

**From:** [Stephanie Discher](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Can you call on stephanie discher  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 7:53:11 PM

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Hi Anthony,

Will you please pass this on to the Council. You are the best.

Dear Town Council,

Thank you for your time tonight. I want to reiterate that a special event permit is an absolutely illegal means for granting temporary lights. A temporary event permit can not be longer than two weeks, as established by the town of Atherton.

Granting a temporary event permit is an arbitrary and capricious exercise of power.

Thank you again,  
Stephanie Discher

Dear Town Council,

I connected zoom to my Google Drive because I intended to talk at the meeting while showing exhibits. The meeting blocked my Drive, notifying me that only the town could share documents. I inserted blue type as speaking points that go with these exhibits. This manner of sharing is far less effective. I hope you will call me with any questions before you make a decision, My phone number is [REDACTED] The way Menlo is pursuing lights is completely ILLEGAL. I spent a great amount of time putting this together and am very upset I could not share with exhibits. Finally, I heard the athletes speak and I wanted to ask why they end their school day at 3 but don't start until 3:45?

Today, Menlo requests temporary lights 2 ½ hours a day, for 2 ½ months.

Menlo is asking the town to allow them to use their property in a way that is forbidden by law, a way that denies their neighbors the quiet use and enjoyment of their homes for more than twenty percent of the year.

When the town gave Menlo permission to build a school, the town said if you want to build a school in the peaceful, bucolic town of Atherton, you need to use your land according to our conditions. (They put these conditions in a conditional use permit)

The very first condition promulgated by the town denies Menlo lights and activity after sundown.

Exhibit 1

### Menlo School and College Conditional Use Permit

NOW, THEREFORE, a conditional use permit is hereby granted for the parcel of land covered by said plans and more particularly described in the schedule hereto attached, marked Exhibit A, in the Town of Atherton, County of San Mateo, State of California, permitting purchase of said land by School for use in connection with said private school, subject to and upon the following conditions:

1. There shall be no illumination, nor shall there be any activities thereon, between sunset and

Because Menlo is expressly denied lights in their Conditional Use Permit, they filled out a school special event permit to ask for lights.

Exhibit 2

## SCHOOL EVENT GUIDELINES

### GUIDELINES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS HELD AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COUNTRY CLUBS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ATHERTON

Generally, events held at private or public schools and events held at country clubs will not require a special event permit from the Town. The Town has established the following guidelines for events held at private or public schools and at country clubs. Provided that the events comply with the following guidelines and do not require the assistance of the Town for traffic control, public safety services or response, extraordinary parking control measures or other mitigation measures due to the event – no special event permit will be required.

The Town of Atherton requires that public or private schools and country clubs enforce the following special events guidelines with regards to events held on property within the Town of Atherton:

- Monday through Friday, field use and outdoor functions shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. unless further limited by the responsible party. Field use shall include setup, breakdown, warm-up, and practice sessions. Field use and outdoor functions shall be limited to the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sundays and Federal holidays, excluding non-coach/player interactions.
- Noise associated with any special event (indoor or outdoor) shall comply with the Town's Noise Ordinance.
- Any lighting associated with field or outdoor functions use, where light presently do not exist, shall be shielded or down lit so the source of light shall not shine onto adjacent properties. Temporary lighting may not be added without a special event permit.
- Parking shall be limited to on-site parking.

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Under the rules for a school special event it says any requested lighting shall be down lit AND temporary lighting may not be added without a special event permit.

The Atherton 'Special Event Permit' ordinance limits a special event to a duration of no more than two consecutive weeks. A longer period of time requires a conditional use permit.

## Atherton Municipal Code

### Chapter 17.56

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### Sections:

17.56.010 Title.

17.56.020 Purpose and Intent.

17.56.030 Definitions.

17.56.040 Permit Required.

17.56.050 Application Submittal Requirements.

17.56.060 Permit Issuance.

17.56.070 Permit Requirements.

17.56.080 Permit Revocation.

17.56.070 Permit Standards.

A. All special events held on private property shall be limited to no more than two consecutive weeks, including no more than two consecutive weekends. Any event for a longer period of time requires a conditional use permit.

You will recall Exhibit 1; Menlo's conditional use permit prohibits lights. Menlo cannot skirt the law by requesting a special event permit that is granted with far less scrutiny than a change to their CUP.

Does Menlo think the law does not apply to them? Did they think the Town Council wouldn't notice the law does not allow a special event permit for two and a half months?

When Menlo's neighbors expressed concern about the lights to Menlo's head master, Than Healy ... he assured the neighbors Menlo will not ask for lights again. Than already made that promise to get Homecoming lights, yet here he is making the same promise without compunction.

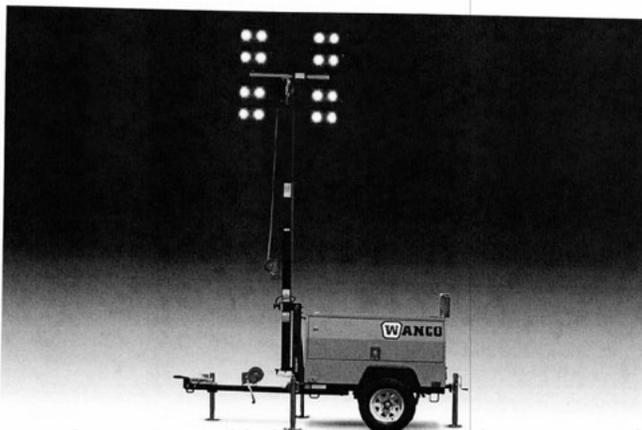
*Email from Than Healy, head master of Menlo School, responding to neighbor Paul Getty email re. objections to lights.*

... To your concern about precedent, I don't know how to assure you that this is a specific pandemic-related request and one that we would only repeat if conditions with the pandemic remained the same this time next year. ...

**... our relationship with all of our neighbors is an important one for us and not one we take lightly or dismiss easily.** We realize that this is a special request and I would be happy ... [to explain] ... the steps we are taking to **minimize any potential impact** on our neighbors from curtailing the hours we are asking for, the months we are requesting, **the type and size of lights we intend to use** ... (emphasis added)

Also, Than assures the neighbors Menlo always considers their interests. He says Menlo chose the Wanco lights to minimize impact on the neighbors ...

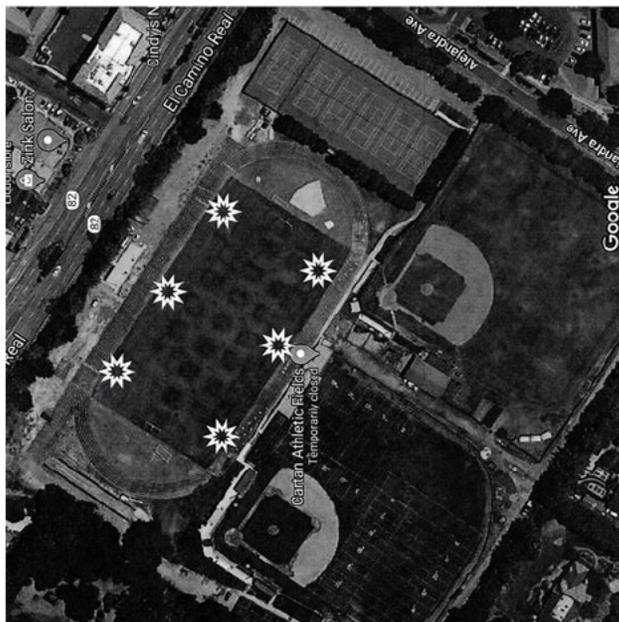
## Menlo's intended lights attached to Special Event permit



**These lights are not down lit, and thereby directly violate Atherton's express requirement for temporary lighting to be down lit.**

These are the requested lights. Note the lights are not down lit, in direct defiance of our town's laws that require down lit temporary lighting. (See Exhibit 2) Menlo asked for six lights on two fields. Note, they submitted plans for a single field. We'll get to the other field in a minute.

Each light is powered by its own large diesel generator. Fumes from SIX diesel generators should alarm the athlete's parents, as well as the neighbors. The fumes are compounded by the 71 decibel output of each thoughtfully selected light.



