

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Fr. Vazken Movsesian [dervaz@sain.org]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 6:31 AM
To: City_Council; Bogaard, Bill
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; Streator, Joyce; Holden, Chris; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; RGray@lasallehs.org; Haderlein, Steve; Stone, Rhonda
Subject: La Salle Field Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to add my voice of support for the lights on the La Salle High School field.

My family has been long-time residents of Pasadena and we are proud to be associated with La Salle. One of our sons graduated La Salle in 2004 and another is graduating this year. There are few institutions in Pasadena that bring dignity and quality of life to our community as does La Salle High School.

La Salle has exercised every means to be a good neighbor, in particular in regard to the lights in question. The school has complied with all the requirements and it is bothersome, to say the least, that the Board of Zoning Appeals has ignored the school's good intentions and needs, and unfairly ruled against our school. The City Council must correct this wrong.

Furthermore, I ask that the Council consider the importance of such spaces as Lancer field. I work with youth professionally. There are issues of dignity and self-worth that come from decent facilities. Having lights on the field is certainly a small request but one which will have a long-reaching and positive impact on future generations of Pasadenans. I trust that the Council will have the best interest of our youth in mind and vote favorably to enhance the field with lights.

I thank you for your consideration and look forward to your favorable resolution this evening at the Council meeting.

Prayerfully,

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Pasadena, CA 91107

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Victor Nuguid [victornuguid@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 11:14 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: lights for La Salle H.S.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

Please allow lights at La Salle H.S. I am writing you to show my support for the approved petition to erect four light posts for night football, soccer, and track and field events. The school has demonstrated great responsibility in being awarded the petition and should not be rejected for selfish one-sided reasons. This would be a great addition to the school boosting morale and school spirit. It is simply unfair that this award was overturned by a small self-interest minority looking out only for their personal well-being. Please review the matter more thoroughly and allow the school to help move forward in building the strong characters of their students through the pride they have for their school.

Sincerely,

Victor Nuguid - Parent to two La Salle H.S. students

Stephen Pankow
709 Rim Road
Pasadena, California 91107

October 12, 2006

City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, California 91105

Attention: Mayor Bill Bogaard and the City Council

RE: Athletic Field Lighting
La Salle High School
3880 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, California

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members

As a twenty year plus resident of Pasadena, specifically lower Hastings Ranch and the parent of a daughter and a son currently enrolled at La Salle High School, I urge and encourage your support and approval of La Salle High School's application to install light standards on their football field.

La Salle High School is one of the premier high schools in the San Gabriel Valley and I am proud to have my children be a part of the La Salle community. As residents of Pasadena, we should be proud of what La Salle has to offer to the community.

One of the items La Salle wishes to bring to the community is high school football on Friday nights. Friday nights are meant for high school football as Saturdays are meant for college football and Sundays for professional football. I believe if the lighting is approved and the students of La Salle are allowed to use their stadium for Friday night games, the surrounding residents as well as the community will be pleased with the way the La Salle student body and administration conduct these events.

I have had the privilege to work with Dr. Richard Gray and his committee responsible for obtaining approval of the lighting installation. The committee consists of approximately twenty people and they are a group that is truly conscientious about the concerns of the surrounding neighbors. This committee has spent countless hours explaining to those directly affected how the field will be illuminated and addressing the specific concerns of the neighborhood. Dr. Gray and the La Salle administration truly practice the good neighbor policy.

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During the course of preparing our appeal to the City Council, I have visited the La Salle football field on numerous occasions. The football field is adjacent to six homes and in between the homes and the wall that separates the school, there is a 12 to 14 foot wide corridor of bushes and trees running the length of the football field which are at least 15 feet in height at a minimum. A lighting study has been prepared and will be presented to the council to show what the affect actually is upon the homes. It is my understanding the mayor and numerous council members have visited the school and possibly seen the rendering of the football field under lit conditions based upon the lighting configuration being proposed.

I live on Rim Road and just about every evening, the lights at Victory Park come on for the baseball and soccer fields. There are at least three fields if not more, and each one has their own set of lights. These lights are on from dusk until 10:00 P.M., sometimes seven nights a week. The illumination carries into to my back yard, approximately a half mile away. This will not happen to the back yards adjoining La Salle, because of the latest technology available today for such lighting requirements which will be illustrated at the council meeting on October 16th.

