

Rodriguez, Jane

From: JANELUM@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 9:13 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lights on Lancer Field

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members:

My daughter is a sophomore at La Salle High School and we have been residents of Pasadena since 1989. We are firmly in support of the addition of lights to Lancer Field.

Sincerely,

Janel and Sam Umfress

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Yolanda Valadez [yvaladez@CFPNET.COM]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 12:16 PM
To: city_
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lancer Field

Ladies/Gentlemen:

This e-mail supports the installation of lights on Lancer Field located at La Salle High School. I currently have a Junior at La Salle and she has been a cheerleader for 2 years. Our football games are played on Saturday mornings/afternoons in 100 degree plus weather. More than the "Friday night lights" experience, I am more concerned with the health issue with these kids playing and cheering in the hot sun. At our first home game, it was 125 degrees on the field at 2:00. This is not healthy.

We, as good neighbors, have agreed to numerous restrictions which limit our use of these lights. Our concern for our neighbors is in keeping with the school's philosophy and we will work with them to come to an acceptable schedule.

Once again, please support our installation of the lights. Our kids deserve it.

Yolanda Valadez
Vice President, Parents Association
La Salle High School

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Paul Little [plittle4pasadena@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2006 10:23 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Fw: La Salle High School Lighting Application

I didn't see you covered on this one.

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

>Wrom: TTZRCLBDXRQBGJSNBOHMKHJYFMYXOEAI
>Sent: Sep 14, 2006 10:19 AM
>To: city_council@cityofpasadena.net
>Subject: La Salle High School Lighting Application

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>Dear Council Members:

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>currently the President of the Pasadena Bar Association. My wife,
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>love this great city, and that is one of the reasons why we send our
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>La Salle has been one of the premier prep schools in Pasadena. It has
>provided a fine education and nurturing environment for thousands of
>Pasadena children. The school has also enhanced the reputation of the
>city of Pasadena. It has recently produced two Rose Queens for the
>Tournament of Roses. The city of Pasadena is of course interested in supporting the
ongoing success of La Salle.

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>to participate in a premier high school sports program is enhanced.
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>to come out and enjoy watching their team play home games on Friday
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>of lighting at their otherwise state of the art football field. As a
>result, many students leave the community on Friday nights to watch
>football in neighboring cities, such as Arcadia or Temple City. La
>Salle students should be afforded the ability to experience Friday night home football
games, as many of us enjoyed during our high school years.

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>La Salle has always been, and will continue to be a good neighbor in
>the community that it serves so well. It has volunteered to limit both
>the number of events held at night and the hours of operation.

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>I urge you to vote in favor of La Salle's application for
>installation of four light standards.

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>Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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>Gregory R. Vanni

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If you prefer, you can e mail directly to this address with Pasadena city business.

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Greg Vanni [gvanni@thonbeck.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 6:04 PM
To: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Leon Victor [lvictor@lavapc.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 1:35 PM
To: City_Council; Bogaard, Bill; Madison, Steve; Streater, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Tyler, Sid
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Oct. 16th Hearing - La Salle HS

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council members Joyce Streater, Paul Little, Chris Holden, Steve Haderlein, Victor Gordo, and Sid Tyler:

My name is Leon Victor and I have been a Pasadena resident for over 15 years. I grew up a few blocks away from the City's borders and have enjoyed the Pasadena community my entire life. I have a law office in Pasadena and am a proud resident and tax payer of the City.

There are many terrific assets within Pasadena as we all know. However, one can never discount the importance of our schools, whether public or private, and how much a school's success serves to enhance the quality of our City. La Salle High School is truly a gem and has, over the years, developed to be a beacon of success. The persons administrating that campus have done an extraordinary job educating the children and improving the facilities that make the high school years for their students not only memorable, but a spring board for higher academic and community achievement.

The City Council should look to the school's leaders and listen not only to their success stories, but understand that they have been a quality neighbor to the surrounding community. The school produces outstanding citizens and future leaders for the community. These administrative leaders, while certainly not infallible, have made recommendations for the installation of light standards that will allow their student-athletes to participate in evening activities. These administrators have undertaken great steps to ensure that the nature and scope of the usage of the lights will not negatively impact their neighbors. Certainly, we can glean from the school's leadership and administrative success in the recent past to show that they have done their research and can prove with certainty that their decision to install these lights will only serve to enhance the quality of the educational and athletic experience of their students.

There is something special about attending a high school football game under the lights. After a long work week, mothers and fathers, grandparents, and siblings, can look forward to their son's game without leaving work early on a Friday, or cut into the soccer schedule on Saturday afternoon. The Friday night football game would be a wonderful tradition to experience at La Salle, one that nearly every other high school in the area enjoys. The burden seems small to the neighbors, as it would, effectively, only be a handful of evenings in the fall. Moreover, today's lighting technology can virtually eliminate the overcast of light into neighboring yards. The cheering crowds would be muffled by 10 p.m. Hardly an imposition, in my opinion.

