please contact me at [Coral\\_ho@hotmail.com](mailto:Coral_ho@hotmail.com).



Coral Ho

25 August 2015

August 25, 2015

Re: Proposed lights at Saint Ignatius Athletic Field

To whom it may concern:

We have lived on 40th Ave, one block away from college prep school Saint Ignatius for our whole lives. For many school years, we have tolerated the loud students driving fast around our block, blocking our driveways because they were desperate to find parking, and stopping for unexpected students running across the street when school is out or in session.

We strongly oppose the addition of field lights for night games because we fear our neighborhood will get flooded with cars and littered after football games. We like to come home to easily find parking. We don't want our houses lit up from the bright lights of the games when we try to wind down from our busy days.

It may not be apparent to any SI faculty member or it might be, but these students are very careless and unapologetic to the way they are in our neighborhood. On several occasions, we've seen kids nearly hanging out of a car because their friends were driving them to their car parked on our block. In addition to being very dangerous, it is all disturbing the peace because they have their music blasting while driving up and down the streets. On another occasion, we noticed a team member changing outside of his car out in the open. I can't even begin to tell you the ongoing problem of blocking our driveways. It's endless and to open this up to our nights would just be a nightmare.

Our neighborhood community needs to be highly considered when thinking about installing proposed lights for night games. If you were living here, how would you feel? That's a question we propose to you. We chose to live here in the Sunset district for its quiet and pleasant atmosphere. Putting up the lights would destroy that feeling and put us in misery having to deal with weekly or nightly games and the flood of SI students and their families or friends parking in our neighborhood.

Regards,  
Hom Family  
2170 - 40th Avenue

8/31/2015

SUPERVISOR KATY TANG  
CITY HALL  
SAN FRANCISCO 94103

DEAR SUPERVISOR TANG,

FIRST I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS AND LISTENING TO THE CONCERNS OF THE RESIDENTS.

I DO HOWEVER WANT TO REITERATE THAT I HAVE SPOKEN WITH OVER 100 PEOPLE IN THE AREA ABOUT SAINT IGNATIUS' INTENTION TO LIGHT THEIR ATHLETIC FIELD. OF THAT 100 ONLY ONE FAVORED THE LIGHTS AND ONE OTHER DIDN'T CARE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION "WOULD YOU HELP US STOP S.I.'S EFFORTS", YOU RESPONDED THAT YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM SOME WHO WANT THE FIELD LIGHTED.

I'M CERTAIN THAT YOU ARE AWARE, THAT S.I. HAS ENORMOUS RESOURCES AVAILABLE FAR AND ABOVE WHAT THE AREA CITIZENS HAVE. S.I. HAS THE ABILITY TO GENERATE MANY CALLS, LETTERS AND E-MAILS FROM ALUMNI, PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO DO NOT LIVE NEAR 39 AVE & RIVERA AND

WOULD NOT WANT IT NEAR THEIR HOMES.

IF S.I. FAILS IN THEIR SCHEME THEIR SUPPORTERS WILL SHRUG IT OFF AS THEY HAVE GOTTEN ALONG WITHOUT FOR OVER 40 YEARS.

ON THE OTHER HAND IF S.I. SUCCEEDS THERE WILL BE ANGER AND ENMITY THAT WILL LAST FOR YEARS, THAT CANNOT BE HEALTHY FOR ANYONE.

IN ADDITION, IMAGINE ALL OF THE PROBLEMS OCCURRING AFTER DARK WHEN SOME PEOPLE HAVE HAD A COCKTAIL OR TWO. IF SOMETHING CAN HAPPEN - IT WILL.

IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT S.I. WILL WITHDRAW THEIR PLANS. IF NOT WE PRAY THAT WISER AUTHORITIES WILL STOP S.I. FROM IMPOSING CONDITIONS WHICH WILL SEVERELY DISRUPT THE EVENING FAMILY LIVES OF THEIR NEIGHBORS

IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO RECONCILE THE S.I. MOTTO A.M.D.G. LATIN FOR <sup>"FOR"</sup> "THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD" WITH WHAT S.I. WANTS TO DO TO THEIR NEIGHBORS.

SINCERELY  
Jack Allen

P.S. GOT YOUR VOICE MAIL THANKS

9/4/2014

SUPERVISOR TANG  
CITY HALL  
SAN FRANCISCO 94116

DEAR SUPERVISOR TANG,

I CONTINUE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT HAVING HEARD FROM SOME WHO WOULD LIKE THE SAINT IGNATIUS (S.I.) ATHLETIC FIELD LIGHTED FOR NIGHT PRACTICES AND GAMES,

THE POLICE ARE HIRED TO PROTECT ALL CITIZENS BUT WHEN ONE PERSON ATTACKS ANOTHER WE EXPECT THE POLICE TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE ONE BEING ATTACKED.

WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTY OF OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BALANCE THE CONFLICTING DESIRES OF THEIR CONSTITUENTS, BUT S.I. WILL NOT BE HARMED WITHOUT THE LIGHTS. ON THE OTHER HAND THE AREA RESIDENTS WILL SUFFER GREATLY FROM NOW ON IF S.I. IS PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR WAY.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT S.I.'S PLAN IS AN ATTACK ON THEIR NEIGHBORS,

WE HOPE FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY,  
Jack Allen

Nina & Jay Manzo  
3025 Quintara Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415-661-8583

August 24, 2015

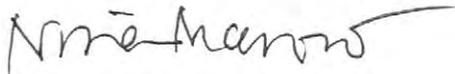
Re: Proposed Lighting at St. Ignatius Fields

To Whom it May Concern:

We are opposed to the proposed lighting plans at the St. Ignatius Fields and respectfully request that St. Ignatius abandon plans for field lighting. As a family with young children, my husband and I already experience much impact from the S.I. students on our street, in our front yard and driveway, particularly with the daily parking overload of students on Quintara Street during the school year.

We share the concerns of our neighbors about these lights and feel that they are very inappropriate and detrimental in many ways to this neighborhood and the families who live here.

Thank you,



Nina Manzo  
Architect AIA

Jay Manzo  
Architect AIA

Julia Kwan  
2139 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94116-1655  
(415) 412-4355

August 25, 2015

Supervisor Katy Tang  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Saint Ignatius High School ("SI") – Permanent Lights on Athletic Field

Dear Supervisor Katy Tang:

As a 23-years homeowner at 2139 - 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue, I strongly oppose Saint Ignatius' plan to erect permanent lights on their athletic field for purpose of having night games and practices because it would adversely affect the peace, traffic, parking, and lighting in our neighborhood.

After a long day of work, I always looked forward to going home to a quiet and peaceful neighborhood for the last 23 years. All these years, we like to open our vertical blinds and the windows at night to feel the nice breeze in the air as the children do their homework and study in the living room. Our family gathers in the kitchen to eat and relax together in the living room. Unfortunately, during the recent times when SI had their night games, the lights from their athletic field glared through our kitchen and living room windows. It became truly unbearable to stay in these two rooms because the lights shined into our house with such intensity. My family had to evacuate to our bedrooms, but we can still see the intensive glaring lights shining our entire living room from our beds. We ended up having to close our bedroom doors to escape the intensity of the lights. It is unfortunate and unfair that we have to tolerate this during SI's night games.

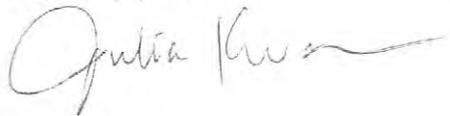
It is already bad enough that the students take up all the parking spaces on my block during the day time, now we will also be subject to parents/families taking up the parking spaces at night time if night games become a regular occurrence. This means we have to warn our own friends and families not to come visit us during SI night games. As homeowners paying property taxes to the City, why do we have to change our livelihoods to accommodate SI's desire to have night games? Such desire is not

mandatory to their livelihoods, but it would adversely affect many lives in our neighborhood. Our children would have to move into a different part of the house to escape the intensity of the lights and noises (if it's even possible) when they are doing their homework or studying for tests. Will we have to move into our bedrooms to eat dinner as well?

Lastly, the congested traffic during SI games at night had often promoted double-parking in front of the school as well as on Rivera Street (between 38<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue). I often had to go around cars when driving home during night games, not to mention having to be careful with all the jaywalkers who cross in the middle of this street to get to SI's athletic field.

Ms. Tang, please consider the livelihoods of the entire neighborhood and help us save the peace that is so precious to our lives.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Kwan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Very truly yours,".

Julia Kwan

Cc: Patrick Ruff, Principal of SI

August 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

I Betty Lew do not want the  
lights put in the neighborhood

Too much noise, Too bright.

I don't want the environmental hazards  
given with lights and construction.

Betty B Lew  
2190-40TH Ave.  
San Francisco CA  
94116

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

2178 40<sup>th</sup> Ave

San Francisco, CA 94116

To Supervisor Katy Tang and others whom it may concern:

