

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Cameron [hyperhobo@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 12:13 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

Please vote to let La Salle High School have lights on the football field. The students only want what other schools have, the ability to have football games, soccer and track at home.

Very few neighbors will be effected by the lights. Most won't even know they are there. After all, it's four light poles. Nobody's view is going to be ruined. Nobody's quality of life is going to be changed, even a little. No one will be harmed and the students of La Salle will get to play sports like everyone else, and they will get to see that the city they live in cares about them and their education and their school.

La Salle students are hard working, respectful and a real asset to Pasadena. These are the kids who are going to college, coming back and building families in our city. We need you to support them.

Please vote yes on the lights and show everyone that you can support the children of our community and their schools.

Carmen Love
Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Katie Malone [katiegmalone@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2006 4:16 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

Please vote to allow La Salle High School to put lights on the athletic field. The students at La Salle are the best Pasadena has to offer. They deserve to have an athletic program to match the academic program at La Salle.

When you look at everything La Salle and its students do for our community, you realize these students should be rewarded. La Salle students tutor children in PUSD public schools. La Salle faculty and students organize a safe Halloween event at the school for families from Five Acres and Hillside so the most needy in our community can have the same experience as their more affluent peers. (This includes feeding all those who come dinner, trick-or-treating, and fun and games for the children and families.) La Salle students and their teachers give of themselves to make Pasadena better. Over the past five years, four La Salle girls have even been members of the Rose Court, two were Rose Queen. They deserve to have lights on the athletic field.

Just because some neighbors with a grudge want to stop La Salle from improving the school for the students doesn't give anyone the right to stop this project.

The neighbors are lying, anyway. There will be no negative impact to anyone as a result of La Salle installing lights for their playing field. (Your own report, the one the Zoning Board ignored, said as much when your staff and a hearing officer allowed La Salle to put in the lights.)

Of course, there will be one impact: the positive impact for the school and the students.

Vote for La Salle and the students.

Katherine Gannon Malone
Pasadena

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Karin Markovitz [kmpolski@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 11:37 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a neighbor of La Salle High School.

I fully support giving the students at La Salle the opportunity to take part in positive sports activities on Friday nights and other nights during the winter. These are young people about whom Pasadena should be most proud. They go to college. La Salle graduates work, own businesses and raise families in Pasadena. They contribute positively to our community in many ways. One place they learn appropriate behavior and positive interaction with others in on the sports field.

Denying La Salle lights would tell these young people that their city doesn't care about them, their families or their future. It's time Pasadena stood up for the institutions that contribute so much to our community. How many of you have children in private school? How many of the city workers have children in private school?

How would you feel if your children were treated by their schools the way our city has been treating schools like La Salle?

Please vote in favor of La Salle High School and the other private schools in Pasadena, when they come before you. All our children deserve your support..

Thank you,

Karin Markovitz
Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Patricia McLaughlin [pattymom101@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2006 11:58 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I want the Mayor and City Council to vote to allow La Salle High School to install lights on their athletic field. This is important to the students at La Salle. They deserve the same experience and opportunity other Pasadena young people have, including Friday night football, playing soccer in front of their school and classmates and having track meets at home. Being able to play sports and athletics make for well-rounded students.

The people complaining are not interested in the well-being of our students and young people. Don't listen to their arguments, they only want to stop La Salle. Most of what they are saying is not true, anyway. How many neighbors will actually see the light poles La Salle wants to install? Three, maybe four at the most. How many yards will be brighter on Friday nights? Not one. How much more traffic will there be in the neighborhoods around La Salle? None. People attending football games park at the churches next door to La Salle, not in the neighborhoods.

So what's the complaint? One of the best schools in Pasadena wants to make a change and a person with an axe to grind against La Salle has organized a handful of neighbors to complain. The City of Pasadena staff and an impartial hearing judge said the lights would be good for La Salle and have no bad side-effects for the neighbors. The Board of Zoning Appeals, not experts but ordinary citizens, were wrong to listen to the complainers, most who aren't even La Salle neighbors and ignore the facts.

