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VIA FACSIMILE (626) 744-3921
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Mayor Bill Bogaard
City of Pasadena
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Pasadena, CA 91109

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Re: Objections to Conditional Use Permit No. 4663:3880 East Sierra Madre Blvd. CUP to Allow the Installation of Four Light Poles (Each 80 Feet in Height) on the La Salle High School Athletic Field Request for Additional Time to Speak at October 16, 2006 Hearing

Dear Mayor Bogaard:


This firm and the undersigned represent Pasadena Residents for a Healthy Environment and the Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowners Association in opposition to the proposed installation of 80-foot-high field lights at La Salle High School. We have objected based upon the inadequate environmental review of the project via a negative declaration.

We have submitted substantial evidence in the record to support a fair argument that the project requires the preparation of an EIR because: (1) the project may cause significant, unmitigable impacts in the areas of light, glare, aesthetics, noise and traffic circulation and parking; and (2) the project is being "piecemealed" in violation of CEQA because La Salle is seeking seriatim "mini-approvals" to mask the cumulative environmental effects of its whole project, rather than presenting its overall master plan for proper CEQA review via an EIR.

In light of the many serious issues in this case -- including the Board of Zoning Appeals' agreement with my clients that the project requires the preparation of an EIR and that the project has been improperly piecemealed to avoid proper CEQA review -- we respectfully request that I, as the groups' counsel, be allowed ten minutes to speak on October 16, 2006.

Please add this letter to the administrative record in this matter.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT P. SILVERSTEIN
FOR
THE SILVERSTEIN LAW FIRM

RPS:tz
cc: Mrs. Diane Kirby

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Councilmember Paul Little
City of Pasadena, Council District 2
117 E. Colorado Boulevard
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**Re: Objections to Conditional Use Permit No. 4663; 3880 East Sierra Madre Blvd. CUP to Allow the Installation of Four Light Poles (Each 80 Feet in Height) on the La Salle High School Athletic Field
Recusal Request for Councilmember Paul Little**

Dear Councilmember Little and Ms. Bagneris:

This firm and the undersigned represent Pasadena Residents for a Healthy Environment and the Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowners Association in opposition to the proposed installation of 80-foot-high field lights at La Salle High School.

By this letter, we request that Councilmember Little recuse himself from all involvement in the matter scheduled for hearing tonight, October 16, 2006, and that he do so prior to the commencement of the agenda item so that he neither votes on the item nor influences the discussion or decision-making process.

We believe that Councilmember Little has an actionable conflict of interest – and certainly the appearance of impropriety if he participates in the hearing tonight -- in that his children have been and currently are students at La Salle High School. La Salle is both the applicant and the appellant in the matter tonight.

To the extent that Councilmember Little does not or has not paid La Salle tuition at the regular rate, e.g., if any of his children have received reduced tuition and/or scholarships, then Councilmember Little would clearly have a disqualifying economic interest under the Political Reform Act.

Accordingly, we request that Councilmember Little immediately recuse himself from the hearing tonight and all proceedings related to this matter. In the alternative, if he refuses to do so, we request that Councilmember Little state on the record that neither he nor his children have

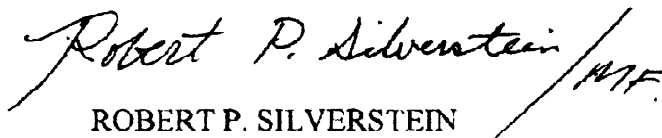
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ever received any economic benefit or have any economic interest related to La Salle, including but not limited to the receipt of reduced tuition and/or scholarships for his children at La Salle.

We take the opportunity to make this request in advance of the hearing out of respect for Councilmember Little and in the hope that he will recuse himself without the need for us to make these objections orally at the public hearing.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. Please ensure that this letter is included in the administrative record for this matter, and please contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Robert P. Silverstein in cursive script, with a diagonal line through the end of the signature.

