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Cabrillo Unified School District
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File # PLN2020-00223
400 Santiago Ave, El Granada

To whom It may concern,

I left on a trip on the 12th of October, up to that date I had not received a notice about this hearing. On my return, the 21st of October is the first I heard of this hearing via mail. It seems to be this isn't adequate time for anyone not planning on being in town to even formally write you with regards to my concerns with installation of parking lot lighting at El Granada Elementary school. So, I apologize for this last-minute email to you.

I live across the street from El Granada Elementary school and this decision does directly affect us.

For your consideration:

I would like to directly ask what exact problem the installation of parking lot lighting is solving. The last I recall; the school was originally built in 1948. For 77 years now, the school has operated continuously without any such parking lot lighting. Unlike a high school, the operation of the school has very specific hours, almost always during day light. Rarely does the school have any evening or night time functions. Obviously, safety is always a concern during shorter daylight seasons (two months tops).

The installation of the elementary school parking lot lights brings many concerns to me as a homeowner and neighbor.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->While I understand the lights would be on a programmed timer, what is the criteria for the scheduled timing of them both on and off? Who specifically determines this and what input or recourse do local neighbors have if it is objectionable? This is a bit of a genie out of the bottle issue down the road if criteria randomly changed without neighbor consultation.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Five eighteen ft lights seem to me a bit over the top and will absolutely generate a good deal of light pollution to a very tranquil, rural

area not consistent with the rest of El Granada or its neighborhoods.

3. El Granada being across the street from the ocean experiences significant marine layer and fog most of the year. The amount, elevation and volume of light in these conditions significantly multiply and radiate light because of refraction. Like car headlights in the fog, it actually makes things worse, hence fog lights on cars. This can create road conditions that might be hazardous. Has anyone looked at this potential?

4. As a homeowner, I have made a sizable investment in my property which affords me an incredible ocean view both day and night. I enjoy nightly viewing of the ocean, the harbor and all maritime activity. Between the darkness of the ocean, and the low light pollution of living in a rural area, it provides exceptional viewing opportunity which I've enjoyed as long as I've owned my home and was one of the specific reasons I picked this location. Parking lot lighting would highly disrupt my ability to enjoy the beautiful views during early morning or evening hours.

5. The size, wattage, color temperature and total lumens produced has not been specified. We have very specific street lights in color temperature, wattage and physical design on Santiago Ave, has this been taken into consideration?

I very much appreciate you taking into consideration my concerns and resistance to this particular project. If the sole reason for this is security only, are there other alternatives other than just light that have been thought of? If evening congregation at night is an issue, why not think about entrance gates that are lockable during certain hours. Just throwing that out there too.

Best,
David Kervinen