

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Michael Pick [pickfamily@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 7:56 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lights at La Salle High School

October 11, 2006

Mayor Bill Bogaard and Members of the Pasadena City Council
City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91105

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Honorable Members of the Pasadena City Council::

I have attached for your review a letter I have written that was published in the Pasadena Star News on October 5, 2006 discussing in an objective manner the reasons why the Pasadena City Council in its October 16 meeting should overturn the decision made by the Board of Zoning Appeals, and allow the installation of stadium lights on the athletic field of La Salle High School.

In summary:

- 1) The installation of the lights will allow football games to be played on Friday nights (as most US high schools do). By forcing the La Salle football teams to play its home games on Saturday, the school week becomes six days, decreasing quality family time, and time needed for weekend homework.
- 2) The installation of stadium lights would provide for the health and safety of the players and spectators by not having to play games on Saturday afternoons in temperatures that have exceeded 100 degrees.
- 3) The lights will allow our children to have a positive high school experience

La Salle High School in the sake of compromise with its neighbors has agreed to many conditions regarding the installation of the lights – four light poles only, a maximum height of 80 feet, use until 10PM a maximum of nine nights a year (only 2% of the year!!), and lights out by 7PM during soccer and track seasons. The neighbors and citizens opposed to the lights (some of whom do not live near the school) have showed a total unwillingness to compromise – basically their way is “no way”.

La Salle High School has supported the Pasadena community for 50 years; it is now time for the City to show its support for La Salle.

You have a unique opportunity to correct a bad decision, and to right a wrong – an opportunity that does not often come along. I urge you, along with your fellow city council members, to overturn the erroneous decision made by the Board of Zoning Appeals, and allow for the installation of stadium lights at La Salle High School.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Pick
3545 E. Mountain View Ave.
Pasadena, California 91107

10/12/2006

As Published in Pasadena Star News – October 5, 2006 *****

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 100degree 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.

La Salle has been a good neighbor to the local community for 50 years. It is time for the local community to show that it is also a good neighbor.

Michael E. Pick

Pasadena

10/12/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jessica Pinto [jessica-pinto@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2006 5:37 PM
To: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lasalle High School Lights

Dear City Clerk Jane Rodriguez,

I would like to express my support of the LaSalle High School football field lights. Please allow LaSalle High School to construct the field lights needed in order to enjoy evening football games. I feel that only 9 evening football games a year is very reasonable. Have compassion on the children that have to withstand the extreme heat of playing football in full gear on a Saturday afternoon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Pinto

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Ernie Posey [eposey@posey.com]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 6:56 PM
To: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Field Lights at LaSalle

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

As a homeowner near LaSalle High School, we support the use of night lights for sporting events. Even though we have no children at LaSalle, we support their athletic program and feel night lights on the LaSalle campus will not disrupt our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Ernest & Gunde Posey
1001 Singingwood Drive
Arcadia, CA 91006

10/10/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Heidi Princevalle [princeheidi101@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 12:36 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; letters.star-news@sgvn.com
Subject: LaSalle High School lights

The Board of Zoning Appeals was wrong to deny La Salle High School the ability to construct four light poles to illuminate their football field. They disregarded the facts that were presented by your own city staff and ignored the hearing officer's recommendation. The Board of Zoning Appeals acted out of malice toward the students and families of La Salle.

At least one member of the Board of Zoning Appeals may also have acted illegally. That member, Mr. Flores, works for Flewelling and Moody, a company that may have competed for business from La Salle or may plan to do so in the future. The fact that Mr. Flores works in the same field should exclude him from sitting in judgement on La Salle, or any other school project. According to the company's web site, they have done work for Flintridge Prep and PUSD and have designed even more impactful athletic field projects for high schools in residential neighborhoods in places like Manhattan Beach.

There is no evidence that La Salle's lights will have a detrimental impact on the quality of life of the immediate neighbors. Yes, there will be as many as nine Friday night football games played on the field. And there may be as many as 45 evening soccer and track and field events that end by 7:30 p.m. Studies have shown that modern field lighting does not spill into adjacent properties as it once did.

Also, these neighbors already live with fifty foot power poles and dangling power lines in their backyards. Any view of the mountains is already obstructed by power poles and lines that are much more visible than any installation at La Salle will be.

It's time for the City Council to support the education of our children and the schools that educate more than half the kids in our community. I urge Mayor Bogaard and the City Council to overturn the egregiously wrong decision of the compromised Board of Zoning Appeals and allow La Salle High School to light its football field.