**Menlo's intended use on Cartan Field.**

**No diagram submitted for Wunderlich.**

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## Brief specifications

### Physical

Deployed footprint	127 × 133 in. (321 × 337cm), L × W	
Operating height	Max. 30 ft (9.14m)	
	Min. 12½ ft (3.81m)	
Travel height*	Laydown tower	66 in (168cm)
	Vertical tower	109 in (276cm)
Weight	Operating	Approx. 1930 lb (875kg)
	Shipping	Approx. 1680 lb (762kg)

### Lights

	480-watt LEDs	350-watt LEDs	Metal halides
Lamps*	Four 480W fixtures	Four 350W fixtures	Four 1000W lamps
Luminosity**	57,800 lm per fixture	49,000 lm per fixture	110,000 lm per lamp
	231,200 lm total	196,000 lm total	440,000 lm total

### Power system

Engine type	Tier 4 Final diesel, 3-cylinder, 4-cycle
Engine speed*	1800 rpm @ 60 Hz or 1500 rpm @ 50 Hz
Generator type	Brushless, class H

Sound level 71 dB @ 23 ft (7m) at max. load

Battery 12 Vdc, 550 CCA

	Kubota® D1005	Mitsubishi® L3E	Kohler® KD1003
Maximum power output*	13.1 hp (9.8 kW)	15.4 hp (11.5 kW)	23.7 hp (17.7 kW)
Displacement*	61.08 in³ (1001cm³)	68.53 in³ (1123cm³)	62.7 in³ (1028cm³)
Fuel tank capacity	30 gal (114L)	30 gal (114L)	30 gal (114L)
	480-watt LEDs	350-watt LEDs	Metal halides
Fuel consumption*	0.31 gal/hr (1.17L/h)	0.25 gal/hr (0.096L/h)	0.49 gal/hr (1.86L/h)
Runtime before refueling*	Approx. 97 hrs	Approx. 120 hrs	Approx. 62 hrs

### Output power

Output*	6 kW or 8 kW
Voltage*	120 Vac or 240 Vac
Amperage	50 A @ 120V, 25 A @ 240V
Frequency*	60 Hz or 50 Hz
Voltage regulation	±6%, no load to full load

\*Depending on model \*\*Continuous intensity for LEDs, initial intensity for metal halides



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Our town decided that 60 decibels is as loud as Atherton gets. Here, where the Diesel engines produce a steady hum, Atherton reduces maximum decibels by 5, making 55 decibels the maximum noise level.

Never mind the express restriction on lights, ... when these six diesel generators are running in the evening, with an absence of ambient noise, the sound will carry clear across the fields,

### Atherton Municipal Code

#### 8.16.030 Basic noise regulation.

Except as otherwise permitted under this chapter, no person shall cause and no property owner shall permit on such owners' property, a noise produced by any person, machine, animal or device, or any combination thereof, in excess of the sound level limits set forth in this section to emanate from any property, public or private, beyond the property line. Any sound in excess of the sound level limits set forth in this section shall constitute a noise disturbance. For purposes of determining sound levels, sound level measurements shall be made at any location on the receiving property.

#### Sound Level Limits

7 a.m. to 10 p.m.	60 dBA
10 p.m. to 7 a.m.	50 dBA

A. In the event the alleged offensive noise contains a steady, audible tone, such as a whine, beating, pulsating, throbbing, or hum, the standards set forth in Section 8.16.030 shall be reduced by five dB.

**\*The diesel generator hum decreases maximum decibels to 55 dB**

**Wanco Lights  
Sound level 71 dB @ 23 ft**

excerpt from Atherton [Administrative Draft] Master Plan - The Noise

Alarm Clock		80	Annoying
Freight Train or Freeway Traffic	100-200 feet	70	Telephone use difficult
Large Air Conditioning Unit	20 feet	60	Intrusive noise levels

Like a freight train 3 hours a day, 5 days a week, for two and 1/2 months.

**Wanco Lights**  
**Sound level 71 dB @ 23 ft**

Cartan field shares a fence with residential houses on two sides of the field. The lights will shine directly into their yards and generator noise will carry across the open fields.



2 additional residences in corner against Cartan, not visible from photograph angle.



Menlo doesn't care about the law or their neighbors. They act in Machiavellian self interest, hoping no one is paying attention.

If you think this sounds severe, let me show you photos Menlo's neighbors asked me to share to show you that Menlo acts in complete defiance of the laws ... as a matter of course



Here is Cartan Field some time in the 90s At this time, Menlo complied with Atherton's Conditional use Permit. Or CUP

The old stable



### Menlo Conditional Use Permit

**Condition 13. One existing building may remain as requested to be used for storage of athletic equipment, irrigation pipe, and other equipment necessary to maintain the grounds.**



Menlo's CUP allows for one existing building, an old stable, to be used for landscape equipment. To the best of our knowledge, every one of these structures is without permission.

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**Condition 9.** Any bleachers are to be portable with the height subject to control by the City Council (Only permanent bleachers on home side approved)



Only the home side bleachers are permitted structures here. It looks like Menlo is in the midst of illegal construction at this moment.



**Menlo Conditional Use Permit**

**Condition 6. There shall not be any formal nor improved parking area on this property.**



Menlo's cup expressly rejects formal or improved parking on Cartan.

This is a photograph of Wunderlich field, the second field where Menlo wants to use light's. .... There is anarchy on Wunderlich Field. .... Menlo cannot be rewarded for their illicit schemes. In fact, what is happening here merits immediate correction and penalties.

You will notice from the photograph, this field is surrounded by residences on two sides, the west side actually shares a fence with neighboring homeowners. Take a good look at this picture. Does anything jump out at you?



How about now? This newly constructed field is zoned to have 60 foot setbacks from both fences. Not only are the set backs flagrantly disregarded, but the field is designed so the heaviest use is in the setbacks, and closest to the neighbors. Do you see the structures in the set backs, right against the fence. Extremely use on this field is compounded by frequent use of the PA system with speakers, creating constant noise violations especially during games when the crowds are cheering loudly. The police refuse to enforce the noise ordinance when neighbors call. I mentioned this to Lisa this week. She told me she would talk to the police chief and tell Menlo they cannot use the PA system. I asked for written documentation of these promises, but I don't have it yet.



Menlo first built a turf field about ten years ago. (Pictured below) After just a few years, Menlo re



turfed the entire field, explaining to the neighbors there was something wrong with the turf.

While no one was looking, Menlo slipped in the design we have today.

A field designed to support a maximum number of athletes at one time, devoid of setbacks, built with smug satisfaction for the way they deceptively got away with a field redesign, while casting an untenable burden on their neighbors.



Will lights go in the set backs or shine into kitchen windows at dinner time?

Today, Menlo flouts our town laws again. I hope today is the day the Council takes notice of Menlo's deception and self dealing. I hope today is the day Menlo is held accountable to our laws.

**From:** [Sook Jung](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Support for temporary lights at Menlo  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 6:28:23 PM

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Dear Members of the Atherton Town Council,

We are writing, as Menlo School parents of two high school boys, to ask you to approve the school's request for the use of temporary lights at Cartan field for football practice during Daylight Savings. This year has been such a stressful and difficult one and having a safe, physical and emotional outlet for the student athletes during this trying time will go a long way for their mental well being.

The lack of sports during COVID has been incredibly tough on all the kids. As it now gets dark so early, the student athletes will not be able to participate in physical activities after school without lights. Having the ability to get out and exercise would have a huge positive impact for these kids.

The Menlo School has been incredibly diligent about their enforcement of COVID safety rules, including testing the kids every week and creating athletic pods that fall within the county guidelines. Allowing these kids to participate safely in an athletic activity after sitting at a computer all day, would go a long way in regards to their mental and physical health.

Please vote to approve the use of temporary lights at Cartan field during the winter months.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,

Sook and Mike Jung  
Menlo Park Residents

**From:** [jennifermiller](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** YES on School Lights  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:56:36 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

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As we all know this Pandemic has been on us for 8 months. We have all been impacted in many ways. One HUGE segment of our population that has been impacted is our youth. Our children have not to in person school in 8 months. They have been doing Zoom school since last March, so they sit on a screen for approximately 7 hours 5 days per week.

One little bright light has been the physical activity that Menlo School has offered it's students. My daughter has been attending the training sessions 2 times per week and says it's the best part of her week. We have seen it improve not only her physical health but almost more importantly her mental health. After her first session she ran to our car at pick up and said, "mom, that was the most fun I've had in months!"

These kids NEED to be outside exercising and socially distanced socializing!  
They need to get off their screens and see their peers.  
There's never been a more important time for kids to play!

Thank you for listening,  
Jennifer Miller



**From:** [jennifermiller](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
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Thank you for listening,  
Jennifer Miller  
55 Magnolia Drive, Atherton

**From:** [Josh White](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Field Lights  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 4:07:20 PM

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Dear Council,

I am Josh White a member of the Menlo football team and wanted to tell you why allowing us to have field lights would be beneficial for us. As a football program, the Menlo coaching staff and community have created a very constructive environment where I personally have grown and developed, physically and emotionally. Having the lights will allow us to meet in these tough times of covid-19 during the later hours of the day and communicate with our role models. These interactions make our lives better overall and I know that being able to get out of the house and train on the field, even if it was after dark, is really important for our mental and physical health.

