

Pro Point Loma

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STADIUM PROJECT

What is this ‘stadium project’ that is being discussed? Why is it controversial?

The SDUSD is implementing a program of renovating athletic facilities throughout the district. A standard ‘professional stadium complex’ plan is being applied to each high school stadium regardless of the school site situation.¹ The project proposed at PLHS contains a wide range of proposed alterations (read below to see which are cause for concern and which are not).² The issues of concern are the expansion in capacity, the addition of professional press & PA capabilities, and the addition of stadium floodlights.³ The PLHS athletic field & bleachers have always been a ‘dawn-til-dusk’ facility with minimal capacity to serve as a professional event venue.⁴ This has been by choice, out of respect for the quiet non-urbanized family neighborhood that cradles the school site.⁵

Cause for Concern

- Additional Bleachers (min. 25% increase in capacity)
- Field lights for extensive nighttime field use
- Visitor concessions complex
- Commercial-grade PA system
- Professional press box & announcer booth

Not a Cause for Concern

- Construct additional practice field
- Renovate existing bleacher seats
- Construct athletic building for practice fields
- Increase handicapped seating stalls
- Elevator to augment existing ADA ramp
- Image mural or living wall behind bleachers

It is important to understand that most ‘opponents’ of the stadium renovations are only opposed to the aspects of the project that create a ‘stadium complex’ that would be used for nighttime activities on a daily basis and would encourage nighttime rentals by non-school groups, especially for-profit and adult sports leagues. To our knowledge, no one is opposing the construction of the proposed additional practice field (increasing field space by 50%) or the construction of a locker room building.⁶

Many area residents are confused at why field lighting is now being included in the stadium plans. A proposal to add lights was briefly put forward in 2009 and abandoned due to neighborhood concerns.⁷ Nothing has changed since 2009 except that the school site is more overdeveloped.⁸ There are no new sports teams and no new demands on field usage now versus 2009.⁹ The one thing that *has* changed is that the annual rental of the football field increased from 0 hours in the 2009 school year to 272 hours in the 2012 school year (43 rentals total in 2012-2013), which may be reducing the availability of the field for student use.¹⁰

What about ADA renovations? How can anyone possibly oppose improving access to the stadium?

No one (to our knowledge) is advocating opposing legitimate ADA accessibility renovations to the existing bleachers & field. Many residents have expressed dismay that aspects of new construction that are required by law are being marketed as ‘ADA Upgrades.’¹¹ For example, the School District proposes to add a professional press box & announcer booth. By law such a facility is *required* to be ADA accessible. The bleachers currently do not have a press box. Describing the addition of the press box as ‘ADA renovations to press box’ is misleading and takes advantage of positive social attitudes toward disability access in order to promote an alteration that might be controversial.

What about gender equity? I heard that nighttime use is needed to improve gender equity?

This is a questionable premise that has already caused considerable controversy. The argument is that field lights are needed so that women’s and men’s teams can have equal access to practice fields. However, it is important to note that the Title IX gender equity requirements have been in place since the 1970s.¹² (The sports & clubs that use the football field have all been in existence for decades.) It does not seem particularly ‘equal’ to make a women’s team wait around to use a field until after the boy’s team is finished practicing, or to take students away from their families & studies by making them practice late into the night. Like the ADA issue, citing Title IX as the primary purpose for stadium expansion exploits positive attitudes toward gender equality to gain support for a controversial expansion in the scope and scale of stadium utilization.

The solution to ‘not enough athletic fields’ is to add more athletic fields, plain and simple. An additional practice field is already on the plan and is not an object of controversy. In addition, four lighted practice fields are being constructed at the Correia Sports Complex, less than a mile from PLHS.¹³

PARKING & TRAFFIC

Does the SDUSD propose to add any on-campus parking to accommodate the influx of teams, fans, commercial and private vehicles coming to these events throughout the year?

NO. There are currently no plans to add parking because there is no space for additional parking on campus beside the existing 148 spots.¹⁴ Adding parking or a parking structure is being discussed as part of a 20-year master plan but there are not currently any funds available to build a parking structure or additional parking.¹⁵

Won’t parking and traffic only be an issue for people that live right next to the high school?