The lights at Victory Park are a representation that the people of Pasadena are enjoying some of the assets the City of Pasadena has to offer its citizens and I fully support the lighting as it is today as well as the amount of time the lights are on.

I ask that you and the council vote to allow the installation of lights on the football field at La Salle High School. Thank you for taking the time to visit the school as well as your consideration of the school's request.

Sincerely,
Stephen Pankow

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Joel Robinson [robconsult@dmcdl.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 1:58 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School Field Lights Will Help the Kids

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

A vote on the issue of the sports field lighting for La Salle High School will be before you on Monday, October 16. I urge you to support La Salle's request to approve the lighting. La Salle's sports program is a key part of the school's rich educational environment, and the school itself is a gem in the educational crown of Pasadena. The lighting proposal will enhance the La Salle sports program immensely and make it competitive with other schools without an imposition on neighbors. Please approve the La Salle request.

Thank you for your support,

Joel Robinson

10/16/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Ricki Robinson [rr@dmcdl.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 11:20 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane; City_Council
Subject: re: La Salle High School Athletic Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard and the City Council of Pasadena,

Please vote for the lights for the athletic fields at La Salle High School.

The lights will be great for the students and enhance their athletic experience.

Pasadena will benefit from the increased exposure of this premier academic institution.

La Salle will be a good neighbor and limit the use of their lights and the time that the lights will be on.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ricki Robinson, MD
Parent of La Salle High School Junior

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Bruckner, Richard
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 7:45 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: LaSalle High School CUP #4663

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

From: Benita F. Schwartz [mailto:benital@altrionet.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 12:48 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill; Streater, Joyce; Little, Paul; Holden, Chris; Haderlein, Steve; Gordo, Victor; Madison, Steve; Tyler, Sid; Kurtz, Cynthia; Bruckner, Richard; Steinmeyer, John
Cc: Robert@RobertSilversteinLaw.com; Miguel@RobertSilversteinLaw.com
Subject: LaSalle High School CUP #4663

I am against the installation of lights on the LaSalle High School athletic field. This project, according to Terry Tornek, a Zoning Appeals Board member, "...will change the face of this neighborhood forever"!

I ask that you read the presentation of the Robert Silverstein Law Firm, and listen to the local residents who live in the Lower and Upper Hastings Ranch area and not people who live in Altadena, Sierra Madre, Arcadia, LaCanada, South Pasadena, etc. who have spoken at previous meetings or written e-mails. These out-of-area residents do not have to put up with the noise, lights, parking and trash as the local residents will have each day the athletic field is used.

We, the residents of District 4, do not have representation on the City Council as Steve Haderlein is employed by LaSalle High School and is recusing himself on this vote. I encourage you to let the Zoning Appeals Board ruling stand and not allow lights on the LaSalle High School athletic field.

Sincerely,

Benita F. Schwartz, 945 Cynthia Ave., Pasadena 91107, 626-793-2921

Rodriguez, Jane

From: bill sullivan [bsullivan514@adelphia.net]

Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 12:48 PM

To: City_Council

Cc: Rodriguez, Jane

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

Please vote to allow La Salle High School to install lighting on their football field. The school has been more than accommodating in meeting the demands of its neighbors. Please allow our students the privilege of participating in and attending evening football games.

Thank you,

Bill & Patty Sullivan

514 San Gabriel Ct.

Sierra Madre, CA 91024

(626)355-3707

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Kurtz, Cynthia
Sent: Sunday, October 15, 2006 5:31 AM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: La Salle High School Stadium

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

From: Shirley Wheeler [mailto:wheeler@keyway.net]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 2:23 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: La Salle High School Stadium

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I am greatly concerned about the La Salle Football Stadium.

La Salle High School is a ten acre institution, of which two-thirds at the present time is athletic field and one-third is buildings. When Phase IV of their unfiled Master Plan is completed, they will have one-third of the property in an athletic stadium and two-thirds in buildings. This is too dense for our neighborhood. Its like putting a size 12 foot in a size 10 shoe.