I want to City Council and the Mayor to allow La Salle students to have the lights. No one will be harmed by these four light poles and the students will get a great benefit.

Patricia McLaughlin
3143 La Tierra St.
Pasadena

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: David McMonigle [david@mcmonigle.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 12:07 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School light standards

Bill Bogaard and the City Council of Pasadena
117 E. colorado Blvd
Pasadena, CA 91105

Dear Bill and the City Council,

La Salle High School has been in and through the application process to add light standards for over a year. It is unfortunate that today's bureaucratic process takes so long for such simple tasks. In addition, this process could have been shortened had the planning commission accepted the City of Pasadena staff and hearing officer's approvals. The board of zoning appeals was acting beyond their bounds when they struck down the previous decision to allow the lights.

La Salle High School is interested in being a good responsible neighbor. La Salle would host a minimum of events at night until 10p.m. In addition, the boys and girls soccer team and track team would end their meets by 7:00 in the evenings.

While there are obviously people that oppose the light standards, there are people and residents of the city that favor the light standards, and the enrichment to the students and the community. Those people that favor the light standards are as politically motivated as the opponents. You will find that the numbers of people in favor far out weigh those against.

La Salle High School is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year. I would guess, that the High School has been around far longer than any of the individuals in the community that are complaining. La Salle has been enriching the community and the lives of it's students for half a century, and it would serve the City Council of Pasadena well to honor La Salle and what it stands for, with a positive vote on October 16th.

As members of the Pasadena School District we are very interested in the outcome of your vote. We live less than three blocks from the school and are very irritated at the length of time and inconsistent attitudes from those individuals that would turn this request into a politically motivated result.

Respectfully Submitted,
David and Wendy McMonigle

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Walt M [wm1234@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 9:09 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle high School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I am a close neighbor to La Salle High School. In the seven years that our family has lived on Michillinda we have never had a problem with La Salle. When they hold events, the school is respectful of the neighbors. Furthermore, the students are polite, friendly and never a nuisance or bother. When La Salle does have events, they use parking at the neighboring churches so there is little impact on anyone. They do the same during football games. La Salle even has students park at the Methodist Church during the day so they don't have to park on the streets.

Even being such good neighbors, the City of Pasadena denied La Salle's request to put lights on the football field. I'm a neighbor and I am in favor of the lights and support the school, even though I don't have children who go there.

Please allow La Salle to install the lights on their football field.

Walter Mendenhall
Michillinda Ave. neighbor
Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Angie Miller [agmiller@altrionet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 4:05 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle Lights

I am writing in support of the lights for LaSalle High School. This project is a definite enhancement to the school and the city.

Angela L. Miller
3452 E. Foothill Blvd. Suite 1140
Pasadena, Ca 91107
(626) 795-2064

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Richard Montenegro [richardmonten@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 11:09 AM
To: Stewart, Jana
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Re: La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I am sorry that you have made up your mind against La Salle already.

The La Salle community knows the neighbors are trying to argue that La Salle should make a master plan before they consider lights on the football field. We know that means there will never be lights on the La Salle field.

I am very disappointed to read that you will not consider the facts of La Salle's application until a couple of days before the hearing but seem to have already discussed this with the neighbors who want to stop the project.

Why else would you be talking about a master plan? It wasn't mentioned by the hearing officer, the staff or the Zoning Appeals Board. Only the complainers have been trying to make that case. And now you.

La Salle families are neighbors, too. We expect to be heard fairly and not have the Mayor of Pasadena ignore us and the facts in favor of a small number of neighbors, some who have told La Salle they'd support the lights if they could be sure their kids could go to La Salle, or if La Salle would pay them \$5000.

It is very disappointing that the mayor of Pasadena is cuddling up to La Salle's opponents but won't consider anything the supporters have to say until a few days before the hearing.

Richard Montenegro

"Stewart, Jana" <janastewart@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:

The following message is from Mayor Bogaard -

Dear Mr. Montenegro:

Thank you for your message regarding your support for the approval of lights on the football field at La Salle. The matter will come before City Council, based on the present schedule, on Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. This start time is subject to adjustment based on the requirements of other agenda items.