Heidi Princevalle
1809 Brigden Road
Pasadena, CA 91104
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Sandra Rancour [Rancour@EverestWorld.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 2:12 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; Robert Kohorst
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Dear Mr. Mayor,

As a local resident I would like to voice my support in favor of La Salle High School having their lights for evening sporting events. I understand that this project had been previously approved and then the city council vetoed it. This is a fine school and is deserving of every effort to provide sports activities to our young citizens. We certainly allow the public schools to have every advantage; I would certainly support the same effort for our private high schools.

Thank you for your attention and see you at the meeting on October 16th.

Sandra Rancour

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Nan Reisman [reisman2005@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2006 10:47 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: letters.star-news@sgvn.com; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: La Salle High School lights

I urge the City Council to approve La Salle High School's application to place lights on the athletic field. This will be a very positive experience for the students and families at La Salle and will have little impact on the surrounding neighbors.

La Salle High School is one of the finest schools in our city. It's students attend college in very high numbers. These same students return to Pasadena to become our teachers, business owners, lawyers, accountants, social workers and community volunteers.

One of the elements of La Salle's program that builds their character is sports. La Salle does not restrict anyone's opportunity to be part of any team. All students are encouraged to play sports. While on La Salle teams, students are encouraged to do their best, but also taught appropriate behavior on the field. These students carry this notion of sportsmanship off the field as well.

Not only will football benefit from the installations of lights on the playing field, but track and field and girls soccer will also be able to host games at home.

I want to encourage the City Council to show the students and families at La Salle that their needs outweigh the ungrounded concerns of a small group of neighbors who would probably object to the traffic and noise if the Pope were to visit La Salle. (Unless they could get front row seats, that is.)

Nancy Reisman
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September 13, 2006
Mayor Bill Bogaard and the City Council
City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105

RE: La Salle High School - SUPPORT

Dear Mayor Bogaard:

Our son Ryan is now a senior at La Salle and he will never be able to enjoy an evening football game. All 4 years in the band he played in the hot sun. We urge you to decide in favor of the La Salle High School to install four light standards. This will allow the school to play home football games on Friday nights, with the girls' soccer team and our track team able to host games and meets after school during the winter and early spring. It has been a long over due and much needed for the students and athletes. La Salle is a private school and the number one sought after school in San Gabriel Valley. Every high school has a playing field and lights to go with it. We have a state of the art track and football-soccer field and it is time for us to light it up!

We ask you to keep in mind the students as you review our request and how important the lights are to all of the students and families. Football games at night are a part of the fun and excitement of going to high school. Everyone of us can remember our evening games and our homecomings at school. Please support our effort to complete our goal here at La Salle. Thank you for time.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Romano
Terry M. Romano
Ryan J. Romano

OUR ADDRESS: 2755 Ardmore Road
San Marino, CA 91108

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Joanie Ruggles [jruggles@lasallehs.org]
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2006 1:42 PM
To: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Field Lights

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am writing to you in hopes that you will be able to support our need for lights on our football field. La Salle High School is proud to be able to offer so many opportunities to young adults of the San Gabriel Valley. We offer the chance for students to achieve their goals whether it be in academics, sports, visual arts or journalism. Our mission is to help young people become responsible and caring citizens. We have written in our school and spoken often the phrase: Enter to Learn and Leave to Serve. Our community of parents, family, teachers administrators (many who are residents of Pasadena) continue to support our young athletes and would love to be at our own school when we host other teams during the football season on Friday nights.

Please support us and thank you for your time.

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Dr. Joanie Ruggles
Dean of Students
La Salle High School
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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Ted Saraf [TSaraf@lojack.com]
Sent: Sunday, September 10, 2006 8:00 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; tts10851@aol.com
Subject: La Salle High School

Mayor Bill Bogaard and City Council members

I have been a resident of Pasadena most of my young adult life and spent over 30 years with the City of Pasadena Police Department. I attended La Salle High School in the late 50s and have supported this fine institution since. I have seen it develop from a single building to a great school that produces students from all back ground and ethnicities. La Salle gives to the community in supporting students who come from diverse back grounds and supports the middle class and less fortunate with tuition assistance including no tuition for many of Pasadena's less fortunate. La Salle has spent over \$1,000.000 to produce a field that compares to the best. Paid for by hard working parents in this community and it's Alumni. It lets the community use the field and supports numerous public and private sports events. For years we had no field and now we have a master piece.