Thank you,  
Josh White



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**From:** [John Knoll](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** email in support of the request for both high schools to use lights temporarily on athletic fields  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:18:03 AM

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Hi Anthony this is John Knoll from 130 Britton Ave. I look forward to joining the mtg today via zoom but i did want to submit a formal letter of support for Menlo School and Sacred Heart to be allowed to use athletic field lights on a temporary basis to facilitate some degree of physical exercise, mental relief, and socially distanced togetherness for our kids in a safe manner during this unprecedented time. We all know the toll this virus and the actions taken to combat have taken on our kids, especially those in high school that really have not had the opportunity for any in person schooling, community, or interaction. In the last 8 months we have come to realize that none of us really has any control of our situation except for our small actions, but collectively those small actions can make an enormous difference. I view this issue of temporary lights similarly - it is not a Herculean ask but instead a gesture of empathy and kindness that the Atherton community can make on behalf of its schools, students, and community. The trickle-down effect of more engaged, physically active, and socially integrated (albeit safely) kids will manifest itself in happier households, relieved parents, and general community goodwill.

I realize there may be those who believe this ask is far from small. Nevertheless I ask the board to consider the fact that in a world where it seems impossible to get everyone to agree on anything, the community benefit here far outweighs any individually oriented concerns. Our students, our families, and our broader school communities would be forever grateful.

Look forward to the meeting today.

Thank you!

John Knoll  


**From:** [Leslie Yang](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Temporary Lights at Cartan Field  
**Date:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 1:03:13 AM

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Dear members of Atherton town council,

I am writing to you as an Atherton resident and a Menlo School parent to support the special request for temporary light at Cartan Field during this unprecedented difficult time because of the pandemic.

As we all know that regular physical activities are vital to adolescents' mental and physical health. We always teach our children that every single member of Menlo School community should respect our neighbors' wishes for being able to enjoy their own property and personal life, an understanding and supportive neighborhood community is also needed to nurture our youngsters' mental and physical development. Together, we can built a better society. Everyone will be benefit from this healthy and better society ultimately.

Unlike football homecoming day when the game ends at 9pm or so, we believe and hope that using lower level light towers before 6:15pm during weekdays for three months would have minimal negative impact to our neighbors, not to mention that Menlo School will make sure the athletic practices are all conducted in a controlled safe manner.

If our request was honored, all of our boys and parents will be so grateful for this loving and supportive community.

Warm Regards,

Leslie Yang



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Leslie Yang

**From:** [Caroline Bowers](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Grant Bowers](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School Cartan Field lighting request  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:37:30 PM

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Dear Atherton Town Council,

As Atherton residents and homeowners for the past decade, and parents of two Menlo School high school students, we are writing for your support. We urge you to approve the Menlo School request for the use of temporary lights to light Cartan Field for football practice during Daylight Savings.

The use of low level light towers to illuminate Cartan Field would enable our student athletes to continue to practice on weekdays until 6:15pm. This request is very reasonable and is only for the short time period of:

December 14-17, 2020  
and January 4- March 14, 2021.

Please allow our community's students who have already lost so much in the last year to practice their sport alongside their teammates (with appropriate distancing) during these dark months.

Sincerely,  
Caroline & Grant Bowers



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Griffin Perks](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo Football Field Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 8:28:22 PM

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Dear Members of the Atherton City Council,

My name is Griffin Perks and I am a junior on Menlo School's Varsity Football team. It is difficult to say how much our Football program would benefit from having lights at Cartan field. There has been nothing crazier in my lifetime than 2020 as a whole, and football allows me to escape all of this craziness, playing the sport I love and making memories with my closest friends. Throughout quarantine, it has been impossible to know what will happen regarding our football season. Our whole team has worked so hard the past few months and we have really put something special together. With the sun setting much earlier than usual and us having to commute to the field after school rather than walking, there is no way for us to effectively practice and prepare for a sport that can be very dangerous if played incorrectly. We have a lot of hope for this coming football season and it would mean everything to us if we could have your support as well.

Sincerely,  
Griffin Perks

**From:** [David Corsinotti](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School Lights City Counsel Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:42:42 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

I am David Corsinotti and I am a senior on the Menlo School Football Team. Having lights on the field this year would really help us as we are having a delayed season and it gets dark earlier. Lights would allow us to have longer practices and prepare more for the season. It would mean that the underclassmen would get more time to prepare and get used to the physicality of the game so they are prepared. It would give us more time to learn the fundamentals and essentials so that there is a minimized risk of injury. The lights would be a great experience for the team as we only have had lights for 1 game throughout my years at Menlo. It would finally give us the opportunity for Friday night lights and classic high school experiences. I hope that you will approve our request for lights this season as it will help the program immensely and create a better environment for us to practice.

Thank you,

David Corsinotti

**From:** [Tyler Flynn](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights for the Menlo football field  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:15:40 PM

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Dear Mr. Suber and Atherton city council, my name is Tyler Flynn and I am a junior at Menlo school. I've played football since freshman year and it is my favorite thing to do. As the days get shorter and colder, I wish to be able to continue practicing football after the sun goes down. Football means everything to me and I've not been feeling myself lately without being able to play. Lights on Cartan field would mean everything to me and my teammates, it would allow us to continue to develop as players and people. By not being able to practice at night we are losing hours and hours of time that could be used to help our football team grow, both on the varsity and JV levels. Many schools around us have lights on their field and it benefits them greatly. I hope that I can experience the friday night lights that everyone talks so fondly about and that our program can continue to practice after the sun goes down. I would be extremely grateful if you all considered my thoughts and allowed us to have lights on Cartan field. Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Richard M Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Will Murphy](#); [Nicole Murphy](#); [Earl Koberlein](#); [Todd Smith](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to illuminate Cartan Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 7:03:29 PM

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Dear Atherton Town Council,

My name is Richard Murphy, father of Will Murphy, a junior football player at the Menlo School. I am writing to support the school's application for a special permit **to illuminate Cartan Field on weekdays until 6:15pm, December 14-17, 2020 and January 4-March 14, 2021.**

This permit would enable the team to hold football practices, if allowed to do so by San Mateo County health officials, in the afternoon after school during daylight savings.

This past year has been hard on all of us, and especially on our children. During the pandemic, our kids have mainly been stuck at home. They have been denied many of the experiences their parents took for granted when we were growing up, such as attending school in person, mingling freely with their friends, and playing sports.

In this case, the Town Council is asked to balance the interests of student athletes against the interests of homeowners living near Cartan Field. I understand some of these homeowners may be concerned about the impact of temporary field lighting on their quality of life. I respect their concerns.

However, I would ask this Council to consider the lasting social benefit of enabling young athletes to grow and mature by playing the sport they love. In my opinion, this benefit greatly outweighs any inconvenience that might be caused by lighting a football field in the early evening for a few short months.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Murphy



**From:** [Pamela Flynn](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [David Flynn](#); [Todd Smith](#); [ekoberlein@menloschool.org](mailto:ekoberlein@menloschool.org); [than.healy@menloschool.org](mailto:than.healy@menloschool.org)  
**Subject:** Menlo School's Request for Temporary Low-level Lighting for Football Practice this Winter  
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Dear Members of the Atherton Town Council,

We are writing to you today in support of Menlo School's request for low-level lighting for football practices at Cartan Field.

We are Menlo School parents with 4 boys who all participated in sports throughout high school. As such, we have seen firsthand the positive physical and mental health benefits of athletics, as well as the huge impact on the character development and leadership in our youth. The daily COVID-19 news and statistics make us all painfully aware of the direct/immediate health consequences of COVID-19, but for our developing youth, COVID-19's biggest cost is likely to be the indirect/longterm consequences of the pandemic stealing a critical year of their development.

As a community, we need to be doing our best to reduce the total impact of COVID-19 on ourselves and our children - both the immediate health risks and these longer term health and developmental consequences. Our State/County and wonderful public health experts are doing their job setting guidelines to manage the immediate health risks, and the Menlo School is doing an exemplary job complying with and exceeding those health guidelines. A football season will only happen if the State, County, League and School deem that it is safe given the severity of the pandemic at the start of the season. If they say that it is safe to play, then it would be a tragedy for a season to be canceled, and a year of our youth's development to be stolen, only because it is too dark to practice because of the objections of a few people. These are not normal times! We are making all kinds of exceptions to deal with COVID-19 - wearing masks everywhere, closing streets to enable outdoor dining and even allowing previously unthinkable practices such as takeout cocktails. Low-level lights for a few weeks of winter football practice pales in comparison to the other exceptions and sacrifices we have made during this extraordinary time. This is a very small sacrifice to make to help to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our developing children!