My name is Donald Ruhrmund and I live at 2178 40<sup>th</sup> Ave. I and my wife, Dr. Kai Ng, have serious concerns about the proposed addition of lights to the St. Ignatius Athletics field at Rivera St. and 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. We could not attend the community meeting due to Dr. Ng working and I having to care for our young children during the meeting. Our concerns revolve around 1) noise pollution, 2) light pollution, 3) parking and traffic and 4) property values. As the parents of young children, age 2 and 6, whose bedtimes are at 7:30 and 8:30pm respectively, we do not welcome additional noise and light in the neighborhood after 8pm. This would be a significant hardship whenever a night event was held at the athletic fields, especially if they were more than one time per week. Regarding parking and traffic, this creates a situation where we are going to be frequently unable to utilize the street parking near our house when arriving home from work. This is a strictly residential neighborhood, and the influx of traffic cannot be considered an economic gain for the area, only a hardship on local residents. Creating protected parking for residents on the nearby streets during these events could alleviate this problem. However, metered or long term paid parking would not be a welcome solution for our neighborhood. Given the hardships being created for residents in terms of parking, noise and light, I think it is reasonable to assume that properties close to the school would see some decrease in value relative to other values in the neighborhood. I also would raise the point that no one living in the neighborhood gains benefit from the athletic field or lighting as these are private properties which are not available to those of us within the community, the benefit of this project rests solely with the private students of St Ignatius. Please consider these concerns and either block the project or find ways to minimize the hardships on residents impacted by St. Ignatius's proposed plans.

Sincerely,

Donald Ruhrmund



Dr. Kai Ng M.D.



**Response to the subject that St. Ignatius College Preparatory is planning to install permanent lights on their athletic field.**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned, submit this petition to the St. Ignatius College Preparatory to demonstrate our opposition to consideration of permanent lighting of their athletic Field.

5 years ago, when we planned to move, and might bought a house in San Francisco, we spend a lot of time to think where was a good/perfect place for us. We made a final decision that we bought a house here, out sunset, just because here is very safe, and quiet area with a real nice neighbors, surrounding with public library, playground, and schools. Although we are suffering from the noise, bad traffic and terrible parking, we love to be a residence here.

Now, St. Ignatius College Preparatory is planning to install permanent lights on their athletic field. Permanent lighting on a sports field in such a dense residential area strikes at the distinctive character, and has a deleterious effect on the nature of our community and threaten the very qualities that attract so many to the library and to the west sunset playground. Moreover, the installation of lights will have an immitigable effect on the quality of life for the neighborhood, which already suffers from increased noise, light, and traffic pollution resulting from the use of the athletic Field. Finally, and most important one is the safety. The reckless teenager driver always put our kids into a very dangerous situation. This will be getting worse during the game night.

For these reasons, we, the undersigned, express our opposition to the consideration of permanent lighting and ask the S.I. to end the subject in this regard.

Yulei Shang  
Xialian Xu  
Liyah Shang  
Leon Shang

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a cursive script that appears to read 'Yulei Shang'. The second signature is also in cursive and appears to read 'Xialian Xu'. Both signatures are written over a white background.

2123 40<sup>th</sup> ave

Teo Manzo  
3025 Quintara Street  
San Francisco, CA 94116  
415-661-8583

August 24, 2015

Re: Proposed Lighting at St. Ignatius Fields

To Whom it May Concern:

I am against the lighting plan for the fields because I think it is bad for the environment, the birds, and electricity consumption.

Thank you,

Teo Manzo

Teo Manzo  
Student  
Age 10

To S.I. Hierarchy

I am Vicki Tomola living on 39<sup>th</sup> Ave at 2135 directly across from the football field and stadium and have been here since it was the sand lot across the street.

I am STRONGLY AGAINST any nighttime/evening games, practices including nighttime lighting and NOISE.

STJ school does not have the right to impact the neighboring people's lives in their homes with extremely loud noise, lighting and parking issues past the end of the school day into the evening and night.

You are really pushing the point and over stepping your bounds.

This is extremely inconsiderate of the STJ school to plan to disrupt and disturb the people living in the homes located near the school, especially those living along 39<sup>th</sup> Ave and Rivera Street, directly across from the field and stadium.

Any attempt on your part to continue these plans, indicates how truly disrespectful you are and that you do not care about others. You are only focused on STJ, power and greed, not caring about disrupting other people's lives.

(over)

Dear principal:

I am a 88 years old lady. I can hardly sleep at night. The night and the noise make it worse. please stop your night game and let me live a healthy and happy life for the last few years.

Thank you

Cecilia Wong

2101- 39th Ave.

**ATTACHMENT 5**

**SINA ONLINE PETITION OPPOSITION COMMENTS  
2020**

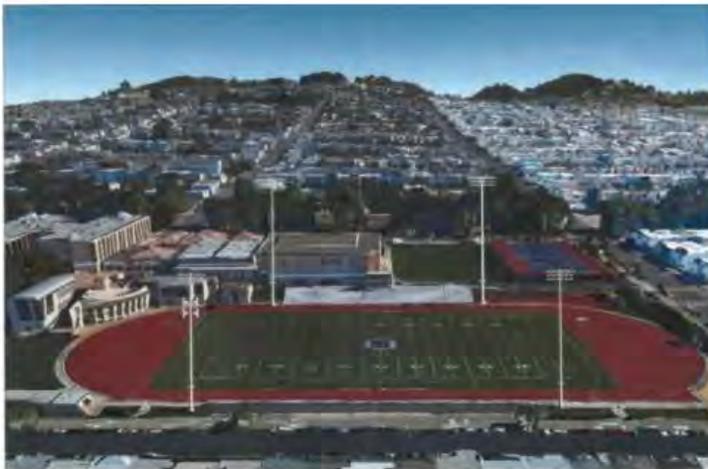
## NO To Saint Ignatius Permanent Stadium Lights