It was brought to our attention that there are a few residents living behind the field who have been opposing the placements of four (4) light poles that will enable the use of Friday night football games and some soccer team events. La Salle has limited the night games to no more than nine Friday nights ending at 10 PM and the Soccer/Field events at 7PM. I can not see why 3 or 4 individuals who oppose La Salle's request are fighting so hard against students who want a safe environment and the greatest education a school can produce.

So my request to all of the City Council members is to approve the request of La Salle High School and let them have their light.

Sincerely,

Ted Saraf
670 Skyland Dr
Sierra Madre, CA

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Megan Seidner [mseidner27@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2006 6:45 PM

To: Rodriguez, Jane

Subject: Lights at LaSalle High School

To whom this may concern:

Hello, my name is Megan Seidner, and I am a sophomore at LaSalle High School in Pasadena, California. My school has applied to install four light standards on our property to allow the school to play home football games on Friday nights, and it was sadly turned down. I understand the residents may be concerned about the lights and the rowdiness, but our school agreed to have only nine home football games, and they would end by ten. I really think the Board of Zoning Appeals should reconsider, and vote yes to install lights in our school. Thank you for your time.

-Megan Seidner

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Keith A. Sharp [kas@falksharp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2006 11:11 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane

Dear Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members:

I am writing to respectfully request your support of La Salle High School's application to install light standards on Lancer Athletic Field. I specifically seek your support in correcting the errors of the Board of Zoning Appeals by allowing the school to install the lights so its students can enjoy a full and enriching athletic program. As I'm certain you know, La Salle High School has an impressive history in the City of Pasadena and has always sought to coexist harmoniously with its neighbors. La Salle included its neighbors in the development of this project and I am confident that La Salle will continue to be sensitive to the concerns of its neighbors. In fact, I understand that La Salle would host no more than nine football games on Friday nights until 10 p.m. and the girls' soccer team and track team would end their meets by 7:30 in the evening. This schedule seems eminently reasonable in balancing the interests of all concerned.

Without question, the approval of the school's request will enable it to provide athletic facilities that are equivalent to those of other public and private schools here in Pasadena. As a business owner here in the City of Pasadena I have a keen interest in the quality of life here. Similarly, a commitment to quality education has been at the forefront of the City's agenda for a long time. The installation of state-of-the-art lights on Lancer Athletic Field will no doubt advance that agenda.

La Salle High School has a rich and rewarding 50 year history with the City of Pasadena. This project looks to the future, providing an enhancement that will continue the School's historic commitment to providing a comprehensive educational experience for the students entrusted to its care. Again, I urge you to support this endeavor and thank you for your time.

Very truly yours,

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10/11/2006

Rodriguez, Jane

From: DOROTHY933@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:57 PM
To: city_council@city of pasadena.net
Cc: jrodriguez@city of pasadena.net; kgregg91107@yahoo.com
Subject: Lights on Field at LaSalle High School

To the Mayor and City Council Members:

We strongly support LaSalle High School in its effort to provide a playing field with sufficient lighting for night games--only very few per year. We reside in Upper Hastings Ranch and together with many of our neighbors we have no idea why there are objections to this lighting proposal. The principal and staff at LaSalle have gone out of their way to advise residents of the adjoining area of any activity at the school which may have an impact on them, for instance, the parking situation whereby students may need to park on streets nearby, and residents have been requested to contact the school if there is a problem. Open communication between the school and residents has always been a hallmark of LaSalle.

We do not have students at LaSalle but are pleased to receive a complimentary copy of their newsletter. By reading the same we are very impressed by the quality of the programs offered as well as the instructors and the values and responsibilities which are taught. The City of Pasadena should be proud to have such a strong educational bastion located within its limits and do everything within its power to support this excellent school rather than wasting time arguing against anything as petty as lights on a playing field.

Dorothy Steeves
Jim Galligan

Rodriguez, Jane

From: C.W. Sugrue [cwsugrue1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2006 11:08 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Lights for La Salle

Bill Bogaard,
Mayor
City of Pasadena
117 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105

September 22, 2006

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

The City of Pasadena needs to do everything it can to support our private schools. These schools educate over half of the children in Pasadena. Private schools send most of our children to college. Their students also provide many hours of community service to our city. The students in private school today will be the community, business and political leaders of our community in the future. The Pasadena City Council needs to recognize the importance of our private schools when you consider whether or not to grant La Salle High School a permit to put up athletic field lights.