This discussion should not be a discussion of whether it is or is not safe to hold football practice; that will be determined by the public health experts and the State/County. Football will only be played if they deem it to be safe. This really is just a discussion of whether we are a caring enough community to make the small sacrifice of allowing low-level lights so that our youth don't suffer even more due to this pandemic.

We implore you to make this exception for the good of the children in our community!

Sincerely,

Pamela and David Flynn

**From:** [Ronier Babiera](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Field Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 6:52:30 PM

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Dear Mr. Suber,

My name is Ronier Babiera, and I am currently a Senior at Menlo School. I am humbly writing to ask you to allow Menlo to use lights at Cartan Field for our evening football practices. For both our Junior Varsity and Varsity team, lights will be necessary to maximize practice time, and lights will especially be crucial for the Freshmen entering our program without any exposure to the physical side of football.

Playing football at Menlo has been a significant part of my high school experience, as I learned to instill the same aspects of football into my academic and personal life. Through football I learned how to keep members in my community accountable for their actions and how to properly lead individuals in times of adversity. If blessed with a football season this coming Winter, I hope to teach the lower-classmen in our football program the many things the game has taught me through setting and keeping our standards; and lights at Cartan Field will help me and my fellow teammates achieve this goal.

Warm Regards,

Ronier Babiera

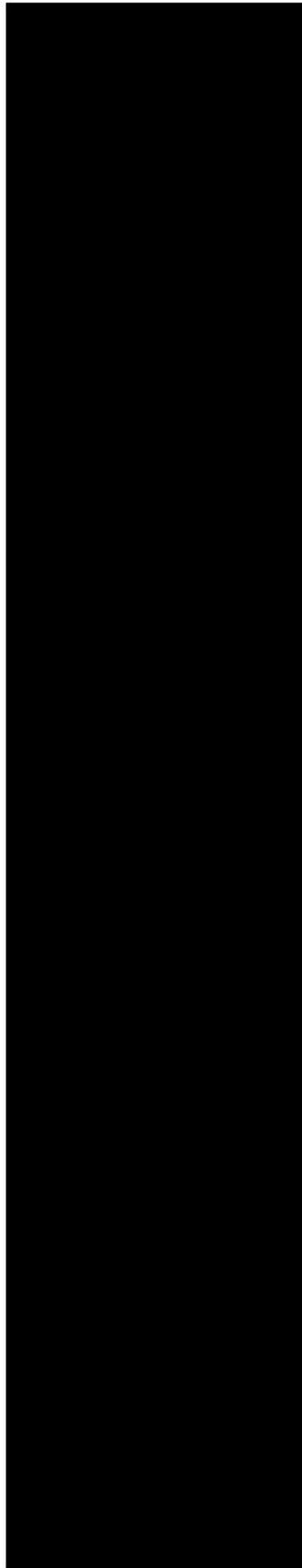
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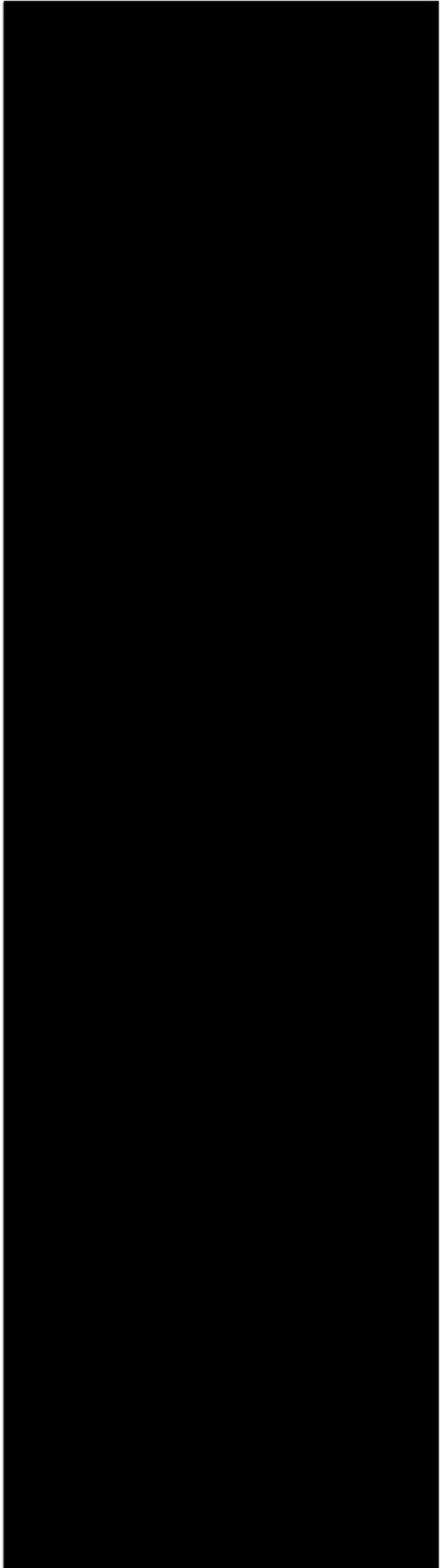
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Carolyn	Tuomala
Todd	Tuomala
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Stephanie	Vinella
Anna	Vishria
Victoria	Viso
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Laure	Wang
Maxwell	Watkins
Joe	Welsh
Jason	White
Kathy and Joseph	Yaffe



## Resident Support for SHP Lighting Proposal

### Comments

SHS has been a great neighbor and now is our turn to support the families of this community.

We support the use of outdoor lights. Thank you!

Kids need the interaction.

This seems very reasonable and a great way to support the kids

Very much support!

We strongly support providing extended outdoor hours for kids. This is a smart, healthy move as we continue to navigate challenges this winter.

The COVID pandemic is requiring sacrifice of all of us. As a resident of Atherton,

I support extending a helping hand to Sacred Heart Prep as they help their students get back to their activities as safely as possible.

Given our current situation, I hope that this is an easy request to approve.

Great idea!

We whole heartedly support the lights for wellbeing of all Sacred Heart students! This will be a big help for so many getting impacted by the pandemic.

Yes please!

A great idea to help keep our campus safe and students/staff healthy! Fully supportive of it.

I support lights in the evening.

It is important for the children in the community to be able to gather safely outdoors with other children their age.

We are close neighbors to the school, just around the corner on Britton, and we are highly supportive of this endeavor.

We are very appreciative of the effort Sacred Heart is doing allowing children to participate in outdoor activities after their academic day.

These after school offerings are so important to the health and well being of our kids.

During these unprecedented times, we hope the Town of Atherton will also be a good neighbor and help the Sacred Heart students during their time of need.

We hope our broader community will agree and lend support to our children. Please let us know how we can help!

Sacred Heart has been a good neighbor to the Atherton community over the years.

Great idea, hoping our community supports this request!

The lights would go a long way to ensure kids are staying outdoors and improving health as much as possible. We are 100% supportive.

Great idea!

I support the use of outdoor lights on SHS Atherton Campus.

Fully support!

Thank you, SHP, for keeping our students active during this stressful time!

Let's get our kids back at school and keep them socially distanced and safe. Thank you.

I am in Atherton and can't imagine how this could negatively impact anyone over there. It might make the walks along the street there safer for all

We appreciate the Town's support of the health of our children.

I would be supportive of this becoming a permanent change

## Resident Support for SHP Lighting Proposal

### Comments

Children and teens are suffering greatly due to the response of the pandemic. The least we can do is offer them an opportunity for outdoor, healthy activity.

I support this!

This is a terrific idea! It's so important to have kids playing outside.

I, Mike Murphy, 100% support the Sacred Heart lighting proposal. It's the least we can do for these kids to help bring some normalcy back into their lives.

Please keep students healthy and safe Thank you Hans Plesman and Samira Nawas

Please help give Sacred Heart students a more robust academic experience this year by allowing lights on the field for the limited time of 3 months. Thank you! I am hopeful the city can be accommodating during this unique circumstances

Anything we can do to make the local schools deal with this crazy situation, especially short term, we should do.

Supporting children & their mental health should be a top priority at this time!

Very supportive! The students need to be able to return to playing sports!

This is such a great idea and these kids desperately need the after school programming for mental health reasons. Please please approve

I think the children should have any benefits we can give them through this time.

As we approach winter and the daylight becomes shorter, these lights can help our school and kids on campus activities.

I support this!!

I think it's really important to be able to install outdoor lights for outdoor classrooms on the SHP campus.

It's of utmost importance for the students on several different levels.

his is important so they don't fall more behind academically, it's important for their socialization

it will provide students with much needed structure/routine and more of a sense of "normalcy" in what has otherwise been a very disruptive year

As an Atherton resident and a parent of an SHP student, I am asking for your support on this very important issue. Thank you in advance for your support!

