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July 15, 2011

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Attn: Jack Ainsworth  
89 South California Street, Suite 200  
Ventura, CA 93001-2801

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

I am writing to express my *complete support* for the Malibu City Council's amendment to the Local Commission Plan regarding permanent lighting for Malibu High School athletic fields. An opposing voice—that of the Malibu Dark Sky Committee—would suggest that a lighted athletic field for educationally sanctioned events threatens the “rural character” of Malibu. As a former K-12 school leader, a current university professor, and a mother of two Malibu High School students, in the strongest of terms I do not concur with this argument. One essential and central part of a rural community is its educational program. In the case of Malibu, we are fortunate to enjoy high quality public education with an exceptional comprehensive high school that offers extra curricular activities including athletics.

I know of no other community in the United States where dark skies trump the education of its children and the schools' obligation to provide a range of appropriate activities for them. High school athletics is an integral and celebrated component of any rural community. It is the community's obligation to support its schools and its young citizens—not limit their opportunities under the ruse of environmental protection.

I fully promote the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's efforts to provide a comprehensive high school program, a safe haven for its youth, and a lighted field so our children can participate in athletics in the same manner that all high school children do throughout America. Please support the petition to enable Malibu High School children to enjoy athletics in a lighted stadium.

Yours sincerely,

  
Elizabeth C. Reilly, Ed. D.  
Malibu Resident and  
Professor of Educational Leadership  
Loyola Marymount University

Cc via Email: Jose Escarce, President, Board of Education, SMMUSD  
Sandra Lyon, Superintendent of Schools, SMMUSD  
Mark Kelly, Principal, Malibu High School

Malibu LCP  
Amendment 1-11-A

Exhibit 9
CDP-Amendment - 4-99-276-A4 -
Correspondence in Support of MHS Field Lights

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Marsden  
640 Tabard Road  
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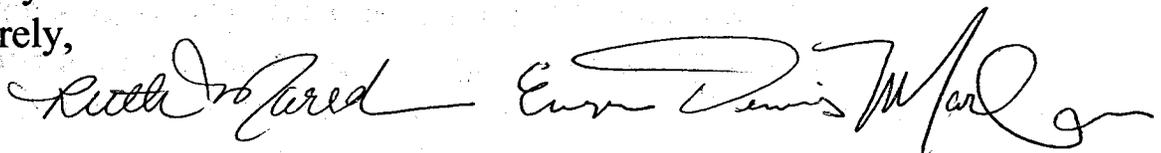
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Dear Mr. Ainsworth,

We are writing to you to express our support for night time field lighting at Malibu High School. We have been residents of Malibu since 1993 and have had two children progress through the Santa Monica/Malibu Unified School District from kindergarten onward. Having had two students graduate from Malibu High, we know how the students have suffered from not being able to compete against other schools due to the lack of appropriate lighting throughout the school year, especially during the late fall and winter months when it begins to get dark at 5pm. We think it is outrageously selfish for the handful of residents whose view line overlooks the high school playing field to make such a fuss over a few night games. The lights would be off by 10pm or so at the latest for these events, meaning the field would be illuminated for a period of less than 6 hours. These residents moved into a neighborhood which was built around a high school – this gives them wonderful privacy when school is not in session, but they must in turn expect to have to accommodate the needs of the students in attendance there. It is a neighborhood shared by both residents and a school community, which means there should be room for both 'dark skies' and night games!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Ruth and Dennis Marsden. The signature on the left is 'Ruth Marsden' and the signature on the right is 'Dennis Marsden'.

Ruth and Dennis Marsden

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Re: Night Lighting at Malibu High School  
CCC Meeting: August 10, 2011

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

I wanted to voice my opinion **in favor** of night lights at Malibu High School. I have been a Malibu resident for nearly 30 years and I believe this is a necessity for the community as a whole. I believe that the anticipated restrictions on hours and number of days of use per year should be sufficient to make the lighting only a minor intrusion, if any, on the surrounding neighbors in the area.