ROBERT P. SILVERSTEIN
FOR
THE SILVERSTEIN LAW FIRM

RPS:tz

cc: Mayor and City Councilmembers (via facsimile and email)
Pasadena Residents for a Healthy Environment Officers (via email)
Lower Hastings Ranch Homeowners Association Officers (via email)
J. Miguel Flores, Esq.

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Brad Ball [ballentertainment@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 3:59 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Yes for La Salle lighting

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I enjoyed meeting you last evening at our YPO Valley Hunt Club event. Thank you for introducing our remarkable resource.

I am following up on two quick items.

First, as a Pasadena businessman and parent of a junior at La Salle, I encourage you and the council members to please endorse the request of lighting La Salle's Lancer field. The school is one of Pasadena's key assets, helping build our community's future by educating and inspiring the leaders for the next generation.

The neighbors have had their arguments against the lights, arguments which do not take into account the actual limited use, 9 home games (off by 10pm). La Salle has found a solution to limit the "lighting" effect to some bordering homes.

La Salle volunteered to limit the total usage to demonstrate good neighboring intentions.

Please use your good judgment and leadership to encourage other council members to vote for approval on 10/16 as well.

On a second note, please forward the light rail report on traffic stoppage, et al when convenience.

Thank you very much for your consideration to this important decision impacting the experience of high school students in a very positive manner.

Brad Ball

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Edmund Brownlee [brownlee1111@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 12:10 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Yes on LaSalle light project

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I am a neighbor of LaSalle High School. I do not have children there. I think putting lights up at LaSalle would be a good thing for the school and the students and would not be detrimental to our neighborhood.

I have been hearing all sorts of concerns and complaints from people who want to stop LaSalle putting lights on the football field. The people trying to stop LaSalle are not being honest. They are saying LaSalle would have events until 10 p.m. three nights per week. They are saying traffic is already bad around the school and that LaSalle trashes our neighborhood. That is not true, either. They are saying LaSalle is a bad neighbor. That is wrong. LaSalle and its students are respectful of our neighborhood and pleasant with the neighbors.

I live near the school. La Salle has been there much longer than any of us have. It's a good school. The students are good kids. Let them have the lights.

Edmund Brownlee
Michillinda Ave (north of La Salle)
Pasadena

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kurtz, Cynthia
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 5:09 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: La Salle High School Lights Issue

From: DJWSGW@aol.com [mailto:DJWSGW@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 7:56 AM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Stone, Rhonda; ygorido@ci.pasadena.ca.us; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Kurtz, Cynthia; Bruckner, Richard
Cc: Wamerjamer@aol.com; weisbergbs@yahoo.com
Subject: La Salle High School Lights Issue

La Salle High School Lights Issue

I am a neighbor of the school and have lived here for 28 years. I also work and shop in Pasadena. I raised three children in my home, who were PUSD students. I now have a toddler grandson and an infant grandson who live with me. There are many changes in Pasadena, which I do not see as favorable -- however the La Salle High School Lights proposal directly affects my family's peace and well-being.

When we moved here the school was a small private school for boys. It has grown considerably in the last 5-7 years with the addition of student classrooms and the expanded athletic field. Parking has been a problem for many years now. But now with the proposed addition of lights, not only will the school have night events, but non-school groups will also be using the facilities. Multiple nights a week! **Is this what YOU would want in your neighborhood?** This is unacceptable to my family and I as a homeowner in the neighborhood!

Parking: There are many more events held at the school, many by outside schools or organizations. This generally involves the use of the athletic fields. The parking for these events is inadequate at the school facility and therefore cars are parked on the surrounding residential streets, blocking spaces in front of houses. It limits the ability to park in front of ones own home. With many night time events the parking will be even worse at night. This is not acceptable for the neighborhood.

Traffic: There is already too much crowding in the morning and afternoon during the drop off and pick up periods. The congestion is terrible during these times. If lights were allowed to be put in, this terrible traffic would also happen in the evening hours. It is already very difficult to pass the school on **both** sides of Sierra Madre Blvd during the day time. This is not acceptable for the neighborhood.