From your comments I conclude that we share a strong commitment to the role of education in our community. As to the lights on the football field, complete information about this proposal will be provided by City staff to the Council the week before the public hearing, thus providing time for each Councilmember to review the issues and concerns that pertain to the proposal.

During recent years, La Salle has indicated that it intends to prepare a

master plan that would provide assurances to interested persons, particularly the nearby neighbors, about the school's plans for new facilities and future expansion. I do not know how close this master plan is to completion. If the master plan were ready at this time, the subject of field lights would be covered in the plan and would be, I believe, considerably less controversial.

Thank you for your views on this question, which I promise to have in mind as the Council moves forward on this issue.

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

From: Richard Montenegro [mailto:richardmonten@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2006 12:43 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

Dear City Council,

Please vote yes and allow La Salle High School to install lights on the athletic field.

It's good for the school. It's good for the students. It's good for Pasadena.

Thank you,

Richard Montenegro
1921 E. Villa St.
Pasadena

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Elsesser, Helga [Helga.Elsesser@indymacbank.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 2:25 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Cc: kohorst@everestworld.com
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

La Salle High School has applied to the City of Pasadena to install four light standards on their property to allow the school to play home football games on Friday nights and so the soccer teams and track teams can host games and meets after school during the winter and early spring. La Salle would host no more than nine football games on Friday nights until 10 p.m. The girls' soccer team and track team would end their meets by 7:30 in the evening. To be a good neighbor, La Salle has volunteered to limit the number of games and meets it hosts.

Unfortunately, the Board of Zoning Appeals, consisting of four community members, ignored the facts in the case and unfairly ruled that La Salle could not erect lights on their playing field. Their vote was three to one.

I am in support of the school installing the lights as outlined and urge you to reconsider the decision handed down by the Board of Zoning Appeals, and help the school to gain permission to improve the La Salle campus for their students.

I strongly feel that it is important to make this a reality for the students and would appreciate your help in getting this unfair decision revoked in the City Council hearing scheduled for Monday, October 16th, and allow the school to install lights so the students can enjoy a full and enriching athletic program.

Sincerely,

Mark Nelson
Executive Vice President
Indymac Bank
888 East Walnut Street
Pasadena, CA 91101

Sent on behalf of Mark Nelson by

Helga Elsesser
*EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
TO MARK NELSON, EVP - GLOBAL RESOURCES
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10/10/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: The Nelsons [slaknelson@champmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2006 1:24 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

We live in the Lower Hastings area of Pasadena. My husband and I have lived here for 27 years. We have one daughter attending La Salle High School and a son who just graduated this last year. We were very disappointed when the Zoning Appeals Board ignored the recommendations of the City of Pasadena staff and hearing officer and decided not to allow La Salle to install four lights on their football field.

La Salle has bent over backwards to be a good neighbor to the Lower Hastings and Upper Hastings residents throughout its history in the area. We are sure it will continue to do so in the future; we as parents and residents who live nearby can attest to their communications to that fact. La Salle is a wonderful asset to the city of Pasadena and should be allowed to provide a part of high school life that we remember fondly from our youth. Friday night football games are a place for parents and other family members as well as the students of La Salle to join in a wholesome high school tradition.

The Lower Hastings Ranch Association does not speak for us in their opposition to the installation of the lights at La Salle. We have a close relationship with many of our neighbors and they are not a part of the Lower Hastings Ranch Association (as we are not either) because of their obstructionist, not in my backyard, narrow minded views.

Between 700-800 engaged happy students go to La Salle each year. These lights will allow much enjoyment for these young people and their families for years to come. I hope you will reconsider and allow the lights to be installed.

Thank you,
Lisa and Scott Nelson
500 Pembroke Drive
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 251-9535

Dear Jane Rodriguez-City Clerk,

We live in the Lower Hastings Ranch area of Pasadena. My husband and I have lived here for 27 years. We have one daughter attending La Salle High School and a son who just graduated this last year. We were very disappointed when the Zoning Appeals Board ignored the recommendations of the City of Pasadena staff and hearing officer and decided not to allow La Salle to install four lights on their football field.