There is no good reason to deny La Salle's request for athletic field lights. If you look at where La Salle is situated, at the top of the hill adjacent to Sierra Madre Boulevard, you will see that there are only three or four properties that will even see the light poles. These properties are probably thirty feet below La Salle, and would get very little noise, light spillage and no traffic impacts from Friday night football at La Salle. They wouldn't have any more traffic or noise than they get now on Saturdays when La Salle plays football. They would have no impacts at all from the weeknight use by girl's soccer and track.

Right now, neighbors get more light and traffic from the Albertsons market across Sierra Madre from the school than La Salle will ever generate. I would think moving La Salle football traffic from Saturday, the busiest grocery shopping day, to Friday would have a positive impact on traffic in the area and be welcomed by the neighbors.

Your Board of Zoning Appeals, for whatever reason, erred when it decided against La Salle. Some have said that at least one of the commissioners, Guadalupe Flores, had a conflict of interest and should not have been able to vote on the matter in the first place. You have lawyers who can determine if that is true. What is true is that the Board of Zoning Appeals did not look at the facts before them when they decided against La Salle. Their decision was simply wrong.

La Salle has been here for fifty years, educating the young people of our community and being good neighbors. I think it's time the City of Pasadena showed its appreciation by granting La Salle a permit to install lights on the athletic field. I also think you should look favorably on permit applications from the other private schools in Pasadena. They educate so many of our children, including children of City Council and city staff.

Sincerely,

Charles Sugrue
Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: C.W. Sugrue [cwsugrue1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Saturday, September 23, 2006 9:36 PM
To: Jacobs, Belinda
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Re: FW: La Salle High School Football Field Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

Thank you for your reply.

I hope you are not fooled by the La Salle opponents' master plan argument. None of the previous approvals, even the Zoning Appeals Board, asked for or required a master plan for consideration of field lighting at La Salle. That is the argument being advanced only by the opponents of the school to subvert the approval and stop the lights.

City staff did not require a master plan. The hearing officer did not require a master plan. The Zoning Appeals Board never mentioned a master plan in their findings. Only La Salle's opponents are raising the master plan as a way to deflect away from the merits of La Salle's application.

If I can see the master plan subterfuge for what it really is, surely you can, too.

Please support the students at La Salle and approve the request for field lighting.

Thank you,

Charlie Sugrue

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

>From: "Jacobs, Belinda" <bjacobs@cityofpasadena.net>
>Sent: Sep 22, 2006 3:21 PM
>To: cwsugrue1@earthlink.net
>Subject: FW: La Salle High School Football Field Lights

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>mind as the Council moves forward on this issue.

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>BILL BOGAARD

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>Mayor

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Francis Sumner [wbard31@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2006 3:46 PM
To: Madison, Steve
Cc: citycouncil@cityofpasadena.net; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: LaSalle High School lights

Dear Mr. Madison, We are residents of District 6 (and grandparents of a LaSalle High School student) and are writing to ask you to vote against the decision of the Zoning Appeals Board and to permit LaSalle High School to install light standards on their athletic field. As things stand now, the LaSalle football teams (both varsity and junior varsity) cannot join with the other league teams and play their games on the traditional high school Friday nights. The proposed lights will be turned on no more than 10 evenings per year and that should not cause much inconvenience to La Salle's neighbors. We urge you to vote in favor of La Salle when the vote comes before you on October 16.

Thank you for your consideration.

Walt and Dorothy Sumner
1425 Washburn Road
Pasadena CA 91105

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: E. Tanner [tannere1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 1:18 PM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Vote YES on La Salle High School

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I urge you to vote Yes when La Salle High School asks the City Council for permits to install field lights on campus.

Please consider the following and vote yes for La Salle:

- a.) La Salle High School has been educating the children of Pasadena for the past fifty years. In fact, I think the school purchased the land at Sierra Bonita and Michillinda before any of the neighboring homes were developed.
- b.) La Salle is a good neighbor. Their Saturday football games barely disturb the neighbors. Fans park in the neighboring church lots and not on the streets. Adding lights and moving the games to Friday night will be even less disruptive to the neighbors. La Salle volunteered to limit the number of nighttime events and turn the lights off at 7:30 p.m., except for football which will end at 10.
- c.) La Salle girls soccer players and track team deserve to be able to host games and meets on their home field.
- d.) Neighbors will not have more obstructed views of the mountains. Most of the neighbors below La Salle have large trees blocking their views. The neighbors who can even see the mountains, now have 50 foot light poles and electrical and telephone wires running through their backyards obstructing any view of the Mountains. Also, La Salle must be at least 25 feet higher than the neighbors' yards. When you are at La Salle you can look over the houses of the nearest neighbors.
- e.) La Salle is a community asset. La Salle students volunteer to tutor elementary children in PUSD as one of their community service activities. Students perform service in places as far away as an Indian reservation in North Dakota and a village in Mexico. They also do service for their school and in our community. Two of the most recent Rose Queens were from La Salle.
- f.) La Salle students are the future of Pasadena. They are the students going to college, getting degrees and returning to our city to work, teach, run for office and provide valuable service to our community.
- g.) The neighbors and your Zoning Appeals Board are wrong to oppose La Salle's request for lights. Our community should be celebrating La Salle (and all the other schools in Pasadena). We should not be stopping every effort by our private schools to improve their campuses for their students.
- h.) It's the right thing to do. Show the students at La Salle that they are valuable and their needs are important to Pasadena.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote YES for La Salle High School.