Should you have any comments or questions regarding the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICE OF MARK J. LEONARDO



Mark J. Leonardo

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15 August 2011

Sir's John Ainsworth, Deputy Director and  
Steve Hudson, District Manager

my wife and I would like it to  
be known that we as residents of Malibu  
Park support the limited lighting of the  
Malibu High School football field.

Sincerely

Burl D Dahlstrom and  
Patricia M. Dahlstrom

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Malibu, Ca. 90265-3813

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**Deanna Christensen**

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**From:** RICKMALIBU@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:58 PM  
**To:** Deanna Christensen  
**Subject:** Malibu High School lights

September 20, 2011

Rick Wallace

20630 Pacific Coast Hwy

Malibu, Cal 90265

**RE: Malibu LCP Amendment 1-11 (High School Lights) and Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. 4-99-276-A4 (Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District)**

DEAR CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION:

Please vote for lights for the Malibu High School field !!

Why should Malibu not be allowed to have night sports events on a limited basis, just like all other High Schools around the state? It has been unfair for the kids and the community of Malibu to be forced to have sports events only during the day time, which affects their study schedule and makes it difficult for parents to attend and enjoy their kid's participation.

The idea that nesting animals would be disturbed is ridiculous. There are over 3000 hours of darkness every year. I am sure the animals nearby can handle 50 hours of lights on during the course of the year.

I am a parent of a child in Malibu (and not very wealthy). I announce the high school football games which have very few in attendance during day games – the old night games that were so fun and had hundreds of participants and were a great community event. MALIBU NEEDS LIGHTS FOR COMMUNITY SPORTS EVENTS.

Thank you,

Rick Wallace

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**Re: Malibu LCP Amendment 1-11 (High School Lights) and Coastal Development Permit Amendment 4-99-276- A4 (SM-Malibu School District) Malibu High School. The City's Amendment 13a, is the proposed change to the LCP and the District's amendment (agenda 17a) removes a previous restriction on lighting.**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in favor of allowing lighting at Malibu High School as is proposed. For 3 years my daughter has played soccer for MHS without the opportunity to play under the lights. Instead she drives to other schools that provide lights for their athletes. She has always had early outs (leaving 1-2 hrs before school ends) to allow travel time. If she had night time games she could come home after school, eat, get her homework done and then return in time to play.

I also note that lights bring bugs and birds and bats would thrive on them.

With lighting it encourages the community to come out and support the teams playing. In the past football had temporary lighting and it was so much fun to meet with families and watch the kids play. A sense of community has been lost since prohibiting lights at night. And, it would be fair to spread the allowable lighting nights out between all sports and not just football.

Please consider allowing the proposed night lighting at Malibu High School.

Thank you,



Tracy E. Stoker

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**TO: California Coastal Commission  
South Central Coast District Office  
Deanna Christensen, Coastal Program Analyst  
89 South California Street, Suite 200  
Ventura, CA 93001-2801**

**RE: Malibu LCP Amendment 1-11 (High School Lights) and  
Coastal Development Permit Amendment No. 4-99-276-A4 (Santa  
Monica-Malibu Unified School District)**

**DEAR DEANNA,**

**PLEASE ALLOW THE LIGHTS AT MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL. Our family strongly feels that the students and parents at Malibu High School should be allowed to have night games. It is important for our children's sports and for the spirit of the school. It would be nice to allow the students to come together to cheer on their teams and have a night homecoming like the rest of the schools.**

**Thanks,  
David and Nicole Bassett  
(Sophie and Josie Bassett 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**Deanna Christensen**

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**From:** keely [keelyjensen@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2011 11:43 AM  
**To:** Deanna Christensen  
**Subject:** mhs lights

Hello,

I am a MHS parent Malibu park resident. I am in favor of the lights! Please vote in favor of the Costal development permit # 4-99-276-a4. The kids need it!

Thank you, Keely Jensen