230 signers. [Add your name now!](#) 



Deborah Brown

91 Comments



We the neighbors of Saint Ignatius College Preparatory, strongly oppose the installation of four permanent, 90ft tall, football field stadium lights. These lights are proposed to be in use potentially 200 nights a year and often until 9-10 pm. They will be used to host night time games, practices, and a number of other sports activities. In addition, one of the light poles will hold 5G Verizon wireless equipment.

These permanent lights will bring unprecedented nighttime noise, traffic, parking congestion, litter, and pre-post game celebrations to our quiet residential neighborhood -- bringing an end to quiet evenings in our own homes. No more quiet family dinners, watching TV in our own living rooms, or being able to put our children to bed early. Not to mention, the eyesore of 90ft poles towering over our neighborhood 24/7.

We urge the SF Planning Commission to deny this permit and insist Saint Ignatius (like other SF High Schools) continue their sports programs during daylight hours.

To join our the Saint Ignatius Neighborhood Association -- send an email to [sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com](mailto:sisunsetneighbors@hotmail.com)

Benja Jul 24, 2020

No lights

Anonymous Jul 21, 2020

We live in this neighborhood for the peace and quiet. I'm completely supportive of SI Prep school, but do not support bright stadium lights and noise at night on a regular basis. Please find another venue to host regular sports events in this manner. We need our peace and quiet time. Thank you for your consideration.

Erica Zweig Jul 21, 2020

There is no community benefit with these lights and huge disturbance to neighbors. SI claims to be "good neighbor" NOT!!

Annie Chow Jul 18, 2020

SI must provide more onsite parking. No cell tower!

Katherine Cuellar Jul 16, 2020

No lights! No cell tower!

Maneesh Bhide Jul 15, 2020

I WANT to support this project, however there are four things SI would have to commit to, in writing, for me to support this project:

- 1) Light pollution mitigation: SI must use focused, directed lights to minimize light pollution as much as possible
- 2) Trash: SI must articulate and commit to a plan to reduce the amount of trash brought out of SI, and into the surrounding neighborhood.
- 3) Parking: SI must provide more onsite parking for attendees, to support increased usage at night, when residents are most likely to desire parking as well.
- 4) neighborhood support: SI must provide some sort of access to the track and tennis courts for neighbors, during non school/event hours (USF does something similar).

Julie and Rob Almeida Jun 10, 2020

We are against the proposed stadium lighting. We currently have a lovely view from our house, and we do not want to look out at a monstrosity of stadium lighting, especially late into the evening. Home is a place to relax- not be bothered by massive lights shining in your windows when you are trying to sleep, or relax. Not only are they an eyesore, they will increase traffic, noise, pollution to mention a few. Homeowners don't want to park blocks from their house because there is an additional huge influx of cars coming directly into this neighborhood. There is already an issue with SI related cars parking outside of our homes during the day. There is an overwhelming consensus among people who live here - and that is - we don't want the lights or the 5G.

Jeffrey R Crowley Jun 10, 2020

No to lights on private property. Lights completely ruined South Sunset soccer field.

Adlai Manzo Jun 09, 2020

NO

Jay Manzo

Jun 08, 2020

I strongly oppose this project:

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1) Speaking as an architect, this project is completely out of scale with the surrounding residential neighborhood and will be an eyesore. It does a disservice to the community and city by imposing such out of scale and inappropriate structures. 2) It does not serve the community or neighborhood. SI is a private school and the lights will be on to 10pm degrading the public environment with light pollution 200 nights a week. 3) Night games will only bring more traffic and noise and pollution to a residential area seriously degrading our neighborhood peace and health. 4) Light pollution will further degrade our ability to see and appreciate the stars in this area of the city which is known for having darker skies.

Kevin Johnson

Jun 08, 2020

I live on 35th Ave and I am in opposition of this project

2 | 

Lindsay Johnson

Jun 08, 2020

I oppose

2 | 

Melinda

Jun 07, 2020

No to this lighting and NO to 5g. This is going to change the neighborhood in ways that are detrimental to the bird and animal populations and to the humans too. 5g is proven to be a very bad idea and will harm for generations to come

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Michael Bourne

Jun 07, 2020

No lights! No cell tower!

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Michael Murphy

Jun 07, 2020

This project is of no benefit to the community.

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Anonymous

Jun 06, 2020

I strongly oppose this.