Noise: The school has its own events during the week and weekends, as well as other groups using the facilities on the weekends. There are loudspeakers being used as most of these events which is not wanted by the neighborhood. If lights were put in, this noise pollution would continue into the evening hours, irritating neighbors with excess noise. This also has the effect of making dogs bark for the traffic, parking, and conversation that takes place when visitors go to and from their cars. How can we enjoy the quiet we have come to appreciate and part of the reason these homes were

purchased? We don't want our property values reduced because of the lights. We want the quiet that this neighborhood has enjoyed for so many years. The announcing is VERY LOUD! YOU would not want it in your neighborhood!

Trash: Due to the parking by school and non-school visitors on residential streets there is also trash regularly thrown on the sidewalks and street. This is careless and wrong. But having more events at the school will only make this worse as darkness will provide additional opportunities for visitors to throw their trash out in the neighborhood. After every event, I walk the street and pick up trash, is this what YOU would want in your block?

Lights: The brightness of the lights will create irritation to the surrounding neighborhood. To sit outside in the evening and enjoy the peace and quiet of the neighborhood will never be the same if the lighting is allowed to be put in. Our small children and grandchildren will be irritated by all the noise at bedtime. If it was only for a half dozen football games, maybe I could live with it, BUT La Salle wants the lights for numerous activities every week!

Property values: With an expanded schedule of events at the school due to having lighting, our property values will decline due to all of the above. This is not acceptable. There are other venues nearby where events can take place. Many of these events are not even for the direct use of the school, but are to make revenue for the benefit of the school. We do not need or want our neighborhood taken over by so many visitors for these purposes. The school should be limited to what they have now, and actually only for La Salle events, not open to others. Since it is a private school, not open to the public, only their own activities should be allowed. This will limit the use of the property and keep our neighborhood, one of homes, not a business for the private school. The fields at Pasadena High School or Victory Park can be used for all the extra events and by non-school visitors. Alternatives are available!

We have talked with many of our neighbors who all agree with what has been written here. Many work hours that will not allow them to attend the meetings but there is agreement that lighting should **NOT** be allowed to be installed at the school, now or in the future. This **private school** will sell the use of the property and there will be numerous events that have nothing to do with the school. This will impose far too much on the property owners in the surrounding neighborhood and is not being a responsible neighbor. There are other places the school can have events at night time, as they are doing now. They can also continue to have the day time events.

In addition, most of the students at La Salle High School are not Pasadena residents. There is no benefit to Pasadena residents, except for the handful that go to La Salle.

There is no constitutional provision for a Friday night game! **Be reasonable and respect the established neighborhood who has lived with the school for over 50 years and vote NO to La Salle today and after today!**

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kimberley Evans [blueeyes@altrionet.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 8:57 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Cc: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle lights

Dear Mayor and Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to you not only as a student of La Salle High School, but also as a resident of Lower Hastings. I am seventeen now and have lived in Lower Hastings for all those years. I have grown up with great neighbors, a caring community, and an overall wonderful childhood here in Pasadena.

Unfortunately, lately certain events have unfolded to show the harsh realities of the perfect neighborhood I have grown up in. There is suddenly a split between those who support the La Salle lights and those who do not.

I am very proud to say that I fully support La Salle in their venture to obtain lights for only a few nights a year. I am a Senior now at La Salle, and these past four years I have spent attending La Salle have shaped who I am becoming. I am involved in Student Life, tennis, water polo, swim, and various service projects. Some of these service projects include the Adopt-

a- Family program in which every class during a certain period is assigned an underprivileged family that they buy Christmas presents for. In a few weeks, La Salle will put on their annual Safe Halloween where more underprivileged families come and trick or treat though the classrooms. Out of all the service opportunities my favorite is that every senior for their religion class goes to a specific site to do service. Some students go to Ability First, others to CAPS that takes care of older adults suffering from Alzheimer's disease, and still others go to schools to tutor children. I have been lucky enough to go to Hillside in Pasadena to tutor kids that are in fourth and fifth grade. Through these various service opportunities that I have been part of at La Salle, I have learned what the La Salle difference truly is.