If this permit is granted, they will have completed Phase I of there five Phase Master Plan. Next they plan to build a swimming pool and parking structure, Phase II. If this is done through a conditional used permit process, we will spend year four doing what we have been doing for the past three years, trying to protect our property rights. Phase III and IV will follow bringing more buildings.

We want La Salle to file their Master Plan and do an EIR which will show the total impact on our neighborhood, when ALL of this development is presented.

If La Salle is allowed to install 80' light poles on their grounds, the Hasting Ranch Area will changed forever and we will have created an "eyesore" in East Pasadena.

We feel that the concerns about the noise level, which is escalating, that illumination of an area of over an acre to the high light levels of 80' and the impact that will have and the "not significant traffic impact" were finally heard at the Zoning Board Hearing, and we hope you will concur with their decision and require La Salle to do an environmental impact report. They were not told they could not have the lights at that hearing, as La Salle has stated, they were told to file an EIR.

Sincerely

Glen and Shirley Wheeler
3820 Canfield Rd.
Pasadena, Ca. 91107

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Pickempat1@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2006 4:50 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Use of Lights at La Salle High School

Dear City Council!

The issue of lights at La Salle High School is coming before you next week. Please vote to grant La Salle the use of lights. It is important for the City of Pasadena and particularly for the La Salle community. High School and football under the lights are truly highlights of a high school experience. La Salle has gone out of their way to be good neighbors and good citizens and will continue to do so.

I've been the football announcer for La Salle for the last twelve years and I am aware of the responsibility toward the neighbors. There is nothing more exciting than to have football under the lights and to bring the entire community together united in the spirit of sportsmanship. Please grant La Salle the use of lights and give the high school students the same great experience that most other high schools are able to enjoy.

Respectfully

Pat Wickhem

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Scottwright123@aol.com
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 11:39 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lights at La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council,

I am resident of Pasadena and live in the Upper Hastings Ranch area very close to where La Salle High School is located and I strongly support La Salle High School in there efforts to install lights on their football field.

The safety of their students athletes should definitely be taken in to consideration as they now have to play their home games in the daytime under sometimes very hot temperatures on artificial turf.

As a member of this community I ask that you please approve their request for lights. La Salle High School is an asset to our community and a very good neighbor.

Sincerely,

Scott Wright
1175 Leonard Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91107
(626) 351-0806

10/11/06

Pasadena City Council
Pasadena Ca 91109

Dear Council Members:

I wish to raise several issues, concerning Conditional Use Permit #4663, which could serve as a basis for possible future litigation. Lighting is not the issue.

1) If lighting is approved, however, increased numbers of vehicles will be dumped into the neighborhood, with the collateral impact of large numbers of people loading and unloading late into the night.

2) While lighting does impact the immediate residents surrounding La Salle High School, nighttime noise emanating from the site, itself, will impact a greater area of the residential neighborhood.

3) The entire surrounding residential area will be impacted by greater nighttime traffic.

4) Directing an Environmental impact study at illumination and ignoring the impacts listed above, is tantamount to not doing an Environmental Study at all.

For these reasons I urge you to reject the conditional use permit.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,



Edward Adams
710 Mariposa Ave
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

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Mayor Mr. Bill Bogaard and City Council
City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, Ca. 91105

October 12, 2006

To the Honorable Mayor Bill Bogaard and City Counsel:

My name is Marianne Compton. My son is presently a junior at LaSalle High School. My husband is an alumni of LaSalle High School. I work as a court reporter for the Los Angeles Superior Court, and I have been working in the Pasadena Courthouse for the past three years.

My letter is in regard to LaSalle High School obtaining approval to have lights on their beautiful football field just as all the high schools, and play their games on Friday nights.

LaSalle's application for lights was originally approved after many, many hours of discussion, research, and hearings. Now, we are told that the Board of Zoning Appeals, consisting of four community members, has decided that LaSalle cannot erect lights. Why has this become such an unnecessary struggle? Why are these neighbors so against a wonderful school like LaSalle, with 98% of its students going on to college, having lights for only **nine** football games and soccer games that will end by 7:00 p.m? The neighbors should be proud of LaSalle and be willing to help improve the school for its students. I am ashamed to think that the price of the homeowner's property surrounding LaSalle would play any part in this decision.