1 | 

Anonymous

Jun 06, 2020

I can't believe the level of corruption we have in the city to allow such a project that only hurt the community. I am so upset that our representatives and the people who is in charge of the planificación is the city, have gone ahead with this project. In addition to hurt enormously our environment that include light contamination, birds migration and local wildlife, this project will bring only problems to our neighborhood. We don't need more games, more people arriving in big quantities to fill up our streets, more noise, more cars, more violence. Our children are able to walk to the park safely now and that will be imposible with this project.

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Alex

Jun 06, 2020

I agree not to put up the lights, at the school normal days sometimes the students car block my drive way and at game days even worse, people from outside leave trash, drive by make loud noise, terrifies our quiet neighbors

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Robert Lagomarsino

Jun 06, 2020

My family has owned our 39th Ave home since 1948. We live literally across the street from the football field & one of the proposed 90' light towers. Growing up, this residential neighborhood was so quiet & peaceful (with a sandlot across the street). Then SI opened up in 1969. For over 50 years my neighborhood has tried to coexist with the school. Parking has always been an issue when school is in session. Congestion, noise & trash from time to time. These issues will only be magnified with evening usage of the football field & the massive light towers. SI sent a postcard to the neighbors showing that the proposed lights will be used 200 nights per school year. This would be a major disruption to the peace & quiet of our family oriented Sunset neighborhood. Another issue that no one I think has brought up is our property values. Will they be adversely affected by these issues of increased noise, no parking, more congestion, light pollution? Home buyers might reconsider in our neighborhood thus driving down market values. It's something to think about. Bottom line is that I'm opposed to this project.

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Jack Allen

Jun 05, 2020

No lights at SI please

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Louise Jonas

Jun 05, 2020

I oppose thinking the demands on high school students are high enough already. More light pollution is also undesirable.

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Mary Jones

Jun 05, 2020

Too tall!!! Too bright!!!

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Anonymous

Jun 05, 2020

We don't want anymore light pollution. The lights at the soccer fields in GG Park are bad enough. Doesn't anybody like to look at the stars anymore?

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Anonymous

Jun 05, 2020

No to lights at SI

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Larry Yee

Jun 04, 2020

I feel that the lights being up until 10pm for "practices" only encourages the students to stay up later, when they should be at home doing homework.

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Lauren Carara

Jun 04, 2020

Not necessary!

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Maria Vengerova

Jun 04, 2020

Bright light, 5G, mass sport events, and disturbing noise are incompatible with the uniqueness of our residential neighborhood that is so close to the nature and wildlife, and is a home to the hard-working people, hard-working homeowners and renters. We deserve peace and respect.

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Anonymous

Jun 04, 2020

NO Thank you! I am extremely surprised and disappointed that St. Ignatius would be so dismissive of the community the school resides within. I can not understand how a Catholic school can be so uncaring. It The extra pollutants from the noise, bright lights and traffic are the opposite of Cura Personalis, care for the whole person. How does this action teach the young people attending the school the important Jesuit Values?

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Ellen Scanlan

Jun 04, 2020

Light pollution is a global problem.

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Daniel Dooling

Jun 04, 2020

Please listen, consider and join with the people of the neighborhood and do what is right for the residents of this community.

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Vicki Tomola

Jun 04, 2020

Please listen & truly consider what the people living in this neighborhood are saying, their concerns, how their lives, homelife, their health and childrens health from exposure to electromagnetic waves, will be affected by this SELFISH SI institution that has never shown any form of respect for the the people living in this community, past and present.

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I remember a sand lot,

I remember when the students didn't take over all the parking ( & why hasn't the city made the school supply a parking lot)

This institution has been poisoning the neighborhood for 30+ years

If this is truly a democratic city than the people living in this community have a powerful say in what is best for thier neighborhood.

lei zhu

Jun 04, 2020

NO!

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Joy Chan

Jun 04, 2020

We object the lights and cell tower. Several comments on SI's May 27 letter - they stated "night games/practices are not intended to intensify the use of the lower field." How can they guarantee they will not use the field more? When they have the lighted field, they will plan even more games, events, and allow use by their affiliates. Also SI stated " the addition of lights is not to expand the use of the main field but shift the existing uses to later times, meaning night times. Isn't that even worse? We do not want lights brighten up the skyline and noise disrupting our neighborhood at night. In additional, SI stated " it will benefit the neighborhood by holding games on Friday nights instead of Saturday afternoon. We cannot understand how this can be a benefit, we do not want to come home after a long day of work and still need to find parking, hear all the noise and experience the light pollution disrupting our restful night. Moreover, SI stated "there will not be an expansion of any noise associated with practices and games", we do not see that possible, with night time games, noise will be more apparent than during the day, and they are going to have a new sound system too!. Lastly, SI tried to compare the game capacity with the number of people on campus for a typical school day, that is totally two different points. Not all students drive to school and during games, families, friends and relatives, mostly will drive, even if carpool, imagine 2000 attendees equal to 500+ cars in this quiet residential neighborhood, will it be quiet and peaceful as it should be? We doubt. With all of these comments, we continue to strongly oppose this project!