This is important for the mental health of students at Sacred Heart!

good idea for the students

I am fully supportive of this temporary measure to give the kids an opportunity to interact, exercise, and practice in a safe and effective manner.

Our kids desperately need to have ways to interact and learn together in person right now.

Thank you... having kids on campus is amazing. Thank you for your efforts.

Yes please allow the lights and everything to make it easier for kids to get back on campus

Happy to support this for our kids!

We are all in this together!

What a great way to help keep students connected and healthy.

Sacred Heart has 63 acres of outdoor space to make this happen for its students.

This request is an absolute must! I am in full support of this.

Allowing Sacred Heart to use outdoor lights so they can provide NEEDED programming for kids seems like an EASY decision.



**From:** [Carter Jung](#)  
**To:** [Council](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 5:17:27 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

My name is Carter Jung. I am a student-athlete at Menlo School and am really hoping for the opportunity to play sports this year. As football has been pushed back into the winter, there is little daylight for us to practice with school work and the limited amount of light we have during the afternoon. School and the current situation of our country make it incredibly hard for us students to maintain a social life, something that football provides to the greatest extent possible. If we were able to get lights for our field, we would be able to come together (safely) in these tough times and maintain our mental health by seeing each other face to face, rather than on the computer screens. When I look across the country and see a ton of high schools playing football, it feels incredibly unfair. School sports are a foundation of our high school experience and allow us to go outside and do what we love with our friends. I hope the council makes the right decision to support a positive high school experience for us student-athletes.

Sincerely,  
Carter Jung

**From:** [Elliot Kinder](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 5:03:31 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

My name is Elliot Kinder and I am a senior at Menlo school and I wanted to let you know why having lights at our field for the upcoming season would be very beneficial. Without lights, our practices would be incredibly brief and that would hurt our community beyond just our performance in games. Longer practices allows more time to focus on technique and tackling drills which helps us players stay safe during games. This is especially important for younger players who have little experience playing tackle football and may get hurt without proper practice. Having longer practices would also give us more time away from screens and socializing, something that is increasingly important with the ongoing pandemic. Being able to practice under the lights would have many benefits for our school community during a very difficult time that is worth the small amount of light pollution.

Sincerely,  
Elliot Kinder

**From:** [Saaz Ahuja](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights For Menlo School  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 5:02:49 PM

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Dear Mr. Suber,

I would like to talk about a few reasons as to why our football program should have lights. Primarily, we need it to learn and engage with our peers. Seeing and learning alongside my peers is what will make my high school experience special, especially in such hard covid times. Alongside this, consider our freshmen, who have not learned basic skills that they need to advance in the game. Finally, lights will help us build a brotherhood that is essential to move forward beyond high school. I hope you consider this request for these reasons.

Thanks,  
Saaz

**From:** [Todd Smith](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo lighting request  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:13:33 PM

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The importance of lights in this football setting due to seasonality is and will be paramount to the mental health, safety and experience of our student athletes. As we all know with the length of the lockdowns mental health has significantly impacted young people, Menlo students are no different and have also felt these isolating effects. Having lights will mean there will be a prolonged amount of time that experience, relationships and safety can be focused on not the time-consuming scheme and framework of the sport.

With that the importance of lights will be felt in multiple areas. Football itself has physical risk if we don't have the amount of time allowed to prepare our kids for physical contact. At Menlo we have 83 boys in our football program, this is the most we have ever had. Out of 83 boys 3 have played pop warner contact football. This means my job as the head football coach focuses on experience and physical preparation. Having lights will allow for our younger boys a longer period of time to understand how to initiate and receive contact throughout the duration of a simulated football experience. This will also ensure that their vision is clear and unimpaired when engaging in physical contact. The importance of lights is paramount to safety, I also think from an injury prevention lens that our trainers will have a magnified tool to assess and treat on site injuries as the sun descends at 4:50 pm.

Having lights is not about practicing longer to win football games it is to ensure safety and experience for young people.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Todd Smith  
Head of Football  
Menlo School  
"Adversity introduces a man to himself"  
AE- 1922

**From:** [David Creamer](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Earl Koberlein](#); [Todd Smith](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo Request for Lights- comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 3:12:11 PM

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Council Members,

I am writing as an Atherton resident and an interested parent regarding Menlo's request for special use of lights during daylight savings period. It seems the inconvenience is non-existent, at worst extremely slight, to have minimal lighting until early evening hours relative to the benefits for the football program and the boys.

The boys missed their entire summer practices and fall season, and have had a rough time during the crisis being away from each other. Should the state and county grant approval for them to practice and play, the lights will enable the boys to practice after school, and provide an invaluable outlet and opportunity to get out on the field and once again experience the competition, teamwork, and camaraderie they have been denied the last eight months.

Without lights, the boys would not be able to hold complete practices given the short daylight hours early in the calendar year. They would be at a meaningful disadvantage relative to their opponents and all other teams in their league, which all have lights at their schools and would be able to have full practices.

As a parent of a Menlo senior getting recruited by colleges to play football, I know the boys in California have been hurt relative to most other kids given that the states with the most competitive football (Arizona, Florida, Texas, etal) have already played full seasons and have the stats and film to use with college coaches. The California boys are already at a huge disadvantage and the Menlo boys deserve equal opportunity, with full practices, to compete against other CA kids and also nationally for the college opportunities football provides.

Please let our boys compete on equal terms!

Thank you for your consideration,  
David Creamer

  
Atherton

**From:** [Ben Banatao](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo Football Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:54:55 PM

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Greetings Mr. Suber,

I am currently a Junior at Menlo School and part of the football program. I want to say that I am sending this in support of having lights on our field. Having lights would allow us to practice for more than an hour and would benefit our team greatly. This year is very important for me personally because I intend to play football in college and without lights, the team won't be able to prepare for our season. Playing sports is a huge part of my life because it allows me to grow mentally and physically and I use the football field as a place to forget about my problems and enjoy life. With school being online, the only time I get to see my friends in person is during football. Lights would allow us to see each other for an extra hour a day and our sense of community would be restored. If you do get my email, I hope you will understand what we student-athletes are going through right now.

Best regards,  
Ben Banatao

**From:** [Byron Deeter](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Allison Deeter](#) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Atherton residents in support of temporary use of lights for Sacred Heart and Menlo Schools  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:51:33 PM

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Esteemed members of the Atherton Town Council –

2020 has been rough on everyone. The world is collectively facing a health crisis, an economic crisis, and a related social crisis. The effects on adults and families are obvious on the nightly news, but it's likely the impact on our students will likely take years to fully understand. **As members of the Atherton community and immediate neighbors to both Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School, we are writing in enthusiastic support of the request to provide temporary lights for student athletic activities to help these students have a small slice of “normal” back in their lives.**

One of the silver linings of this challenging year has been the outpouring of support and human kindness: We have seen communities respond in really powerful ways. Streets are partially closed to cars to allow local restaurants to facilitate safe outdoor seating, the sidewalks are expanded for local gyms and hair salons to allow outdoor services, and many facilities have been redirected to support local causes.

By simply allowing the temporary use of lights for athletics, we have a wonderful opportunity to provide a very positive benefit for our local students in these tough times, with very little adverse impact and no cost to the town. The lights would be turned off early in the evening so the incremental light or noise would mainly be in “business” hours. Besides, children playing outside are happy noises and always welcome. We knew we were moving next to two schools when selecting our home years ago, and continue to view the presence of kids as a feature not a bug.

Hybrid school is much harder on everyone involved, and at best represents “all of the work” and “little of the fun” for the students. These kids have seen many of the defining moments of school cancelled in rapid succession – including prom, homecoming, theater productions, and numerous welcome and social events. For mental and physical health, one steady directive is clear in these tough times: get outside and move around. We can facilitate this in a safe and social way.

This is our chance to inject a little bit of happy back into the daily lives of our Atherton youth through athletics. Thank you for your consideration of this opportunity, and for your service for our town!

Happy Holidays,  
Byron & Alli Deeter  
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**From:** [Brady Kline](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Field Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 2:39:09 PM

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Mr. Suber,

I am writing to ask you to please allow Menlo School to use lights at Cartan Field. It is extremely important for all of us players to be able to receive adequate practice time to have a fair shot in games if we are fortunate enough to have a season, but this is especially important for the underclassmen. It would be unfair, and frankly quite dangerous, to have the freshman playing in games after experiencing limited practice time. In order for them to grow as both players and as young men, we require lights to allow us full practices.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Brady Kline

**From:** [Matt Haven](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Todd Smith](#)  
**Subject:** Illuminate Cartan Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 10:20:55 AM

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Hello Atherton Town Council,

My name is Matt Haven and I am a sophomore at Menlo School. When I first came to high school I felt a lack of brotherhood with my peers because we were only becoming newly familiar with each other. Joining the Menlo Football team was one of the smartest decisions of my life because I was able to get a sense of the bond that can be created when you go to battle with your closest friends. Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic connections with my friends have been hard to find because of the new guidelines. I can feel only but sorry for the new freshman because they have yet to experience the wonders that Football can bring to their life. That is why I ask that lights are put up at the Menlo Cartan Field. I want the future of Menlo Football to feel welcomed into the program and I believe this will not be able to happen unless lights are put up. With the amount of rigorous studies that we as Menlo Knights do on a day to day basis, I see it only fair that we are able to release our stress from the day constructively in the game of Football. Although, this will never be able to happen unless we can see each other on the field. Thank you for taking the time to read this, I hope this will help in making Menlo a better place.