Sincerely,

Elaine Tanner
Pasadena

Rodriguez, Jane

From: E. Tanner [tannere1@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2006 1:08 PM
To: Jacobs, Belinda
Cc: City_Council; Rodriguez, Jane
Subject: Re: FW: La Salle High School Football Field Lights

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

While I appreciate the form response to my email, I want you to support La Salle High School and the very reasonable request for lights.

There are a grand total of four neighbors with adjacent properties who would be impacted by the lights. They are already impacted by football, since Pasadena approved bleachers for the football field two years ago. No one else will see the lights, notice any additional traffic or hear any noise. Probably even the four adjacent neighbors won't see light, hear noise or have any more traffic on their street.

Please do not listen to one neighborhood crank with an axe to grind against one of the finest schools in Pasadena.

Vote for the students and families of La Salle High School.

Thank you,

Elaine Tanner

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

>From: NQEMSFDFULHPQQWOYIYZUNNYCGPKYLEJGDGVCJVTLBFXFGGM
>Sent: Sep 25, 2006 3:39 PM
>To: tannerel@earthlink.net
>Subject: FW: La Salle High School Football Field Lights

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: Jesse Taylor [boxcarman@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2006 9:48 AM
To: City_Council
Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; letters.star-news@sgvn.com
Subject: Lights for La Salle High School and Support for Private Schools

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

I do not have children at La Salle High School. Our family attends another of Pasadena's excellent independent schools.

I am very concerned, however, that the City of Pasadena does not actively help and support our private schools. In fact, it seems as if the City of Pasadena does its utmost to thwart every effort by private schools to improve their facilities. La Salle's request for field lights to allow Friday night football games and for their girls' soccer team and the track team to host games and meets at home is the latest example, to me anyway, of Pasadena's antipathy toward the schools that educate more than half the children in our city.

There is no good reason the Board of Zoning Appeals should have disallowed La Salle's application for a permit to install field lighting. Your own staff and the Hearing Officer approved the request after carefully studying the documentation and impact reports. Your own experts, as well as those who studied the potential impacts, concluded there would be minimal impacts on neighbors. In denying La Salle's application, your Board of Zoning Appeals chose to disregard the technical experts and, in at least one case, possibly violate conflict of interest laws.

The City Council, and you as Pasadena's Mayor, have the opportunity to correct the grave errors of the Board of Zoning Appeals and approve La Salle's application.

In addition, I think the City Council needs to be very clear in its support of the institutions that are educating most of our children. Your support of La Salle and its application for field lighting is one step, but you also need to make it very clear that the City of Pasadena and its elected leadership values our private schools and will support them as they seek to improve the education and experience of all our children. You can do that by not allowing small numbers of nay-saying neighbors to derail reasonable and important initiatives at our private schools. You can tell Mayfield, Westridge, Chandler, Poly, Pasadena Christian, Maranatha, Waverly and the rest that you value their contribution to our community and that the service and education they provide to our young people is important to you. You can let each know you will look favorably on their applications when they come before the City Council.

It is time the City of Pasadena strongly and clearly shows its support for those institutions that are educating so many of our children.

Approve the application for lights on the athletic fields at La Salle.

Thank you,

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From: Nancy Terry [Terry@EverestWorld.com]
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Cc: Rodriguez, Jane; Sandra Rancour
Subject: La Salle High School Lights

Dear Mr. Mayor,

As a Pasadena resident I would like to voice my support in favor of La Salle High School having their lights for evening sporting events. I understand that this project had been previously approved and then the city council vetoed it. This is a fine school and is deserving of every effort to provide sports activities to our young citizens. We certainly allow the public schools to have every advantage, I would certainly support the same effort for our private high schools.

Thank you for your attention and see you at the meeting on October 16th,

Nancy Terry
Pasadena Resident