Over the years I have not only gotten to know my fellow seniors, but many of the young adults that make up our student body. Each student has different interests, hobbies, and priorities. As diverse as each student maybe, the one thing that holds each of us together is that we are a family.

We are all part of the Lasallian family. That is one of many reasons for supporting the lights. Our football team has been unwavering in their determination to the program. They practice till they cannot give anymore and play each game with all the heart they have. As I sit in the stands each Saturday and watch them battle through the heat and the game, I see what La Salle works to teach each student. Be determined and to never give up no matter how hard the circumstances are. With these lights for just a few Fridays each year, our football team could have packed stands with the support of their entire Lasallian family. The support that any student needs to succeed at anything they attempt to do. I cannot believe the statement that Lower Hastings does not support the lights because my family and many of our neighbors are an exception to that. I have been taught to speak up for what matters, and this is something that definitely matters to me. Thank you for reading this and I hope it is taken into consideration that these lights would make for one of the most memorable senior years that La Salle has seen in a very long time.

Sincerely,
Kimberley Evans

Rodriguez, Jane

From: LCEVANS [LCEVANS@altrionet.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 10:57 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Rodriguez, Jane; citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net
Subject: Lights for La Salle High School CUP #4663

Honorable Mayor and the City Council of Pasadena,

I am writing in regards to the decision that is going to be made on October 16, 2006. City of Pasadena staff and hearing officer approved La Salle High School's application to erect four light standards on their playing field, which is now being challenged by a few residents of Lower Hastings Ranch. I am a *strong supporter of the lights* to be put on Lancer Field.

La Salle High School is a member of the Lower Hastings Ranch community and has acted responsibly in accepting the conditions of limited light use in order to respect their neighbors. As you know Lancer Field will only have access to the lights between September and December a maximum of nine (9) time (including CIF games) and a maximum of forty (40) times (for soccer and two track meets) between January and March. Between April and September the lights will not go on at all. If you examine the calendar year the lights will only be on for 13% of the year. Of that 13% only 2% of the calendar year will have lights on until 10 pm. The remainder of the time the lights will go off at 7:00 pm. This is a reasonable request and a situation that La Salle's neighbors should not oppose.

Not only are my husband and I supporters of La Salle and the lights, we are also residents of the Lower Hastings Ranch community for over 22 years. At this point in time we are saddened by some of our neighbor's actions and we are obviously not in agreement with the few that oppose the lights. A group of residents have empowered themselves stating they speak for everyone. We want to make it clear that they DO NOT speak for us nor many of my neighbors.

La Salle High School is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year in the same location. I believe it is safe to say they have been a part of this community longer than most of the residents. In these fifty years they have educate young people who not only excel academically but continually give back to the community through their continued service, spiritual life and through their honorable behavior during athletic events. These students have earned the right to have a full and enriching high school experience, which includes lights on their Lancer Field.

As long time residents of Pasadena my husband and I are interested in the outcome of this vote. We are strongly requesting that you vote in favor of LaSalle High School when the matter comes before you.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lucy Evans

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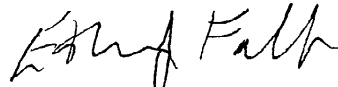
Mayor Bill Bogaard and City Council
City of Pasadena
117 East Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, California 91105

Re: *La Salle High School*

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council:

This letter is to support La Salle High School's application to install lighting to improve the athletic program at the high school. I understand that the Pasadena staff and hearing officer approved La Salle's application but the Board of Zoning Appeals decided against La Salle. I believe that La Salle is a very useful and important part of the Pasadena community and their athletic program should be supported in this way. Their application takes into account the impact on neighbors and they deserve the opportunity to implement this program.

Very truly yours,



Ethan J. Falk

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cc: City Clerk, Jane Rodriguez ↓

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: John Finch [jfinch@chandlerschool.org]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 3:19 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School

Dear City Council:

As a Pasadena resident, I am writing to request that you allow La Salle High School to install lights around its athletic field so that the students can enjoy a full and enriching athletic program.