Matt Haven

**From:** [Will Murphy](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights at Cartan Field  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 12:25:54 PM

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Dear Members of the Atherton Town Council,

My name is Will Murphy and I am a junior on the Varsity football team at Menlo School. It is honestly difficult to put into words what having lights at Cartan Field would mean to not only me but our football program as a whole. In a year marred by uncertainty and division, it would be amazing to be able to make memories with the guys that I consider some of my closest friends, even if daylight is fleeting. Throughout this pandemic, the opportunity to hopefully play football has truly been a lifeline and the light at the end of a long dark tunnel. It gave me something to look forward to even if everything else going on was negative, and truly provided me with a purpose to work towards. Football practices have been my main source of social interaction through this period, and without lights, they become meaningless as we cannot effectively rep our concepts. We are truly building something special as a program, and to have your support would mean the world to us.

Sincerely, Will Murphy

**From:** [Cort Halsey](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Lights  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 1, 2020 9:49:36 AM

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Hello Atherton Town Council,

My name is Cort Halsey and I'm a sophomore at Menlo. Throughout the pandemic and quarantine, football has been one of the few things that would add routine to my life and provide motivation to set goals for myself physically and mentally. To have an opportunity to be able to potentially have a season is relieving and we here are all thankful to the council for all that they do to try and bring sports back to schools. Unfortunately, because the season had to be pushed back, it gets dark too early to have any sort of meaningful practice without lights. I can speak for both myself and my teammates by saying how much more of a difference it would make in both our group motivation and personal mentality to have lights on the field. The thorough process of preparing and feeling 100% ready for a game is difficult, and without lights, it's hard to imagine a situation where this could be efficiently done without stress and extra workload on coaches that already work hard enough to ensure our growth as people and players that already have to balance school and sports. Thanks a lot for hearing us, and I hope this can be an additional piece in your consideration process.

**From:** [Logan Deeter](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights for our season this year  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 10:31:39 PM

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Dear Reader,

My name is Logan Deeter. I'm a junior at Menlo school and I'm writing this email in support of the idea of temporary lights that would be used during our practices throughout the football season. There are many reasons why lights would be a necessary addition. To get the obvious one out of the way, we wouldn't even have enough time to practice! Our school ends at 3:30, and with travel time to practice (for a lot of kids it's 30+ mins) the earliest we can start practice. This means we can only get in about an hour of good practice time.

Speaking of school, it hasn't been the easiest this year. Junior year online without seeing my friends on weekdays isn't the most ideal scenario for anyone. I have zooms from 9-3 every weekday and 2-3 hours of homework a day. That *and* college applications. Sports and physical activities are my only outlet that I can foster during the week. Seeing my friends during practice and getting in shape is an invaluable experience that can't be met without lights in place to let us practice into the dark.

Another reason for an addition of lights is the mental aspect to lights. Being under the lights brings out the best in you! Playing the greatest sport ever invented at night with your brothers who you've spent hours of hard work with can't be replicated. Menlo hasn't had the opportunity to play under the lights outside of one game last year. And that one game was an immense success! It was an upset homecoming win that the players, coaches, and spectators will remember for a long time. It united the community through a football game where a lot of the magic was created by the addition of lights.

I hope you consider my reasons to put temporary (hopefully permanent sometime soon) lights at Cartan stadium. Not only would it be important for our players and coaches in making lifelong memories and in learning valuable lessons, it would also bring the community together in these tough times. Thank you for your consideration.

From,  
Logan

**From:** [Ben Kossow](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Field Lights  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 8:59:15 PM

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Dear Council Members,

My name is Ben Kossow and I am both a Menlo School student and an Atherton resident. I understand that you are considering to allow Menlo School to install temporary lights on Cartan field to permit sports practices during daylight savings. I would like to offer my support on this decision.

Distance learning is hard. Students are in front of screens for hours each day, with little opportunity to exercise and interact with our peers. As I'm sure you know, physical activity has a positive impact on the mental and physical well being of teenagers which is especially fragile under our Covid regulations. I would love to have the opportunity to practice with my team and get to know my teammates better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,  
Ben Kossow

  
Atherton

**From:** [Jack Giesler](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights for Menlo Football  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 5:28:51 PM

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Lights on Menlo's football field are something that should have been put in place a long time ago. Even though we are only requesting a special, temporary permit, Menlo needs these lights now more than ever. There is no way we will be able to practice this year without lights. With academics ending at 3:30, a 40 minute commute for players, and a 4:45 sunset, there is simply no way we could effectively operate as a football team for the season ahead. Lights are necessary for the 83 players on the Menlo football team and hundreds of other supporters. Neighbors that believe lights are a burden need to look past their selfish preferences and sacrifice to allow the community to be flexible during difficult times.

Thank you for your time, Jack Giesler (Menlo School Football Player)

**From:** [Ashley Giesler](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School's Request for Lights on Cartan Field  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 2:47:50 PM

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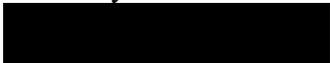
Hi,

I am writing to request that the Atherton Town Council approve the Menlo School's request to use temporary lights to light Cartan field for football practice during Daylight Savings. My son has played football at Menlo for the last two years and it is honestly the most important activity that he participates in. The football program is so much more than just a source of exercise for my son- the team camaraderie, the leadership and mentoring that the coaches and older students provide and the mental break from the rigors and stress of school (especially online school) are all priceless to him. The lack of sports during COVID has been incredibly tough on all the kids and given that it now gets dark at 4:50pm the boys will not really be able to participate in football drills or practices for a meaningful time without the lights. Having the ability to get out and exercise and benefit from the great coaching and leadership experience that the Menlo football program provides for so many kids would be greatly appreciated during this difficult time.

The Menlo School has been incredibly diligent about their enforcement of COVID safety rules, including testing the kids every week, and this would literally be the one athletic activity that these athletes could participate in. The reality is that having school sports closed down has led many families (not ours) to pursue "travel sports teams" where the families are traveling out of state and participating in extremely dangerous gatherings with hundreds of athletes from all over the country. These athletes and their families then return home undoubtedly bringing COVID back to our communities. It is unimaginable to me that families are making these choices, but they are. Having a safe, controlled, local option to play sports like football in our community could help prevent families from sending their kids to these irresponsible gatherings out of state. To this end, having the temporary lights at Cartan field would go a long way to help our local athletes get the exercise and mental health benefits that they need while helping to reduce COVID exposure in our community through other less controlled sports activities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,  
Ashley Giesler



**From:** [Laura Krane](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lighting Request on Cartan Field  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 2:24:49 PM

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Dear Members of the Atherton Town Council -

I am writing today as a resident of Atherton and a Menlo School parent. I understand that one of the issues that will come before the Council at this week's meeting is a request for Menlo School to be able to use low-level light towers to illuminate Cartan Field on weekdays from mid-December through mid-January so that the football team would be able to practice in a safe manner during Daylight Savings time.

During the past 8 months, my three children, along with students around the world, attended "school from home". Even with an exceptional online school program, the toll from countless hours at home, in front of the screen have been obvious and many. When opportunities opened up to participate in sports again with classmates, the joy was palpable and overwhelming. If the football season is allowed to happen (in a safe manner), it would be so rewarding and meaningful for the Menlo School Football team to be able to practice in a socially-distant, safe manner at Cartan Field. For this to happen, we would need a special permit for the light towers.

I am certain that the school will act responsibly and within the guidelines of the permit. In my 5 years as a Menlo parent, I have been quite impressed with the care and sense of community embraced by Menlo School.

I hope you will find in favor of the request.

Thank you,  
Laura Krane

  
Atherton, CA

**From:** [Elizabeth Daschbach](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Temporary Lights on the fields at SHP & Menlo  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 2:03:06 PM

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To the Atherton Town Council--

We are writing to you as lifelong residents of Atherton regarding the proposal of temporary lights at both Sacred Heart Prep and Menlo School.

