



SI Neighborhood Association

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

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For the record: File No. 201275

[Adoption of Findings Related to Conditional Use Authorization - 2001-37th Avenue].

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The SI Neighborhood Association would like to thank our Representative Mar for the modified conditions and his efforts to lessen the impact of the permanent stadium lights for the neighbors around Saint Ignatius.

However, as Representative Mar said during the last BOS meeting -- the SI Stadium lights project is still "*unduly detrimental*" to the neighborhood. These modified conditions don't change that – and never will.

Supervisor Mar's revisions to the Conditions of Approval unfortunately do not address the significant negative aesthetic impact of this project. These (4) 90' tall poles, each with a 16' wide and 5' high array of high-intensity LED lights, will be a visual blight on our neighborhood. These enormous structures are grossly out of scale in this 40' height district. They exceed the Planning Code's size limitations and are not desirable for, or compatible with, our residential use. They do not respect the scale of development in this district, as is required for a Conditional Use Authorization.

The intent of the Planning Code to protect the aesthetics of residential areas and insure that new structures are appropriately scaled for the surrounding context has not been respected in this project. Rather than improving the aesthetics of the Outer Sunset, like many recent successful public projects have out here, this project -- for private benefit only -- will greatly deface our neighborhood permanently.

Enforcement remains a concern for SI's Neighbors.

These new conditions call for SI to develop a reporting mechanism – and for SI to provide reports of light usage. While this is a good plan, importantly, there is no counter balance –no way to make sure the use of the Stadium Lights --- including the timing and levels of brightness follow and stay true to Representative Mar's modified conditions.

We also wish to remind the Board of Supervisors and SF Planning that the modified conditions require Saint Ignatius to submit a specific exterior lighting plan before approval of the stadium lights permit application. As of this date, this plan has yet to be issued, so approval of the permit should not proceed.

Thank you for your time and efforts on our behalf

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