The extensive work that the school has done with lighting companies has resulted in a lighting plan that will minimize glare. The project will have some impact on the neighborhood which La Salle acknowledges, but the benefits to the community as a whole should outweigh the objections. La Salle would host no more than nine football games until 10 p.m. and the girls soccer and track team would end their meets by 7:30 in the evening. Safe places for teens to gather in the evening are at a premium in our community. A Friday night football game would provide a wonderful venue for the community to come together, and I would ask that that you overturn the Board of Zoning Appeals decision. Let there be light!

Most Sincerely,

John Finch

Steinmeyer, John

From: Becky Spiro Green [bgreen4@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 11:05 PM
To: Steinmeyer, John
Cc: Tyler, Sid; Madison, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Holden, Chris; Little, Paul; Streator, Joyce; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: La Salle Lights

**Gary T. Green
3765 Canfield Road
Pasadena, California 91107**

Mr. John Steinmeyer
Board of Zoning Appeals
175 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, California

Mr. Steinmeyer,

I am writing again to oppose Conditional Use Permit #4663 which would allow La Salle High School to install lights on their athletic field.

There are several areas of concern:

Noise: Night games and other activities will be noisy and will affect our use of our back yard. Football games mean public address systems, cheers, marching bands and lots of noise. It is bad enough during the day, but to have this happening at night when we are trying to have some quiet family time would be unacceptable.

Light: Regardless of the "expert opinion" to the contrary, the light from this installation will be visible from our backyard. It will probably be visible for several miles. Regardless of any mitigation efforts, humid evening air will guarantee that the glare will spread.

Traffic: It is not possible for 1,500 to attend an event without there being an effect on traffic. There is also the issue of parking. Several hundred cars will need to be parked somewhere, and some of them will be on our street.

Another concern is that La Salle is moving forward piece by piece. They have not, as I understand it, filed a master plan. Instead, they are working on a multiple stage master plan by applying for permits one at a time. I believe that the city should not issue any further permits until a master plan has been submitted and approved.

My final concern is that La Salle will not abide by conditions made to the permit. In the subject permit, it is said that there will be no more than three events with lights a week. There is also some question as to the maximum number of nights that the lights will be on. If recent experience is any indication, they will probably use the lights as often as possible, regardless of the conditions in the permit. They have shown the neighborhood that they will "promise" one thing and then ignore that promise. One issue is the use of the parking lot at the Presbyterian Church at Hastings Ranch Drive and Sierra Madre Blvd. In an early meeting they said they would not use it. However, during the last football season, they

apparently not only used it but had buses parked there with engines running for hours. There has also been parking on residential streets during events at La Salle.

The addition of lights to a new field and bleachers would change the relationship that La Salle has had with the neighborhood. This area is residential with very little commercial development. There are churches and schools also. We have lived here for twelve years, and, until recently, have not been concerned about having La Salle as a neighbor. However their push to become some sort of an athletic power has caused us a lot of concern. I also feel that the City of Pasadena is not concerned about the property owners adjacent to La Salle. It appears that what ever La Salle wants it will get, regardless of the concerns of the neighbors.

Sincerely,

Gary T. Green

Steinmeyer, John

From: Becky Spiro Green [bgreen4@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 11:10 PM
To: Steinmeyer, John
Subject: Conditional Use Permit #4663

John Steinmeyer
Current Planning Division
City of Pasadena

Dear Mr. Steinmeyer:

I am writing in opposition to Conditional Use Permit #4663, the stadium lights proposed for the athletic field at La Salle High School, 3880 E. Sierra Madre Boulevard. The Board of Zoning Appeals disapproved the application on August 16, and I am surprised to find that after such a denial, the City Council finds it appropriate to take up the matter again.

I live directly behind the athletic field at La Salle High School: 3765 Canfield Road. The lights are only one step in a major expansion of the high school's facilities and activities, for which they have failed to submit a master plan. While each step is seen as a small one, the full picture—which will gradually change the character of the surrounding Hastings Ranch neighborhood from residential to stadium—is being ignored. Each small step is presented with a request for a negative declaration, thus avoiding the need for an environmental impact report, despite the scale of the work being proposed. This was noted by the Board of Zoning Appeals on August 16.