I urge you to support La Salle's request for the installation of lights on their campus. The hearing is October 16th. Please support their request.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regards,


Leon Victor

Leon A. Victor

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Richard Victor [rmvict@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2006 10:11 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle HS Lights

Dear Jane Rodriguez,

I feel that your Board of Zoning made a huge mistake and they should have ruled in favor of letting La Salle HS put in the lights You as a city should have approved this long ago. Friday Night Football is a long Tradition in most cities and I feel La Salle Hs should have this Tradition also. With modern lighting now only the field is lite not the neighborhood

Thank you

Richard Victor

9/13/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Vinny Vin Vince [notallhere@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 07, 2006 7:16 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle Lights

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am a senior at La Salle and member of the La Salle High School Band. As a member of the band, one of our most enjoyable obligations is to perform at the football games. For the two years that I have been in the band, I have always looked forward to the day that we would have our own lights. I feel that these lights would bring a greater sense of accomplishment for the band. New night games would add to the playing experience of the band, enriching our musical education with a different playing environment. This area is an area where our band lacks greatly in experience but would relish the opportunity to experience it. To be able to play for our football team in a proper Friday night football game would feel amazing. I am immensely proud to be a member of the La Salle band and would be greatly thankful if La Salle were allowed to build some lights for our field. Thank you.

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Green, Barbara C. [barbarag@caltech.edu]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 1:17 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lights for La Salle High School

Importance: High

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members:

La Salle High School has applied to install four light standards on its property to allow the school to play home football games on Friday nights and so the girls' soccer team and the track team 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 boys and girls soccer team and track team would end their meets by 7:00 in the evening

As a parent of a former football player and a current soccer player, I am writing to support LaSalle's application. I believe that the request to install state-of-the-art lights on Lancer Athletic Field is very reasonable. By approving this application, you will permit La Salle to provide athletic facilities that are typical of other public and private schools in Pasadena and the local area. Allowing lights on Lancer Field will make a big difference to the students and families of LaSalle High, most of whom reside in the 91107 zip code area.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter so important to current and future generations of LaSalle students and families.

Sincerely,

Barbara Green Volckmann
650 Vallombrosa Drive
Pasadena, CA 91107

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Amanda Walker [awalker55@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Stewart, Jana
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Re: La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

The opponents of LaSalle have been using that master plan argument to try to stop La Salle's getting lights. We're all sophisticated enough to know exactly what putting the lights into a master plan would mean: a very long delay and a decision to approve the master plan but without lights.

Support La Salle High School and the students there.

Vote for the lights. Support the hundreds of families at La Salle High School and their children.

Amanda Walker

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

>Wrom: KYLEJGDGVCJVTLBXFEGGMEPYOQKEDOTWFAOBUZXUWLSZLKBRN
>Sent: Sep 20, 2006 1:24 PM
>To: Amanda Walker <awalker55@earthlink.net>
>Subject: La Salle High School

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>The following message is from Mayor Bogaard -

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>Dear Ms. Walker:

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>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.

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>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
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>BILL BOGAARD

>Mayor

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>Jana

>-----Original Message-----

>Wrom: VWWCUFPEGAUTFJMVRESKPNKMBIPBARHDMNNSKVFVWRKJVZC
>Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2006 11:35 AM
>To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane

>Subject: Vote for La Salle High School

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>Dear Mayor Bogaard,

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>Please support La Salle High School and the students there. Neighbors
>complain about anything and everything that might mean change in their
>neighborhood. For the past two years, La Salle has played their home
>football games at La Salle. There aren't any parking and traffic
>impacts on the neighbors now. That won't change if La Salle gets
>lights and plays on Friday. There won't be any more noise. There will
>be four light poles. That's the only change. There won't even be much
>light in the backyards of the three or four houses that actually touch La Salle.
>No one else will even notice the change.

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>La Salle students are the sons and daughters of your neighbors, your
>constituents and Pasadena. Please show these people, many of whom have
>supported you in your elections, that the students of La Salle and
>their families matter to you and the City of Pasadena.

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>Vote for La Salle High School and our children.

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>Amanda Walker

>Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jason Wallace [jason_9889@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 8:53 AM
To: Stewart, Jana
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; City_Council
Subject: RE: La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

You either support La Salle High School and vote to put in lights, or you do not.

Vote for the school and the students.

Thank you,

Jason

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

>To: "Jason Wallace" <jason_9889@hotmail.com>

>Subject: La Salle High School

>Date: Thu, 21 Sep 2006 15:38:12 -0700

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>The following message is from Mayor Bogaard -

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>Dear Mr. Weller:

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>lights on the football field at La Salle. The matter will come before
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>BILL BOGAARD

>Mayor

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>-----Original Message-----

>From: Jason Wallace [mailto:jason_9889@hotmail.com]

>Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2006 2:40 PM

>To: City_Council

>Cc: Rodriguez, Jane

>Subject: La Salle High School

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>Dear Mayor Bogaard,

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>La Salle High School is one of the best of its kind in Pasadena and the
>San Gabriel Valley. Students from all backgrounds, religions, races,
>and social classes attend La Salle side-by-side. Each gets a
>first-rate education in a safe, clean, academic environment. Students
>have the chance to perform music, create art, play sports, volunteer in
>our community, act in plays, and any number of extracurricular
>activities that build a well-rounded person.
>La Salle students overwhelmingly attend four-year colleges, many
>returning to our community to contribute something back to our city.
>Many La Salle students attend the school as full scholarship
>recipients. These students are welcomed by their peers, most of whom
>aren't aware of their financial need.