NO. An estimated 1,000 vehicles will have a regular, dramatic and far-reaching effect on the neighborhood.¹⁶ There are approximately 850 homes in the 43 blocks immediately surrounding the high school.¹⁷ Accounting for corner lots and the high rate at which residents currently have to park on the street due to tandem-style driveways and narrow lots/narrow garages, all 43 blocks can expect significant parking congestion during large stadium events.¹⁸ Even during smaller events, cars and pedestrians unfamiliar with the surrounding neighborhood will cause an unprecedented degree of congestion, in both ‘cut-through’ and ‘no outlet’ areas.

I heard that the nighttime use of the stadium is just for the students and that you are not correct to discuss the rental of the stadium and the problems it might bring?

The likelihood of significant use of the stadium by school, community, and for-profit groups is *not* “speculation” but is factually grounded in observed patterns of use at other SDUSD stadium facilities. A significant degree of nighttime and weekend stadium rental by non-school groups – including large events – is a reality of life at many SDUSD high schools.¹⁹ Purposes for which other SDUSD high schools have recently been leased include not only community and church sports groups but also semi-pro football, professional soccer, for-profit adult sports leagues, a 4,000-attendee nighttime church revival & concert, and 2,000+ attendee Rock Church events.²⁰ The PLHS stadium is already being rented out to a far greater degree than many realize (see “Stadium Commercialization”) and these rentals are creating scheduling pressure and preventing student groups from accessing the field. It is important to keep in mind that besides major events, even smaller events and practices can cause significant traffic, parking, and safety issues – especially when people unfamiliar with the neighborhood attempt to navigate its confusing dead-end streets.

CRIME & SAFETY

Should residents that live more than a block from PLHS be concerned about crime? What is your evidence?

YES. Past experience with the single night game held each year has shown significantly increased criminal and negligent behavior as a result of the unique geographic situation of the stadium and the neighborhood. A well-lit but small event venue spills out immediately into a quiet residential area with historical gaslamp-style street lights, dead-end streets, and ample opportunity for questionable behavior. Well-documented objectionable behavior at nighttime events includes public substance abuse to the extent of “passing out” on lawns, trespassing, indecent exposure, open urination, intimidation of neighbors, reckless driving, illegal parking, trash, liquor & condom remains, graffiti, vandalizing cars & all night boisterous partying. It is important to understand that these risks are not necessarily caused by ‘outside’ groups of visitors coming into the neighborhood, or necessarily by the high school students - much of the criminal & nuisance behavior is perpetrated by members of the broader peninsula community who make questionable choices given the combination of alcohol, a party atmosphere, and the opportunity created by the current stadium set-up.²¹

Have crime & safety been an issue in the past?

YES. For decades beginning in the 1950s, sports events – especially evening competitions – were plagued with violence, vandalism, and “hooliganism.” Night games were temporarily banned several times in the 1950s and 1960s before being permanently banned by SDUSD in 1974.²² It is unrealistic to believe that school violence will be *less* of an issue today than it was in the 1950s and 1960s. The school district was unable to pay for adequate police presence at games in the 1960s & 1970s, there is no reason to believe they would suddenly be able to do so today, especially with the budget shortfalls now faced.²³

Are game attendee violence and neighborhood criminal activity the only safety concerns?

NO. An additional safety concern is traffic & pedestrian safety due to poor traffic circulation patterns and the fact that parking is spread out across the neighborhood and pedestrians cross where it is convenient (which may mean darting out from between parked cars.) Pedestrian safety has been indicated by students as a major concern and it is irresponsible to consider a move to nighttime stadium use before these serious safety risks have been addressed.²⁴ Is the fun of night games and practices worth the risk of injury or death as inexperienced nighttime drivers collide with pedestrians returning to their cars?

LIGHT POLLUTION & NOISE

Aren't there special lights that reduce light spillover and visibility?

YES. However, there will still be light pollution in the form of glare and skyglow.²⁵ Additionally, it is not uncommon for 'as-built' stadium lights to differ from the project specification (i.e. project proposal indicates shielded lights but the lights installed end up being just standard lights due to budget constraints.)²⁶ There is currently no written documentation directly from the School District indicating that the proposed lights would have shielding, what shielding they would have or what brand of lights would be installed.²⁷ The same is true for the proposed directional PA system. Representations regarding special technology that makes lights and sound less obtrusive should be taken with a grain of salt, as what is 'possible' is not always what makes it into the completed construction product.

Won't the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) address whether light pollution will be an issue or not?