I've been tolerant about noise and activity on the field—I knew, after all, that there was a high school there when I moved in. But the proposal to add enormous lights and to extend the active hours of the field late into the night is unacceptable to me and to many of my Canfield neighbors. We have a young child who needs quiet evenings and an early bedtime. My husband is an amateur astronomer and we have a backyard with a view of the stars that would be ruined by stadium lights. Daytime noise is tolerable—in fact, I sometimes enjoy the marching bands. Nighttime noise and banks of lights on 80-foot poles mounted overlooking my backyard are not. The number of evenings the lights would be on has been stated variously as twelve football games, forty soccer practices, an unstated number of track meets, and the possibility of additional evenings of use by other schools. A La Salle parent stated at a recent neighborhood meeting that the lights will be off for four months of the year, but that clearly translates to: in use for eight months of the year. Another La Salle parent, in a letter to the Star-News, thought that her child would have more time for weekend homework if the games currently played on Saturdays were moved to Friday nights; it seems to me a football game lasts the same number of hours on a Friday as on a Saturday.

La Salle High School has been expanding its use of the athletic field for several years now. Our city councilman, Mr. Steve Haderlein, has recused himself from any discussion regarding La Salle because he is employed by them—a correct move, of course, but it leaves our neighborhood without representation. Mr. Haderlein's assistant attended the aforementioned meeting (August 3, 2006), and expressed distress when she heard criticism aimed at Mr. Haderlein, but offered no contact information for anyone we could reach with concerns regarding La Salle.

In August 2004 I attended the planning meeting at which La Salle's request for a scoreboard was granted with conditions—the more modest-sized scoreboard, without a horn, turned out to be a good compromise. The athletic field bleachers are still designated temporary, though they have been in place more than two years. The City of Pasadena needs to take a close look at the larger picture of the environmental impact of La Salle's expansion: noise, parking, idling buses, proper bus parking areas, trash, traffic, security, and property values are all serious concerns and need to be discussed further. Our neighborhood's lack of City Council representation is a severe deficiency in the system.

A high school needs to have an adequate facility to do high school activities. But La Salle is a school, not a stadium. Their games can be played during reasonable daytime hours. Extending La Salle's activities to nighttime hours would change the character of the surrounding neighborhood permanently and unacceptably.

Please note my continuing In opposition to Conditional Use Permit #4663.

with thanks--
Sincerely,

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: The Harmon's [theharmon5@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 9:58 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Installation of Lights! (LHS)

Dear Mr. Bogaard and City Council Members,

We are writing this letter in support of the installation of the light standards on the La Salle High School athletic field. Having spent a lot of time with the players and coached over the years, it is apparent the lights are needed now more than ever. Not only do our children deserve to play in front of their fellow students at night, the surrounding community deserves to enjoy their neighborhood school by allowing them the opportunity to come by and enjoy our athletic events, and students, in the evenings in a safe environment.

I hope you take into consideration the students, faculty, and neighbors in allowing the installation of the light standards when you decide on this issue next Monday night.

Tom & Doreen Harmon
La Salle High School Parents

10/16/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: DVLucas1@aol.com
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 8:25 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Rodriguez, Jane; Streator, Joyce; Holden, Chris; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid
Subject: From Pasadena Resident-Letter of Support - La Salle High School (CUP #4663)