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Mari Ho

Jun 04, 2020

I am a regular at this spot for the last 12 yrs and deeply concern about those bright lights, not eco friendly to the animals, ie: birds, people, pets. I know noise, traffic and light are polutions that we don't need in a residential neighborhood. I'm a gardener and I think those lights will throw off the life-cycles of my plants. If my flowers don't flower and my fruits don't fruit what will I do????

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Stanley Chan

Jun 04, 2020

No lights = minimal night games = peaceful and quiet neighborhood. There is no misconception of the project, there should be a new traffic and parking studies. The additional lights shifts the use of main field to later times in the day/week, so how does it not affect parking/traffic? Do not get deceived by SI's letter.

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Teo Manzo

Jun 04, 2020

I don't want Any Lights and having to deal with night games



Anonymous

Jun 04, 2020

No 5G in this neighborhood please!  
Certainly this magnitude of lighting is not necessary!  
Please reconsider! THANK YOU@



Anonymous

Jun 04, 2020

The number of nights of proposed use is 150 and the use of the lights is being requested until 10 pm.  
Please ask yourself if you would want this across the street from your home. No permanent lighting should be approved.



Mike Foti

Jun 04, 2020

NO lights please.



Donna Bruno

Jun 04, 2020

These light stands are MUCH too tall. The number of proposed nighttime events is far too many. No to this project!!



Roger Wong

Jun 04, 2020

Nightly disruption of the residential neighborhood families and sleeping patterns is not worth playing ball that late.



David Ferguson

Jun 03, 2020

These light will infringe on people's peace and enjoyment.



Jan Rhoades

Jun 03, 2020

No to stadium lights.



Cecily Ina-Lee

Jun 03, 2020

NO STADIUM LIGHTS!!!



Patrick Schlemmer

Jun 03, 2020

I do not want these bright lights in my neighborhood.



Jerry Woo

Jun 03, 2020

No stadium lights in residential area.



Duncan Lee

Jun 03, 2020

At the end of a hard day of work all we want is A little precious time with family in the evening whether it's helping your kids with homework or getting dinner ready!



Isabelle Hurtubise

Jun 03, 2020

One of these 90 foot light poles will be directly in front of my bedroom window. The light will be a huge disruption to our evenings - dinnertime, homework and bedtime. I am even more concerned about the additional noise, traffic and litter from nighttime crowds in our quiet residential neighborhood. It is challenging enough getting little ones to bed on time. In addition, our four year old often plays ball or rides his bike across the street before bedtime, and he could not do this with the evening crowds. These enormous lights would significantly reduce our everyday quality of life. Please deny the permit or, at a minimum, order SI to publish a sufficiently detailed plan so we can ensure mitigation of the detrimental impact on our quiet residential neighborhood.

Natalie Tam

Jun 03, 2020

We should respect the neighbors

John Rueppel

Jun 03, 2020

I support keeping this neighborhood in its current state, without giant towers blocking everyone's view and drowning out the stars at night.

Anonymous

Jun 03, 2020

No Lights Please!!! Share....

Adlai Manzo

Jun 03, 2020

I think the lights should not be put on SI. I think this because the lights poles would be visible at almost everywhere. One piece of evidence is that my mom showed me drawing of where the lights poles would be. The shining area is just about everywhere. This is important because people trying to sleep would have light in their rooms, even at night, which would be very annoying to old people and when i'm on my roof deck looking thru our telescopes the light would be very annoying. Another piece of evidence is there is also going to be a 5g tower, too. This is important because 5g is might not be safe and may cause various diseases. Therefore my caim is correct because the lights would be just about everywhere and the 5g tower could pose a possible risk to cancer.

This comment was written by APG student Adlai Manzo.  
If you wish to reply, go to [Admanzo@s.sfusd.edu](mailto:Admanzo@s.sfusd.edu)

Steven Struck

Jun 03, 2020

The addition of the stadium lights will be a disruption families along with unwanted noises. This only benefits SI, not families in the community.

Shirley Recipon

Jun 03, 2020

I ask SI to consider the example of citizenship, compromise and community they are setting for their students as they fail to consider the impact of their actions on the neighborhood community at large.

Anonymous

Jun 03, 2020

I strongly oppose the installation of four permanent stadium lights!!

Brian McBride

Jun 03, 2020

The light are much too tall, lights are too bright st night, and cell signals are .uch too I intrusive to the neighborhood. Also, neighbors should be allowed use of the field. Parking on the surrounding streets will be impacted I to evening hours,as well.

No thank you

Meredith Kurpius

Jun 03, 2020

SI has continues to increase its negative impact on the community and at the same time contends it provides a benefit. We used to use the pool, which was allowed based on community benefit but SI has revoked almost all access. The Planning Commission should specifically ask SI to articulate what the benefit to the community would be, especially given such a big impact.