YES AND NO. The EIR typically calculates only the predicted "light spill", not the glare or skyglow. Often EIR reports will decline to fully analyze the two other types of light pollution because there is no way to easily calculate them and assessments of significance are often subjective.²⁸ In addition to glare and skyglow, residents should be aware that airport regulations could require strobe lights atop the four proposed light standards due to being located less than a mile from the airport runway.²⁹ The impact of round-the-clock aircraft warning lights would not typically be addressed in an Environmental Impact Report.

Won't there be a curfew that will take care of light & noise pollution after a certain time?

YES AND NO. Technically there is a curfew now, which ensures that the PLHS stadium entrance will be locked from 8 PM every night until the morning, except in the case of special events. However, we have not yet been able to locate written documentation of this existing curfew. The EIRs released for other SDUSD stadium projects generally assume that events will be over by 9 PM and lights will be extinguished by 10 PM.³⁰ However, many in Loma Portal may find evening noise & light pollution objectionable as the neighborhood has never in 88+ years had crowd noise or skyglow in the evenings aside from one annual night event that has occurred since 2005.

Has the SDUSD ever stated that permanent stadium lights would not be installed at PLHS?

YES. The most recent time was in 2011.³¹ For 88 years there have not been lights at the PLHS stadium, by mutual agreement. The first time the issue came up was in 1953.³²

Isn't the school district doing an Environmental Impact Report? Won't that determine whether these will really be issues or not?

YES AND NO. Yes, the School District is paying for its consultants to complete an EIR. However, the EIR touches only tangentially on issues that are of concern to the neighborhood. An EIR would not address increased risk of criminal and nuisance behavior due to the unique geographical situation of the PLHS Stadium site, and only tangentially addresses the traffic and parking impacts. In addition, it assumes that the status quo in the surrounding area is acceptable – for instance, that the traffic and parking problems caused by the existing annual night event is a baseline 'acceptable' situation. In general, the report is designed to assess whether the project will have a significant and unavoidable impact on the *physical* environment – not necessarily on changes to the social, economic, or psychological environment that affect a neighborhood's character and way of life.³³

COMMERCIALIZATION

Will there be a well-enforced limit on the type and number of events allowed?

NO. There is no feasible way to limit the type or number of events, & no oversight or enforcement plans currently exist.³⁴ Residents should be prepared for multi-day, multi-night events, and the RVs, sidewalk BBQ's & fan "encampments" that have occurred at competitive and community events at other area high schools. Promises to limit events or enforce a curfew are promises that cannot be kept, as no structure or personnel exist to enforce them, there are no consequences for breaking these promises, and the Civic Center Act can be used to fill the empty nights with rentals to non-school and even for-profit groups for practices and events.³⁵

Didn't people who bought houses near the high school kind of know what they were getting into?

NO. The high school and the neighborhood developed together and have existed in harmony for 88 years. When most of the homes in the area were built, the high school consisted of a single building on a mostly unused 10 acre lot.³⁶ The stadium moved to its current location in 1950.³⁷ Though the high school eventually expanded from 1 building at the time that most area homes were built, to 19 structures on the same small lot, it has attempted to maintain a positive relationship with the neighborhood, something which has been made increasingly difficult by the continuing overdevelopment of the school site.³⁸ Furthermore, the impact of the proposed project will be felt far beyond those residents who perceived themselves as living 'near' the high school when they bought their home - our list of neighbors opposed to the commercialization of the stadium stretches from Hugo Street to Lytton Street, and west to Catalina Boulevard.

Doesn't the high school stadium *need* this modernization?

NO. The proposed additions to the stadium could have been included when it was first built. They were left out for a reason. Ever since the first set of bleachers were built in 1928, the school has had a tradition of afternoon games and no night-time events.³⁹ The football team and high school academic experience has not suffered because of it. Even the visitors stands are of questionable necessity – for 20 years after the construction of the current concrete bleachers the old wooden bleachers existed next to them. At a time when high school football game attendance was much higher than today, these bleachers were hardly ever used and when they burned down in 1969 the decision was quickly made not to replace them.⁴⁰

But wouldn't it be nice if the kids could practice football at night?