When I attended Schurr High School in Montebello 30 years ago, our school went through the exact same situation. Now the neighbors are proud to have football games at night in their own backyards. You would be surprised how many parents attend the football games – at least half! There are more parents and grandparents at these games than students! LaSalle is not a rowdy school and does not have a rowdy student body.

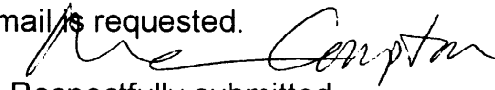
Unfortunately I do not live within the City of Pasadena, but I do know and work with plenty of people and lawyers who do live within the City of Pasadena and whose children attend LaSalle. This topic comes up often.

The office of Mayor and City Council are all elected positions by the voters of Pasadena and serve the people of Pasadena.

I am asking you, Mayor Bogaard, and the City Council, to support LaSalle High School in obtaining lights for Lancer Field. LaSalle High School will be here long after you and I are gone, and you owe this to the families in your

community and your constituents to help LaSalle be the best school it can be now and 100 years from now!!!

A reply via email ~~is~~ requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marianne Compton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Respectfully submitted,
Marianne Compton,
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jacobs, Belinda
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 1:52 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: La Salle item for Oct. 16, 2006

From: Colleen Doan [mailto:cdpagosa@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 5:11 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: 'Richard Gray'
Subject: La Salle item for Oct. 16, 2006

The Honorable Bill Bogaard, Mayor
Members of the City Council
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield, Room 237
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

My name is Colleen Doan. I am a Planning Consultant by profession. I have worked as a Planner in California for 25 years. In fact, I got my first city planning experience in Pasadena 25 years ago as an intern. I contributed to the first surveys and planning for Old Town. I also helped out on the North Pasadena Profile. I have worked in both public and private sectors. I have experience in current and long range planning, CEQA, Specific and Master Plans, CUP's etc. I am also a parent of a student at La Salle High School and have looked at the recent request for field lights from both vantage points.

I understand that the City Council will be hearing the appeal item for the La Salle field lights on Monday, October 16, 2006. I want to express my concerns over a recent BZA decision on August 16, 2006 to deny the request to install lights on the athletic field. A very thorough staff report was prepared by Senior Planner, John Steinmeyer, in support of the request. An accurate Environmental Determination was made with six (6) very specific findings, addressing concerns of light, glare and aesthetics. The findings considered the affects on adjacent residences and using numerical data found them to be minimal and within allowable limits.

In addition, twelve (12) conditions of approval were attached to the recommendation. These conditions restrict and regulate the total number of nights of use, the specific nights not allowed, such as Saturdays, the total number of events per week, and the City Zoning regulations for parking and noise. Condition eleven (11) requires monitoring of activities by staff and condition twelve (12) states that the Hearing Officer may revoke the approval at any time.

The La Salle administration understands the conditions and believes that they are reasonable and can be abided by. **I believe this shows good faith on the part of La Salle and the City staff in respecting and responding to the possible concerns of neighbors.**

The staff report further explained that this was not an expansion of the use. The La Salle administration has indicated that they understand that future campus expansions would require an application for a Master Plan.

10/16/2006

On behalf of La Salle High School I am asking you and the other members of the City Council to consider the findings of fact and conditions of approval from City Planning staff and vote in favor of the La Salle High School request when the matter comes before you.

Sincerely,
Colleen T. Doan

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jacobs, Belinda
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 1:51 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: Installing 4 light standards for LaSalle HS

From: Antonromahenry@aol.com [mailto:Antonromahenry@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 14, 2006 1:47 PM
To: City_Council
Subject: Re: Installing 4 light standards for LaSalle HS

To Mayor Bogaard and City Council

I am a La Salle High School student's parent. I am very happy to send my son to a very service oriented school as part of the Pasadena Community. Our school needs the lights for sporting events and would not be used after 10:00pm. Please understand the importance of sports to the school students.

Sports is important to school students. It teaches them morals for life and it helps them achieve a full education. As La Salle parents and students please help our wish become a reality for the good of the school. I am a resident of Pasadena who is active in participating in communitiy service as well as electoral voting.