La Salle has bent over backwards to be a good neighbor to the Lower and Upper Hastings residents throughout its history in the area. We are sure it will continue to do so. La Salle is a wonderful asset to the city of Pasadena and should be allowed to provide a part of high school life that we remember fondly from our youth. Friday night football games are a place for parents, family and other community members as well as the students of La Salle to join in a wholesome high school tradition.

The Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowners Association **does not** speak for us in their opposition to the installation of the lights at La Salle. We have a close relationship with many of our neighbors and they are not a part of the Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowners Association either because of their obstructionist, not in my backyard, narrow minded views.

Between 700-800 engaged and happy students go to La Salle each year. These lights will allow much enjoyment for these young people and their families for years to come. We hope you will reconsider and allow for the lights to be installed.

Thank you,
Lisa and Scott Nelson
500 Pembroke Drive
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From: Juan Ossa [Juan.Ossa@Sun.COM]
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2006 9:34 AM
To: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Re: La Salle High School CUP #4663

Dear members of the City Council of Pasadena,

It is my understanding that representatives from La Salle High School will be meeting with you in October regarding the request of the school to install lights on the athletic field.

City staff and a hearing officer approved the school's application for lighting, but the Board of Zoning Appeals unfairly ruled that the lights could not be installed thus preventing completion of the school's field improvement project.

Representatives from the school will be asking the City Council to correct the decision and allow the school to erect the lights on the field so that students may enjoy a full and diverse athletic program. As a native of Pasadena, former resident, graduate of La Salle and parent of a current student, I urge you to vote in their favor when the matter comes before you.

Sincerely,

Juan Ossa
Claremont, CA

9/8/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Paul Little [plittle4pasadena@earthlink.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2006 3:09 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Fw: La Salle High School-Lights

Another on La Salle lights.

Paul

-----Forwarded Message-----

>From: sisica@dslextreme.com
>Sent: Sep 9, 2006 5:51 PM
>To: city_council@cityofpasadena.net
>Subject: La Salle High School-Lights

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> Dear Mr. Bogaard;

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> I would like to express my very big interest in putting in the La
>Salle football/soccer/track lights. i know how much the boys and girls
>would LOVE it, and also i think it is part of the high school spots
>experience to have games at night/in the evening. It would be so much
>fun. And i also think that if we put time retractions i don't see why
>it would be a problem to have the light. Like i said i believe that it
>is part of the High school students and parents and La Salle was there
>in that location before many of the neighbors were. i think that since
>they moved by a school they have to put up with some stuff and i (i am
>speaking for more then just me) believe that the football/soccer/track
>lights are one of them. i am begging you.....
>PLEASE let us have the lights instilled. Every other school has them.

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> Also since we have to play ALL Saturday afternoon games that
>means the players are more tired (from the heat) and so are the people
>watching. So Please, consider letting La Salle high School have lights
>for football/soccer/track in stalled.

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>Thank you,
>Jessica otte
>class of 2007

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Cathy Pankow [cpankow@altrionet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 10:57 PM
To: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net; Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School CUP#4663

We have been residents of the Lower Hastings Ranch area of Pasadena for over 20 years. My husband and I have two healthy, active teenagers that have participated in Little League at Hamilton and Victory Parks. Both children currently attend La Salle High School. My daughter is a senior and my son is a freshman. It was very upsetting to all of my family that the Board of Zoning Appeals turned down La Salle's request to install lights on their athletic field.

When my daughter was a freshman, La Salle did not even have a football field of their own and had to borrow from the surrounding high schools for field time. When those high schools decided they no longer wished to share their facilities, the La Salle community banded together and raised the funds necessary to install an athletic field on their campus.