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>La Salle students deserve to have the chance to play and enjoy fall and
>winter sports on their home field. These hard-working students deserve
>to have field lights so they can enjoy Friday night football games,
>play soccer at home in the winter and track and field in the spring.

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>Please support La Salle High School and its students by voting to allow
>them to install lights on the football field.

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>Jason Weller

>Pasadena

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: EWEISENBERG@socal.rr.com
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2006 3:22 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Dear City Council of the City of Pasadena, and J. Rogdriguez.

I am writing you regarding the Lights requested by La Salle High School so they can play At Home Football games, Soccer and Track Meets.

I have had a Son, and a Grandson graduate from La Salle, and currently have a Granddaughter attending La Salle.

I understand that the request for approval of installing the lights has been approved by the Council, but turned down by the Zoning department.

I wonder just how many of you attended a High School where you could not have any Home games on Friday night? This is part of growing up and part of the education on our future leaders. To have to play all your HOME games at someone else's field because a few people are blocking the installation of these lights is not fair to the students of La Salle High School.

The school, I understand, has set some very reasonable schedules for the use of the lights that should be acceptable to the people who oppose this addition of the lights. I would ask them, if they attended High School where they had NO lights and had to play their HOME games at some other field.

Thanks for reading this and I hope the Zoning rule can be reversed for these students of a great High School, La Salle.

Gene Weisenberg
eweisenberg@socal.rr.com

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Mike W. [wilhite2003@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2006 12:36 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

Please stand up for the children of our city and vote yes on the lights at La Salle. These children deserve the best education possible with all the extracurricular activities they can have to keep them occupied in positive things.

Putting in lights at La Salle will be a very minor inconvenience for a couple of people, but will mean kids can play football when it's not 110 degrees out, girls can host home soccer games and track can host meets at home.

Don't give in to the tiny element who wants to spoil a great school's chance to do the best for their students. These students are the ones who are going to be the next generation of leaders in Pasadena. Vote yes on La Salle's lights and show them that Pasadena's leaders care about them and their school.

Mike Wilhite
909 Paladora
Pasadena, CA 91104

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Peter Wilkinson [Wilkinson@EverestWorld.com]

Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 7:10 AM

To: City_Council

Cc: Rodriguez, Jane

Dear Mayor Bogaard

I am writing this email to voice my support for La Salle High School's Application to erect lights on its football field. I believe the Board of Zoning Appeals unfairly ruled that the school could not do so. The Lights will improve the athletic program and the school has indicated That it will limit the night use of the field.

Regards,

Peter Wilkinson

10/9/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Joy Everline [jeverline@crwilson.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 12:00 PM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School CUP #4663
Attachments: La Salle Letter 10-5-06.pdf

Mr. Madison,

Please find correspondence attached regarding LaSalle High School lights.

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October 5, 2006

Councilmember, Vice Mayor
Steve Madison
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

RE: La Salle High School CUP #4663

Mr. Madison:

As a Pasadena business owner for over 30 years in Council District 6, I want you to know how disturbed I am that the Board of Zoning Appeals wrongly decided the request of La Salle High School to install lights on their athletic field at the August 16th hearing.

When four members of a committee can ignore the facts and overrule the City of Pasadena's staff, and its hearing officer, something is wrong.

La Salle High School will ask the City Council of Pasadena to correct this injustice so that their students can enjoy the same benefits students at other high schools enjoy. La Salle should be entitled to erect the four light standards on their property

As a business owner in your District, I am requesting that you vote in favor of La Salle High School when the matter comes before you.

Sincerely,



Charles R. Wilson
CHARLES R. WILSON & ASSOCIATES

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Ed Zaffina [zfam5@charter.net]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 2:05 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: lshsfootballfieldlights

To whom this may concern,

I am a parent of three children that attended LaSalle high school over the last 12 years and I am saddened by the fact that a few people can be so selfish as to not allow LaSalle to have lights on their football field. I attended the game that was played on Sept.2,2006 at 2:00 p.m.and the heat was so unbearable that I ended up going to the urgent care with a mild heat stroke. I cannot imagine how overheated the players and coaches must have been down on that field. Teenagers need to have safe places to go on weekends with adult supervision so what better than a high school football game under the lights? Why would people buy homes that back up to a high school if they cannot tolerate all that comes with that? LaSalle is a great school and the kids and families should have the chance to enjoy those great fall night football games, I bet you did!

Sincerely,
Colleen Zaffina, Alumni Parent