The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on everyone. One way I think we can help our young teens is to give permission for the schools to have lights in the evening on their large open fields so the kids can have some sort of opportunity for physical activity and socializing in a responsible distanced way. I don't see this as having any negative impact on anyone, and it would certainly help the parents, students and teachers in these difficult times.

Liz and Mark Daschbach



**From:** [Michael Uytengsu](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Michael Uytengsu](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote yes on temporary week day light usage for Menlo Sports Fields  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:43:38 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

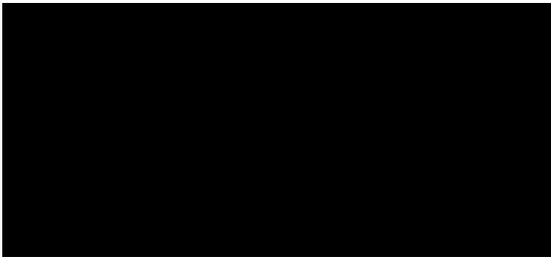
I am writing to you as a resident of Atherton, a Trustee of Menlo School, and a former student of Menlo School. The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on everyone. Our young teens have had to adjust to many changes.

Temporary lights on Cartan Field on weekdays only, ending at 6:15 pm, and limited to a few months is one way to provide safe, socially distant, physical activity to our youth during the dark winter season. The proposal is respectful of neighbors, time limited, and keeping with all health guidelines.

We need bold, compassionate local leadership to help our kids in the community through this challenging time. Please vote to support Menlo's Temporary Light proposal and support our kids.

Sincerely, Michael Uytengsu

Michael  
Michael R. B. Uytengsu



**From:** [Ruth Housenbold](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Ruth Housenbold](#)  
**Subject:** Temporary Lights on Cartan Field  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:34:27 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident of Atherton and a mother three teenage boys, two of whom are current Menlo students. The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on on their lives as they try to navigate staying safe, keeping our family and our community safe, and living their lives. My boys are all very athletic and their passion for sports, competition, and team camaraderie has helped them live a balanced life in the Bay Area where pressure and expectations can run high. Exercise (sports) has been the most critical component of this physical and mental well being. Menlo has done an excellent job creating exercise/practice programs and pods that are safe, socially distanced, outdoors, and well within the county guidelines. These programs have been a lifeline for my two Menlo Students, who spend most of the rest of their days at home behind a computer screen and mostly interact with their friends virtually.

Daylight savings will jeopardize their one healthy, safe outlet without your approval for temporary lights until we can resume life as we once knew it.

Temporary lights on Cartan Field on weekdays only, ending at 6:15 pm, and limited to a few months is one way to provide safe, socially distant, physical activity to our youth during the dark winter season. The proposal is respectful of neighbors, time limited, and keeping with all health guidelines.

We need bold, compassionate local leadership to help our kids in the community through this challenging time. Please vote to support Menlo's Temporary Light proposal and support our kids. We are all in this together and are all making sacrifices for each other's well being. Thats what healthy, well adjusted communities and families do, most especially in times of crisis.

Thank you for your consideration and for protecting the well being of our youth.

Most sincerely,

Ruth Housenbold  


**From:** [Andrea Enright](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Menlo School's Temporary Lights  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 9:31:39 AM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident of Atherton, a pediatrician, and a mother of a current Menlo student. The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on everyone. Our young teens have had to adjust to many changes.

Temporary lights on Cartan Field on weekdays only, ending at 6:15 pm, and limited to a few months is one way to provide safe, socially distant, physical activity to our youth during the dark winter season. The proposal is respectful of neighbors, time limited, and keeping with all health guidelines.

We need bold, compassionate local leadership to help our kids in the community through this challenging time. Please vote to support Menlo's Temporary Light proposal and support our kids.

Respectfully,

Dr. Andrea Enright



**From:** [Charlie Knoll](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo Highschool Football  
**Date:** Sunday, November 29, 2020 8:40:33 PM

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Hi,

My name is Charlie Knoll, and I am a sophomore at Menlo Highschool. I am apart of the Menlo football program and I am reaching out to express how much a season/lights will do for our community and who we are as young men in today's society. With COVID-19 and online school, it is hard for us to get outside and clear our brains. Football is the perfect activity to help us with our school work and relationships. Football keeps us energized, in shape, and teaches us the value of teamwork and leadership. We learn how to work in a team and develop relationships that last a lifetime. Especially right now, we need football, we need some sense of normality, we need to do what we love. Please consider giving us what we worked so hard for.

Thank you,  
Charlie Knoll  
11/29/2020

**From:** [Clare Corcoran](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lighting Cartan Field, Menlo School  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 11:38:49 AM

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would be most grateful if lights for Menlo's Cartan field are allowed weekdays after school this winter. Our students are missing out on so much this year, with school closures etc, and athletics after zoom calls all day is especially important for their mental health and sense of community.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Best wishes,  
The Corcoran family

**From:** [Jennifer Jeffries](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Cc:** [Jennifer Jeffries](#)  
**Subject:** Menlo School help  
**Date:** Monday, November 30, 2020 1:10:08 PM

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Dear Atherton City Council,

I am writing to you as a resident of Atherton, a former President of the Friends of Holbrook-Palmer Park/ Atherton Dames, and a mother of a current Menlo student. The COVID pandemic has had a tremendous impact on everyone. Our young teens have had to adjust to many changes.

Temporary lights on Cartan Field on weekdays only, ending at 6:15 pm, and limited to a few months is one way to provide safe, socially distant, physical activity to our youth during the dark winter season. The proposal is respectful of neighbors, time limited, and keeping with all health guidelines.

We need bold, compassionate local leadership to help our kids in the community through this challenging time. Please vote to support Menlo's Temporary Light proposal and support our kids.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Jeffries

  
Atherton

Jennifer Jeffries



**From:** [Karen Kline](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Cartan Field Lights  
**Date:** Sunday, November 29, 2020 7:47:50 PM

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Hello -

We are writing to implore you to please allow Menlo School to use low level light towers to illuminate Cartan Field on weekdays until just 6:15 for four days in December 2020 (12/14-12/17) and from January 4- March 14, 2021. Menlo's students (like students lots of places right now) are desperate for physical activity and group sports and could really benefit from this extra time under lights. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Karen and Rick Kline  
Menlo School Parents

**From:** [Linda Knoll](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Menlo School's Temporary Lights  
**Date:** Sunday, November 29, 2020 2:58:00 PM

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Dear Town of Atherton,

As a resident at 130 Britton Avenue (near Menlo School's athletic fields), I write this note in support of the permit to allow temporary lights on its Cartan Field. This year has been incredibly hard on all of us, especially on our young people. Being outside, getting fresh air and being with others are important to their physical and mental health. Athletics gives these young people the opportunity to experience the joy of working for a common goal, exercising, competing, goal-setting and learning invaluable life lessons.

I ask that you seriously consider passing this permit and doing what is best for the mental and physical health of our young people.

Thank you,  
Linda Wythes Knoll  
(resident at [REDACTED] and of Atherton for 45 years)

Ms. Lisa Costa Sanders  
Town Planner  
Town of Atherton  
Town Administrative Offices  
150 Watkins  
Atherton, California 94027

November 25, 2020

Dear Ms Sanders,

My wife and I own the property at [REDACTED] adjacent to Wunderlich Field.

I read with dismay your recommendation to the Atherton City Council regarding granting Menlo School a Special Event Permit to allow lighting on its athletic fields, even though it is in violation of Art. 17.40.050 of the Atherton Municipal Code and violates a promise made for Homecoming lights that "this is a one time request and will not be repeated".

This neighborhood and the Menlo School and/or College have been on a slippery slope for many years. There is even question about the legality of Wunderlich Field if one goes back to the original application to put a school on its present location. Menlo built an athletic field within the last 15 years. Prior to construction the field was all grass with no markings and school sports were played in the center of the field or at the end toward the tennis courts. For some reason the required fifty foot setbacks are not built into this newly constructed athletic field. Games are played right up against our fence with use of PA system at will.

Even more irritating is the constant violation of Atherton noise ordinances. The school has not even built in noise buffering and interference with residential living is so great that we have to close our kitchen windows to have a coherent telephone conversation. Whistles, loud speakers, shouting (some expletives), multiple practices and games seven days a week, etc. , are clearly in violation. Increased traffic, speeding and parking, trespassers seeking balls hit or kicked over the fence into our yard, the increase student population, and so on. I am very near to filing a nuisance suit against the school and college.

The request for lighting is the straw that could easily break the camel's back, particularly when it is not clear why it is needed. Since the 1960's boys soccer and baseball have practiced in the winter months without lighting. Why do their practices start so late? They have more than 3 hours built into the school day where the students are not in class. If day light is a problem they should amend their school day rather than burdening the neighbors with yet another zoning violation. Your comparison to M-A's lights, (17 days a year) at a public school twice as large is not a fair one. Favoring a private school for unnecessary accommodations with the obvious subsequent damage to neighboring property values is not acceptable.