La Salle High School is celebrating it's 50th year of providing quality education to it's students. At a recent dinner we attended, a video presentation was shown giving highlights of the last 50 years of La Salle's history. What struck me was that in the photos shown of the initial construction of La Salle, there was very little residential housing completed. The current residents of Lower and Upper Hastings Ranch bought their homes with the knowledge that a high school was located directly in the midst of their residential housing. There can't be "buyer's remorse" when the homeowner can clearly see that a high school - with expansion potential - existed right under their nose.

We have been very involved in my daughter's sport, softball. Because of limited resources at the La Salle campus, a partnership exists between La Salle, Sierra Madre Girls Softball and the Church of the Latter Day Saints. La Salle and the softball league are given full use by LDS in exchange for maintaining the field. The La Sallian community partners with their surrounding neighbors to create an opportunity for its students as well the youth in the area. La Salle also must use the pool facilities in Sierra Madre for it's water sports. The athletes and parents are respectful and cooperative with Sierra Madre Parks and Recreation...otherwise no usage would be granted to La Salle High School. Also, working parents benefit from the lights of the city athletic fields since it's extremely difficult to view a ballgame in the dark (besides being very dangerous for the kids).

To my great surprise, my son tried out for football and discovered that he had talent and truly enjoyed playing for the La Salle JV team. Friday nights are for high school football and we owe it to our kids to provide them the opportunity to enjoy this experience.

I've seen the photos demonstrating the effects the lights will have on the neighborhood. The lighting is directed so that no light should infringe on any of the six back yards that are

adjacent to the playing field, let alone the surrounding homes in Upper and Lower Hastings.

La Salle High School will ask the City Council of Pasadena to correct the errors of the Board of Zoning Appeals and allow La Salle to erect the four light standards on their playing field and give the students the enjoyment of Friday night lights in addition to enriching the athletic program. As a resident of District 4, I am requesting that you vote in favor of La Salle High School when the matter comes before the Pasadena City Council.

Sincerely,

Cathy Pankow
709 Rim Road
Pasadena, CA 91107

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Gericess@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2006 8:32 PM
To: city_council@city of pasadena.net
Cc: GPAYNE@MTVIEW.K12.CA.US; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: la salle high school

good evening mayor bill bogaard,

my name is geri payne and i am writing to you this evening about the concern over lights at la salle high school. **i am very much in favor of the lighths on the football field.** i have a son who is a freshman on the jv football team and i know that you can relate when i tell you that the best part of high shcool is going to a home game at night. go back to your high school days.....didn't you enjoy yourself at those night games?.... well, you can help make this a reality for the la salle high school students.

please help to install lights on our property to allow the shcool to play home football games on friday nights and so our girls' soccer team an our track team can host games and meets after school during the winter and early spring.....

please show your support. our students should not be playing on artificial turf in the middle of the afternoon. the heat generated is debilitating. lights for our home games at night would be a great help and you can be instrumental in acheiving that goal.

we need your help to gain permission to improve la salle high school for our students. with your support we know you can make a difference. please help to convince the board of zoning appeals that lights at la salle high shcool would be a good thing . according to la salle, they would host no more than nine football games on friday nights until 10:00 p.m. the girls and boys soccer team and track team would end their meets by 7:00 p.m. the lights at the high school would mean revenue for la salle high school. there would be more people in attendance and the sense of community would be evident. the alumni would then attend the football games with a sense of pride. why should our students be forced to play games only during the day at their home field?

keep up the good work in support of lights on la salle football field.

i really appreciate anything you could do to support la salle high school and the students. we need your help to make this a reality for our tudents.

thanks for your time...

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kurtz, Cynthia
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 12:16 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: Neighborhood Associations opposition to La Salle lighting

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-----Original Message-----

From: Velina Petrovic [mailto:velina@petrovic.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 7:03 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Kurtz, Cynthia; Bruckner, Richard; velina@petrovic.org
Subject: Neighborhood Associations opposition to La Salle lighting

I have attached for your review the following letters that were submitted at the first hearing in opposition to La Salle lighting.