Mayor Bill Bogaard, Jane Rodriguez, and City Council

> City of Pasadena
> 117 E. Colorado Blvd.
> Pasadena, CA 91105
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> RE: La Salle High School - SUPPORT
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> To Mayor Bill Bogaard, Jane Rodriguez, and City Council Members:
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> As a resident of Pasadena and current parent from La Salle High
> School, I urge you to decide in favor of the Conditional Use Permit
> Application to
install
> four light standards on Lancer Field at La Salle High School (CUP #4663).
> Please keep in mind that the approval of CUP #4663 will enable La
> Salle
High
> School to play home football games on Friday nights and our girls
> soccer
team and
> our 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 pm. The girls and boys soccer team and track team
> would
end
> their meets by 7:00 in the evening. To be a good neighbor, La Salle
> has volunteered to limit the number of games and meets it hosts. The
> City of
Pasadena
> staff and a hearing officer approved La Salle's application, but the
> Board
of
> Zoning Appeals ignored the facts in the case and unfairly ruled that
> La
Salle
> could not erect lights on our playing field. I appeal to you, Mayor
> Bill
Boggaard
> and the City Council of Pasadena to correct the errors of the Board of
Zoning
> Appeals and allow the school to install lights so our students can
> enjoy a full and enriching athletic program. The approval of CUP
> #4663 will also
enable
> La Salle High School to provide athletic facilities that are
> characteristic of other public and private schools here in Pasadena.
> Schools in Pasadena
have
> always put children first, whether it is through the arts, athletics
> or academics. Just like any other high school in Pasadena, La Salle
> wants to
serve
> their students in every capacity. La Salle has always been sensitive
> to

the
> concerns of their neighbors, and is diligent about including them in
> regard
to
> making decisions on issues affecting their neighborhood. We want to
coexist
> harmoniously with our neighbors and, therefore, have included the
> neighbors
in
> the development of the CUP #4663. A favorable decision will only add
> to
the
> quality of life here in Pasadena. We take enormous pride in a campus
> that includes buildings that are part of Pasadena's rich history.
> Please keep
the
> importance of education and the importance of our youth in mind as you
consider this
> case. Having two sons who have benefited from La Salle's outstanding
> Athletic Program, I know the decisions reached by the Hearing Officer
> will
have an
> impact on how students are educated at La Salle High School for many
decades to
> come.
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> Sincerely,
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> Debra V. Lucas
> 260 N. Oak #16
> Pasadena, CA 91107
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Tom McLoughlin [temquest@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 1:57 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Madison, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Holden, Chris; Streator, Joyce; Little, Paul
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Field lights for La Salle High School
Attachments: La Salle H.S..TIF

The attached article states very clearly why La Salle High School should be allowed to install field lights. If you have not read, please do so.

Sincerely,
Tom McLoughlin
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La Salle '68

Rights to night games

I have been reading about the fight of certain residents of Hastings Ranch to block the installation of stadium lights at La Salle High School under the premise that "they are fighting for their rights" ("Fighting the light," Aug. 18).

I would like to ask, just what "rights" are they fighting for?

The right to preserve their mountain view? Four light poles would not have much of an impact, compared to the numerous telephone poles already blocking their view. I would believe the mountain view argument if they were fighting to also have the telephone poles removed.

The right to avoid the noise, traffic and trash a Friday night game would bring? As if Saturday afternoon games do not bring noise, traffic and trash? The right to avoid the intense glow the lights would bring? The lights would be used until 10 p.m. on a maximum of nine nights a year — that's 2 percent of the year.

The most important lesson I learned in law class was that one person's rights end where the next person's rights begin. That is why we are a nation of laws where compromise is necessary.

La Salle has shown willingness to compromise, limiting the number and size of the lights and their usage. Certain residents of Hastings Ranch appear unwilling to compromise and have basically pulled their wagons into a circle and have adopted a not-in-my-back-yard mentality.

Where do my rights begin? First of all, we have the right to quality family time. By forcing the La Salle football team (yes, my son is on the JV team) to play their home games on Saturdays, certain individuals have essentially made the school week six days, rather than five, decreasing family time and providing less time for weekend homework. Second, we have the right to have the players and fans watch a game in a healthy environment. In the month of September, playing home games on Saturday afternoons means having players, cheerleaders and fans swelter in 100 degree heat, potentially jeopardizing the health of all.

Third, we have the right for our children to have a positive high school experience and leave high school with positive memories — the thrill of playing under the Friday night lights.

I urge the Pasadena City Council in their Oct. 16 meeting to correct the errors made by the Board of Zoning Appeals and reinstate the decisions made by city investigative staff and the zoning hearing officer to allow the installation of stadium lights at La Salle High School.