Michele Willson

Jun 03, 2020

The negative impact on our family oriented neighborhood would be too great! NO 5G. No Lights.

Peter A Koch

Jun 03, 2020

Thanks

Kellyx Nelson

Jun 03, 2020

Planning Commissioners, please authentically hear our concerns. I have never opposed a project in this neighborhood until now. We are deeply concerned about the impacts of these lights to our community. Please do not allow this intensified use and these structures that are obscenely out of scale for our residential neighborhood. Thank you.

Shirley Yee

Jun 02, 2020

The addition of the stadium lights will be a disruption to our home life. Extending practice into the night is an expansion of the use of the field. The noise at night will be a distraction for our family. This project only benefits SI.

Jim Kurpius

Jun 02, 2020

90ft light towers in the neighborhood, 150+ nights a year, til 10pm? S.I. has no respect for the community.

Lori Ziemba

Jun 02, 2020

NO 5G, NO lights!

Lance Mellon

Jun 02, 2020

This is harmful to the environment. The fields have operated fine without artificial lights for years and can do so going forward without this.

Dolores Joblon

Jun 02, 2020

This will further disrupt a quiet neighborhood and change its character to to an ongoing carnival! Please prevent this from happening!

Gautam Shah

Jun 02, 2020

This effort is fraudulent, disingenuous, and not cognizant of impact to residents adjacent to and in the vicinity of the SI property. Calling the installation of these 90 foot lights, which would be disruptive to all the neighbors around for a significant radius, calling them "essential infrastructure" is simply a ploy to get these lights installed without the consent of the neighbors. I strongly urge the SF planning commission to deny this permit until the proper environmental impact report and voices of the community are heard.

Nina Manzo

Jun 01, 2020

There is nothing about the S.I. project that benefits the residents of our neighborhood. But so much about the project has a negative impact on our quality of life in our homes. I am opposed to the use of these lights which will bring more noise, congestion, and light pollution to the neighborhood in the evenings, which is the one remaining window of time there is a respite here, near the school and public fields. Planning Commissioners, please do not allow this intensified use and these huge structures which are both out-of-scale for our residential neighborhood! Thank you

Janny Lee

Jun 01, 2020

Unwanted disruption. Many non-speaking English long time residents are opposed to these lights as well and do not know how to voice their concerns. Don't interfere with the residents who actually live here.

Anne Marie Benfatto

May 31, 2020

The obvious lack of regard for the residents of our neighborhood by SI is shameful.

Carole Gilbert

May 31, 2020

We don't want or need these 90" high lights. The games only cause disruption to our neighborhood. Cars double parked, blocking driveways, loud speaker announcing and crowds making a lot of noise and leaving garbage around our neighborhood. St Ignatius high school says they are good neighbors but this shows no consideration of us at all.

Mary Shea

May 30, 2020

SI knew this is a residential neighborhood when they bought the property & built the new school.

Winifred Bamberg

May 30, 2020

This change will have a huge effect on the neighborhood and needs to have community input and negotiation. The games must wait until SIP is over and so must this permit.

Katherine Howard

May 30, 2020

There is already too much night-time lighting in SF. Night-time lighting is damaging to both people and wildlife.

Shirley Xu

May 29, 2020

NO To Saint Ignatius Permanent Stadium Lights !  
Each day after I come home from a day's work, we need a clean, quite and peaceful neighborhood! I need parking spot too!

Garrick Wong

May 29, 2020

They have not and do not have any control over the their students.

Erin Tyson Poh

May 28, 2020

Do not allow this action to be rammed through without community input! Using the SIP to push through an unpopular project is unconscionable.

Jensen Wong

May 28, 2020

NO To Saint Ignatius Permanent Stadium Lights

Allen Malmquist

May 28, 2020

Saint Ignatius College Preparatory, in trying to push through their long-objeced-to nighttime field use plans at a time when people are struggling with the deadly Covid-19 pandemic and its upheaval of our society and way of life, reveals more than ever the selfishness and callousness of this supposedly Christian organization, and their total disregard for people outside their realm of fiscal endeavors, their total lack of concern and care for their neighbors with whom they share one quiet corner of the Sunset District.

My family lived here long before the Jesuits built their school, in this suburb-within-the-city, this simple residential neighborhood, a peaceful place for family life. We've adapted over the years to having this high school less than a block away, with the associated issues of such, from students smoking in doorways to an exasperated parking problem, since many of SI's students drive themselves to school. Change happens. But giant lights and nighttime activities more than every other day of the year is a step too far. Giant poles towering over anything else as far as the eye can see, light pollution glaring right into living- and bedrooms. The congestion, noise, traffic, litter, at an evening time when people are trying to gather for a family dinner, relax, read, watch tv, when they are trying to go to sleep, this is not neighborly, this is not right. There is no buffer to SI's field, like there is with other night-use spaces in the city, such as in Golden Gate Park. SI's football field is literally right across the street from people's homes. Such is not the place for massive illumination and late-night outdoor events. Like we have, SI must learn to adapt, to live within the scope of its environment. To Love Thy Neighbor.

