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Fremont Union High School District
Attention: Glenn Evans and Ellie Johnson
589 West Fremont Avenue
Sunnyvale, California 94087

Re: Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Monta Vista High School Sports Fields Improvements and Lighting project

Dear Mr. Evans and Ms. Johnson,

Thank you for providing the City of Cupertino with an opportunity to comment on the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Monta Vista High School Sports Fields Improvements and Lighting project. In addition to the City's comments on the draft EIR, the City would like to offer the following comments on the final EIR.

Alternative

The City would like to reiterate that the Reduced Use Alternative is a more preferable alternative, since it would reduce impacts.

Lighting

The City appreciates the District's clarifications on the following: 1) the lighting standard, the location and setback of the light poles from adjacent and surrounding residential neighbors, 2) the lighting control by a central Energy Management System to ensure light use will not extend beyond the proposed limits, and 3) the alternative lighting scenarios. However, the City would still like to suggest the following mitigation measures:

- Keeping proposed night time activities to those indicated in the Reduced Use Alternative.
- Moving lighting fixtures further away from residential backyards.

Noise

The City would like to reiterate concerns related to noise and recommends the following mitigation measures:

- Relocate the visitor bleachers further away from the residential fence lines to a distance that will mitigate the noise impacts to the adjacent residents to the west and south.
- Reduce/control the volume of the noise from the PA system as recommended in the DEIR.

- Restrict band practices to day time use.
- Ensure that the bands playing in the bleachers during football games be located away from the residential property lines to the west.

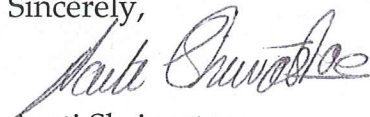
Location and Proximity of Bleachers/Visibility

The City appreciates the District's clarification of the setbacks between the proposed new bleachers and adjacent residential fence lines.

However, the City continues to be concerned about aesthetic impacts on the community. Specifically, the City is concerned about the visibility of the bleachers and spectators from the adjacent and surrounding residential properties, particularly since the proposed new bleachers will be taller than the existing bleachers and no additional physical barriers are proposed. The City would still like to reiterate the need for landscaping to create an adequate visual buffer.

Should you have any questions regarding the above-referenced comments or need additional information, please feel free to contact Aki Honda Snelling, AICP in the City of Cupertino Planning Department at (408) 777-3313. Please provide this department with any further notices with respect to this environmental review process and the District's decision-making process on this project to my attention at the above address so the City may continue to work with you to address the concerns of the community both our agencies serve.

Sincerely,



Aarti Shrivastava

Director of Community Development