Please reconsider your recommendation.

Sincerely,

Mickey and Liz King

cc.Than HealyStephanie Discher, Atherton City Council, George Rodericks ,  
Households of this neighborhood

**From:** [George Rodericks](#)  
**To:** [George Rodericks](#)  
**Cc:** [Lisa Costa Sanders](#); [Stephanie Bertollo-Davis](#); [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Menlo's Lighting Request Rejected by Paul Getty  
**Date:** Saturday, November 28, 2020 8:16:19 AM

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**From:** Than Healy <than.healy@menloschool.org>  
**Date:** November 28, 2020 at 7:58:52 AM PST  
**To:** Paul Getty [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Earl Koberlein <ekoberlein@menloschool.org>, Lisa Costa Sanders <lcostasanders@ci.atherton.ca.us>, George Rodericks <grodericks@ci.atherton.ca.us>, Richard Thesing [REDACTED], Jeff Hiller [REDACTED], Mike Kerns [REDACTED], Jan Getty [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Stuart Rosenberg [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Menlo's Lighting Request Rejected by Paul Getty

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Dear Mr. Getty,

Thank you for your note below, I am glad to have opened a line of communication with you. I will respond to a few of your concerns below but would happily prefer a phone call or zoom discussion if taking things off of email is acceptable to you - I will admit I always prefer human to human contact over email for anything but logistics. In reading your note, I see two main concerns: precedent and issues of health and safety for our students and our broader community. I am happy to touch on both below but perhaps it is useful to start with a little

general context.

As you may know, Menlo School was one of the first schools in the country to close due to COVID related health concerns. At the time we closed we took a lot of grief from some corners for doing so but we felt at the time and still feel now that health and safety are more important than any of our other priorities as a school. That philosophy has not changed in the intervening almost nine months. When we closed school in March, we also closed down our athletics program which meant forfeiting state championship playoff games to opponents whose schools had not yet made the choice to shutter - we are familiar with and willing to make sacrifices to be sure. We also know that movement and fitness are central elements to adolescent mental as well as physical health. With depression and suicidal ideation on the rise among children whose age we serve during this pandemic, we felt it important to resurrect some form of physical fitness for our students as soon as the County would allow and well within the County guidelines for health and safety. Those activities began this fall and have continued without a single infection incident through the first four months of the school year. While we would normally be moving the bulk of our sports activities indoors for the winter months the current pandemic conditions demand, we think, extra precautions and remaining outdoors, distanced, wearing masks whenever not engaged in heavy physical exertion and requiring weekly PCR tests of all participants as well as daily health symptom updates are the core elements we have held steady on since the summer. Because of the time change and shorter afternoon hours, we are asking for special COVID-related dispensation to extend our practice times during a few of the dark months of the winter to allow our already-curtailed program to continue for the sake of our students' health, mental and physical.

To your first concern about precedent, I know that this is an important one for you. I don't know the nature of your real estate dealings but our relationship with all of our neighbors is an important one for us and not one we take lightly or dismiss easily. We realize that this is a special request and I would be happy to walk you (or anyone else on this email list) through the list of steps we are taking to minimize any potential impact on our neighbors from curtailing the hours we are asking for, the months we are requesting, the type and size of lights we intend to use and even the location of the lights (focusing mainly on the Cartan football field whenever possible and only employing the Wunderlich Field in the case of weather that renders Cartan unusable or unsafe). To your concern about precedent, I don't know how to assure you that this is a specific pandemic-related request and one that we would only repeat if conditions with the pandemic remained the same this time next year. I can, however, assure you that no one would be happier than we would to be in a situation where we are able to return to normal athletics operations where we could have the majority of our winter sports indoors. Doing so would be simply good for everyone concerned but we do not have that option at this time.

To your concern about health and safety, I am grateful for your worry about our students and join you in your concern about the broader community. As I mention above I am proud of our efforts as a school to establish and maintain health and safety within the school and for our broader community. The early research is showing that steps that schools like ours are taking to stem the tide of infections are having more than a neutral impact on their communities but are rather serving as a positive preventative measure in the broader society. To the specifics of our program, you will be glad to know that our students do not have contact with each other but are rather conducting skill-specific drills at a distance as they have been for the last four-plus months. Athletes are masked when they move to and from our practice sites, they are checked daily to ensure that they have a negative PCR test result within the last seven days

and that they do not possess any one of an array of daily symptoms. We believe that if these steps were taken by a greater number of our citizenry - outdoor activities, mask wearing, weekly testing (and, if necessary, tracing) and distancing - our country may be in a different place than it is currently. It is certainly a shame that our current federal government did not see fit to employ these obvious tactics from the outset of the pandemic but that is another discussion for another email chain. To date we have conducted thousands of PCR tests on the members of the Menlo School community and have yielded just three positive tests and those people were prevented from coming to campus proactively and were placed in quarantine until such time as they received a valid negative test. In short, we believe the measures we are taking are working as they were designed to.

If you have read this far, I thank you for doing so. If you wish to discuss any of these items further from the nature of our approach to athletics at the current time to our more general health and safety protocols as a school to the specifics of our request and the steps we are taking to mitigate its impact on our neighbors, our Athletic Director Earl Koberlein or I would be more than happy to do so at your convenience.

Most sincerely,

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Than Healy  
Head of School  
Menlo School  
50 Valparaiso Avenue  
Atherton, CA 94027  
650-330-2001 ext 2520

On Nov 26, 2020, at 5:34 PM, Paul Getty [REDACTED] wrote:

Earl, Than,

I formally reject your request to allow lighting on Cartan and Wunderlich fields as described in your recent communications.

As you know a Conditional Use Permit for Cartan Field was granted subject to a number of conditions with the first one being **“There shall be no illumination, nor shall there be any activities thereon, between sunset and sunrise.”** The CUP is very clear on this and there are no provisions for granting the types of exceptions that you are requesting. Based on my extensive experience in developiong and managing real estate projects across the US, I am very concerned about setting further precedents and exceptions that will erode the rights of close-by neighbors to enjoy the use of their properties.

I am also very concerned about the recent spike in COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths and think it is unwise to make plans to engage in high contact sports like football until there is a significant reduction in COVID cases.

Even professional teams who arguably have access to more comprehensive testing and protection than is available at the school have had to suspend games and it seems that every day we hear of yet another athlete or coach who has contracted COVID-19.

COVID-19 has caused every person to make serious sacrifices and adjust to a new normal until we get this pandemic behind us. I personally feel that, out of an abundance of caution, the Menlo athletic program needs to be significantly cut back for the foreseeable future to protect student, faculty, and the surrounding community. I don't want to read the name of a Menlo student or coach who has contacted the virus due to participation in sports programs.

If the school is hellbent on playing football and subjecting its students to added risks during these dangerous times, you should pursue other options such as practicing during daylight hours or moving the practice locations to other nearby areas that would not impact neighbors.

Respectfully,

Paul Getty  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Earl Koberlein <[ekoberlein@menloschool.org](mailto:ekoberlein@menloschool.org)>

**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 4:57 PM

**To:** Paul Getty [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Menlo's request for low level lighting for football practice this Winter

Hi Paul,

My name is Earl Koberlein, the Athletic Director at Menlo School. I hope you are safe and healthy and looking forward to the Thanksgiving holiday.

I am reaching out to make sure you received the letter from Than Healy and myself sent a week or so ago. I have attached it to this email in case you have not received it.

I know you opposed the lights for the game last year so I wanted to reach out to you to see if you had any questions about what we are asking for. This pandemic has been truly unfortunate for so many reasons and the postponement of the football season into winter because of it has forced us to look into options to be able to hold football practice in the winter with Daylight Savings and the early sunsets. It does seem very unlikely that we will even be able to hold football practice in the winter based on the spike in cases in the State. But if we do get approval at some point to practice we would like to be prepared.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.

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Earl Koberlein

Director of Athletics

Menlo School

[ekoberlein@menloschool.org](mailto:ekoberlein@menloschool.org)

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**From:** [Tad Taube](#)  
**To:** [Anthony Suber](#)  
**Subject:** Lights on Cartan field.  
**Date:** Sunday, November 29, 2020 8:01:13 PM

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This is in support of Menlo School's request to have temporary lights available for evening illumination of Cartan Field. The youngsters who practice and play football for Menlo School represent the finest young citizens in our Community and we should support their efforts and development of their skills.

Respectfully,

Tad Taube

Taube Philanthropies

Woodside, California

Sent from my iPhone