Mafias gruffis

May 28, 2020

Not only they poison us with the staunch chemical smell from their artificial turf, but now they want to disturb us more with light pollution and noise pollution

Ernest Lim and Barbara Lim

May 28, 2020

"WE DO NOT WANT THE PERMANENT STADIUM LIGHTS, PERIOD"!!!

Edmund Lim and Nellie Lew-Lim

May 28, 2020

These PERMANENT STADIUM LIGHTS is going to ruin the QUIET SUNSET NEIGHBORHOOD! The Noises, Traffics, Parking, Litters, Urine, the Bright Glaring Lights! The peoples hanging out after and before the Games! S.I. doesn't care about the Sunset Neighborhood! All they care about is S.I. making money in renting out the Football Field!!! Now they're using the Verizon Cell Tower excuse to get the Permanent Lightnings!  
BOTTOM LINE IS "WE DO NOT WANT THE PERMANENT STADIUM LIGHTS"!!!

David K Little

May 28, 2020

I am opposed to the installation of lighting on the SI field.  
In case of a major seismic event, 90' poles may fall, easily spanning the street, and cause damage to private homes & vehicles, and/or physical harm to residents.  
Where is the environmental report? 30 foot deep foundation construction for the poles can cause ground shifting that undermines home foundations, disrupts ground water flow (there is a well at 40th/Quintara), and interferes with underground water pipes, gas lines, and phone and electrical wiring. Increased noise and light will disrupt home life and increased traffic will add to pollution both in the air and in water runoff on the streets.  
There is no educational value to this project. It only serves the financial wants of the school. There are no benefits or considerations for the residents and neighborhood. Please stop the light project.

Timothy Brey

May 28, 2020

This project would be extremely disruptive to the character of the neighborhood with lights on until 10 pm, increased parking and noise. All of this would only benefit a small minority for private use at the expense of the public. Not a public benefit!

Anita Malmquist

May 28, 2020

As an older senior who is a 64 year-resident home-owner near the perimeter of the St Ignatius football field, I am strongly opposed to the installation & use of field lighting. Our family home will go to my adult children upon my passing; I want their inheritance to be similar to the environment and atmosphere they experienced growing up. As it is now, my family cannot park near our home from around 7:30AM - near 6PM every day that SI is in session because students take up all the neighborhood parking. The same is true for weekend field use times, various evening & weekend SI events, and extends until after 10pm when the field has been used at night with temporary lighting.

From experience with SI use of their facilities at night, sound from the games & field disrupts conversations, TV watching, and more not only inside our home, but into our backyard. Litter (including beer cans, tobacco products, food & wrappers, and even urine) is left on our street and in our doorway by field activity participants. Even with shades plus curtains, light from the field and cars illuminates the interior of my home.

Please: NO LIGHTS or night use of the SI field. Thank you.

James Yee

May 28, 2020

We also have concerns about SI setting school hours later with school ending at 9:00PM and 400+ cars not leaving our neighborhood. Where are we to park?

Denise Malmquist-Little

May 28, 2020

This is not an area like Beach Chalet or Kezar Stadium. St Ignatius chose to build their campus in the middle of a vast, well established residential area. This is a family neighborhood with residents including new borns through 90+ year olds. Family homes are passed generation to generation. The residents of our neighborhood deserve quiet evenings, parking availability, safe streets, and clean sidewalks. The night use of the SI field will destroy all of those aspects of our homes - that has been proven by the nights SI has held events under rental lights on their field. Other schools manage their sports programs for both boys and girls in daylight hours after school and on weekends. As home owners within about 200 feet of the SI field, we strongly oppose the installation of lights and excessive night use of that field.

Matt Ciganek

May 27, 2020

This project is clearly against the wishes of the surrounding neighborhood.

Priscilla Fong

May 27, 2020

We live across the street on 41st and Quintara. When there are games, there is excessive congestion and noise in the neighborhood. Cars are already blocking part of my driveway! For this reason, I am against installing permanent stadium lights at the school.

-Priscilla Fong

Allison Harrington

May 27, 2020

I would like to add that my family is not able to park in our neighborhood on Saturdays and Sundays, as it is. We don't want the towers because we won't have a place to park after a long day during the week. That is not fair. I am a teacher who knows that extra-curricular events are a part of growing up, but to the expense of a whole neighborhood is not a way to be a good neighbor.

James R Clark

May 27, 2020

I think it is a travesty of Justice that S. I. intends to "sneak" through a building project during this pandemic crisis. This speaks volumes to S I 's Character. Sincerely, James R. Clark 2194 40th Avenue, S. F. CA 94116.

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