Plans for lighted practice fields are being developed at the nearby Correia school fields (which are in a less residential area and do not abut properties.)⁴¹ Many of our supporters appreciate that it would be 'nice' to have lighted practice fields and perhaps even some night games, but that the infrastructure of the neighborhood and the current arrangement of the school site simply does not make that feasible without major disruption to the community. Furthermore, the trade-offs that must be made in order to justify the expense (i.e. constant rental of the facilities), as well as the trends at other high schools (and even at PLHS) that indicate intense amounts of rental to non-school groups, are unacceptable.

The stadium is not being rented out all that much now. Why do you think rental of the stadium will be a problem?

The stadium is actually being rented out to a greater extent than many realize. Compared to 2009, in the 2012 school year PLHS facilities were rented out 10x as much, and the total number of hours that facilities were rented out for money was 26x as high in 2012 as in 2009. In 2009 there were no permits issued for the rental of the PLHS stadium; in the 2012 school year the stadium was rented out for a total of 272 hours

and PLHS stadium rentals made up 71% of PLHS facilities rental income.⁴² The SDUSD and other area school districts have a history of renting facilities out to private parties – from the current utilization of the San Diego High School Stadium (more than 340 rental events per year, 267 at night and 198 continuing after 9 PM), to the recent swimming pool situation in Coronado in which students must now compete with private groups to use their own facility.⁴³ If student needs can be balanced with the outside rental interest, generating revenue from facilities is not necessarily be a bad thing. However, the infrastructure and layout of Loma Portal and the Point Loma High School means that this level of use will be unacceptably disruptive to the neighborhood.

But I read that the school has 57 sports teams and that student teams have to practice off site. How could there possibly be availability to rent the stadium?

The statement about the number of teams and offsite practices is misleading. There are 8 sports & clubs that use the football field: football, field hockey, soccer, track & field, lacrosse, cheer, marching band, and ROTC. Once men’s & womens and varsity/JV/freshman rosters are taken into account, these 8 sports represent 17 ‘teams’ spread over three seasons (the remaining 40 teams do not typically use a football field in the course of their games or practices.)⁴⁴ All 17 of these teams currently practice on the football field; the number of teams that do not have any access to the football field and suddenly would if lights were installed is zero.⁴⁵ There will be 3-4 lighted practice fields at the Correia sports complex (3 lacrosse fields or 2 soccer fields depending on orientation, and one baseball field) and one additional small field going in on the PLHS site, which should provide extra field space for increased use by these teams.⁴⁶

Coastal Commission regulations will protect us, right?

NO. The project is located outside the jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission.

ILLEGAL USE OF BOND FUNDS

Didn’t I read in the SD Union that the SDUSD lost a major court case about its questionable use of taxpayer-funded Proposition S money to buy and install stadium lights?

YES. The SDUSD was found by the Appeals Court to have illegally spent taxpayers’ money by using Proposition S funds to install stadium floodlights.⁴⁷ The decision was specific to alterations to the Hoover High School stadium but has implications for several high schools at which the district has installed or plans to install field lights.

How can I find out more about this effort? Is this a major part of Pro Point Loma’s strategy?

There is a group specifically dedicated to fighting the inappropriate use of Proposition S funds at ALL area schools. They are called the Taxpayers for Accountable School Board Spending – we suggest visiting their website at <http://www.tfasb.org> to learn more. At present Proposition S is not a major focus of Pro Point Loma. Our group’s feeling is that expanded use of the PLHS stadium is unacceptable regardless of the source of funds.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Is this project a done deal at this point?

NO. There are still many opportunities for engagement. Community response to the EIR is one of the first opportunities to raise issues with this project. Other opportunities will include public meetings as well as one-on-one meetings between community representatives and key influencers and decisionmakers.

Are you collecting signatures for a petition?

NO. Petitions are ineffective political tools in land use decisions. Land use decisions are about what is right and appropriate, not about how many people favor infringing on others' rights versus how many wish their rights to be respected. Land use decisions are shaped by the active and ongoing participation of the community in discussing and objecting to specific impacts, and by engaging directly with their elected representatives, not by passive signatures on a piece of paper.

How can I find out more?

Information from the school board on this project is not forthcoming at present. A draft Environmental Impact Report is due out in November and should contain more details on the project. Pro Point Loma is doing its best to gather as much information as possible. Most will be shared through our website and the Pro Point Loma mailing list. Please visit us at <http://www.pro-pointloma.org> and sign up for the mailing list if you are not already on it.

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