Thank you,

Velina Petrovic
LHRA

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May 3, 2006

Hearing Officer
City of Pasadena
175 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91109-7215

Subject: Conditional Use Permit #4663
La Salle High School

Dear Sir:

The West Pasadena Residents' Association (WPRA) supports the neighbors living close to the La Salle High School athletic field who are concerned about the impacts of the night lighting and increased usage proposed for that field. We join with the Lower Hastings Ranch Neighborhood Association in opposing the installation of the lighting as currently planned.

One of the Pasadena General Plan Seven Guiding Principles is that "change will be harmonized to preserve Pasadena's historic character and environment". In keeping with this principle we believe that the neighborhoods surrounding La Salle High School should not be negatively impacted by the expansion of the school. The nighttime lighting will bring increased usage of the field. This increase of events held will bring increased traffic and parking problems. The neighborhood will also see increased light and noise pollution. Those homes from which the light poles are visible are sure to suffer a decrease in monetary value.

It is not clear, from reading the staff report, that the proposed mitigation measures will be effective. WPRA urges you to ask that La Salle High School officials work with the neighbors to find a way to implement their plans without a negative impact to their neighbors.

Sincerely,

Dorothy R. Lindsey

Dorothy R. Lindsey, President
West Pasadena Residents' Association

Hearing Officer
Planning Department
City of Pasadena
175 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91109

May 1, 2006

RE: La Salle High School Conditional Use Permit

Dear Hearing Officer:

The Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition expresses great concern over the negative impacts the granting of a conditional use permit for the installation of stadium lights at LaSalle High School will have on the surrounding neighborhoods. The establishment and operation of the lights would be detrimental to the welfare of those living in the neighborhoods bordering LaSalle High School. LaSalle is surrounded by single-family homes on the north and south and town homes on the east. The west side is an area of churches and homes. The extreme height of the poles and the size of the lights will be seen from many vantage points negatively impacting the view. It has not been independently proven that the lights will not spill over into the neighborhoods. Greater use of the facilities would result in noise and traffic problems adversely affecting the quality of life for Pasadena citizens and possibly reducing property values in the neighborhood. This could directly impact revenue for the City. The character and scale of this project is entirely incompatible with a neighborhood of single-family homes and medium town homes.

Of broader concern to the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, is the manner in which the applicant has attempted to expand its facilities. By applying for permits separately, rather than in a comprehensive manner such as with a master plan, La Salle has avoided a discussion of the cumulative impacts of its expansion and intensity of its use. The appropriate vehicle for this systematic development is a master plan. It is incumbent upon the City to reject this application and insist that the applicant follow appropriate land use law by filing a master plan delineating its full intentions for the expansion of its facilities.

The Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition strongly urges the denial of this conditional use permit because of its detrimental impacts and incompatibility for the neighborhood. The Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition supports the rights of all neighborhoods to expect protection from proposed uses that would undermine and harm the quality of life and integrity of the adjoining neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Dale Trader
Chair
Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition

Cc: John Steinmeyer, Planner
City of Pasadena

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Dear Mr. Steinmeyer:

I am writing this letter in support of the Hasting Ranch Homeowners Association in their attempt to stop the installation of night lighting on the La Salle playing field. I write this as the President of the Catalina Avenue Neighbors whose homes are adjacent to Polytechnic School in Pasadena.

If the City allows this installation, we believe it will set a precedent for the athletic programs of all the private schools in Pasadena. Once one school begins to have night games, others such as Chandler, Westridge, Mayfield and Poly will want to follow suit. What the zoning and planning commissions are now going through with one school will become a ritual for all of them. We are asking you to keep the barn door shut and stop this effort here. Pasadena is still a community of neighborhoods. Neighborhoods are nurtured through careful attention to the needs of homeowners balanced with the needs of the City's fine institutions. If La Salle already has raised the money for the lighting (as we have heard), they can redirect it toward other athletic programs that do not upset the neighbors and promote good neighborhood relations. This current effort to install lights leads to bad feelings that may eventually expand to other neighborhoods adjacent to schools throughout the City.

We, the Catalina Avenue Neighbors, urge you to give a negative declaration to the La Salle plan and help restore neighborhood confidence in the City of Pasadena and the school.

Sincerely,

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