Sincerely,
Roma Henry

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jacobs, Belinda
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: Lights for La Salle

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

From: Scott Lee [mailto:slee08@lausd.k12.ca.us]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 10:51 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Lights for La Salle

To the Members of the Pasadena City Council,

My wife and I were very pleased with the education our two sons received at La Salle. I am dismayed that the issue over the lighting for the athletic field is still not resolved. Mr. Patrick Bonacci is one of the most honorable men that I have ever met. He has worked very hard on this project.

The school is committed to adhere to the restrictions that the city of Pasadena has placed on the use of the lighting on the field.

It is unacceptable that you hold La Salle High hostage to please a few of the residence in the area. The high school is also part of the Pasadena community.

I sincerely hope that the members of the council will approve La Salle's request for the lighting and no longer delay the project.

Sincerely,

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Scott Lee
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jacobs, Belinda
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 1:52 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: La Salle High School Lights

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

From: Courtney Little [mailto:courtneyl23191@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 2:22 PM
To: City Council
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Dear members of the Pasadena City Council,

If you ask almost any high school graduate or currant student what their most fun and most remembered memories are, chances are that more than half of them will say attending a Friday night football game. If you ask any La Salle student or alumni what they would do to improve their school, the answer will be to get lights so we can have Friday night football games.

Friday night football games are not only a safe environment for students and their parents to have fun, but also a great way to show your school spirit and support for the school. Currently at La Salle our home football games have a very embarrassing and disappointing number of people attending. This is largely due to the fact that our games at at 1 PM on Saturdays in the afternoon when it is hot and humid.

Possibly the most important game in the whole football season is the Homecoming game. This is a chance for our football team to show of their abilities to not only the currant students, but also to returning alumni and proud parents. Chances are that when you were growing up, you had your Homecoming football game on Friday night. Almost immediately afterward you attended the Homecoming dance.

Our Homecoming dance is always on a Friday and they always end shortly before 11 PM. Our Homecoming football game is the day after the dance, when everyone is exhausted and in need of serious caffeine in order to even wake up at 10 in the morning, let alone to show our school support by attending our school's Homecoming game. At our Homecoming dance the king and queen don't even know they are it yet because it is a tradition to announce the winners at the Homecoming Game. Last year, more than half of our school was unaware of the king and queen because they were too tired from the dance to show their support and attend the Homecoming game,

I am positive that if we had lights on our field there would be a drastic change in our school spirit and the number of students attending the games. We would be more encouraged to go to the game and show our support than to just hang around at our friends houses and do nothing. I think that our football team would also be more inspired to play their best because there would be more students cheering them on and screaming for them in the crowds to play their best.

I think that the allowance of installment of lights on the La Salle High School football field would be a great way to increase school spirit and school involvement. The lights would benefit the whole student body, their parents, faculty, and alumni. It would also benefit the football team and their families, but also the soccer and track teams as well.

Thank you for your time,
Courtney Little
Council member Paul Little's daughter
Proud La Salle student

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jacobs, Belinda
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2006 1:52 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: FW: La Salle High School Lights

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

From: Jack D. Taylor [mailto:jtaylor@intexusa.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2006 4:32 PM
To: City Council
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Mayor Bill Bogaard and the City Council City of Pasadena:

As long time residents of Pasadena, my wife and I are writing regarding the pending application for the erection of new outdoor athletic field lighting at La Salle HS. We understand that in spite of being approved by City of Pasadena staff as well as a hearing officer, the City's decision was unfairly ruled against by the Board of Zoning Appeals, by a vote of three to one, after completely ignoring the facts in the case

We request that the City Council of Pasadena correct the errors of the Board of Zoning Appeals and allow the school to install lights so students can enjoy a full and enriching athletic program.

Your support will be a reflection of the City's ongoing commitment to the enhancement of La Salle's HS's outstanding educational legacy and the future well being of the youth of Pasadena.

Sincerely,

Jack & Myra Taylor
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Pasadena, CA 91106
626-440-1433

To: Council Members

From: Neighbors of La Salle High School in Pasadena

I am a neighbor of La Salle school. I live within a block from the school. I am **against** allowing lights at the school for the following reasons : Parking , Traffic, Noise, Trash, Lights and Property Values.

If the lights are allowed to be put in, the activity will be happen at night. The noise level, Packing, Traffic will be increase. I need my normal quietness evening hours with my family.



Tiffany tse

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