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September 17, 2013

Hon. Richard W. Davis, Mayor
Hon. Robert H. Clark, Mayor Pro Tempore
Hon. Robert Begert, Councilmember
Hon. Dawn Enoch Moore, Councilmember
Hon. Tommy Stewart, Councilmember
3800 University Blvd
University Park, TX 75205

RE: Lighting district requested by Highland Park High School ("HPHS") pursuant to case PZ-1303 (the "Proposed Ordinance"), which requests lighting for the HPHS softball field and outdoor tennis courts on Druid Lane (the "Complex")

Dear Mayor Davis, Mayor Pro Tempore Clark and City Councilmembers of University Park Texas:

The undersigned residents of University Park and of homes surrounding the Complex respectfully submit this letter in qualified support of the Proposed Ordinance.

According to its first provision, the purpose of University Park Zoning Ordinance is to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. In the provision of these necessities, the zoning ordinance requires reasonable consideration be given to the character of a district with a view to conserving the value of buildings. The addition of lights and noise to the quiet streets surrounding the Complex will dramatically affect its character and likely result in either diminution of home value, home value stagnation or slowed home value appreciation when compared to other homes in the city. Therefore, the final ordinance that is drafted must limit negative impact on home values and the quality of life of the residents surrounding the Complex.

We agree that the that Highland Park High School Girls Softball Team deserves a lit field for HPHS UIL games and for HPHS winter month UIL sanctioned practices. We also agree that the continued excellence of the HPHS tennis program would benefit from an ability to host UIL sanctioned night matches and the ability to practice on well-lit outdoor courts after school in the fall and winter during approved UIL practice hours. For these reasons, we generally support the installation of lighting as detailed in the Proposed Ordinance.

However, the Proposed Ordinance extends well beyond these community needs and unnecessarily negatively impacts the homes surrounding the Complex. The following modifications to the Proposed Ordinance must be made:

- HPHS cannot allow "Non-UIL", "Club" and/or "Private" use at its Complex at night.
 - o 9:00 pm on a week night is very late in a residential community.

- Creating private usage at the Complex is not a central mission of HPHS.
- Private usage increases Complex usage from 2 nights a week to as many as 5.
- o Private usage has not been requested by residents in any significant way.
- There are no HPHS coaches present throughout club games to ensure enforcement of the rules.
- Neighborhood residents will be in the awkward position of monitoring usage as softball games get closer to 9:00 pm.
- Coaches and players will often be non-residents (and won't be employed by HPHS) and will have little incentive to respect the rights of Complex neighbors.
- o The City of University Park already has facilities for nighttime private tennis use.
- o HPHS has an indoor facility for nighttime tennis use by clubs.
- The ordinance must include a provision that the lights be turned off within 10 minutes after the end of a HPHS UIL sanctioned softball game or tennis match.
- > Batting cage usage can occur when the lights are on during a UIL game, subject to HPHS permission.
- > PA systems should not be allowed to be used at the Complex on Sundays.
- Sound System or "Jam Box" usage at the Tennis Courts must end by 6:00 pm
- The lighting map created by Musco Lighting dated June 4, 2013 and submitted by HPHS in connection with the Proposed Ordinance (the "Ambient Lighting Map") should be attached to the Ordinance as a minimum performance standard for the lighting system.
 - This allows residents some recourse in the event the lighting system is damaged, suffers wear and tear or is not installed properly.
 - This requires HPHS and Muscoe Lighting to stand by the public claims made in reference to ambient or spillover light in connection with the Proposed Ordinance.

We also request that the residential parking restrictions be enforced on softball game and tennis match nights until the game or match ends to encourage usage of the parking garage by participants and fans.

Given the complexities of the Proposed Ordinance, we request that any ordinance drafted by University Park be first issued in draft form for further public comment.

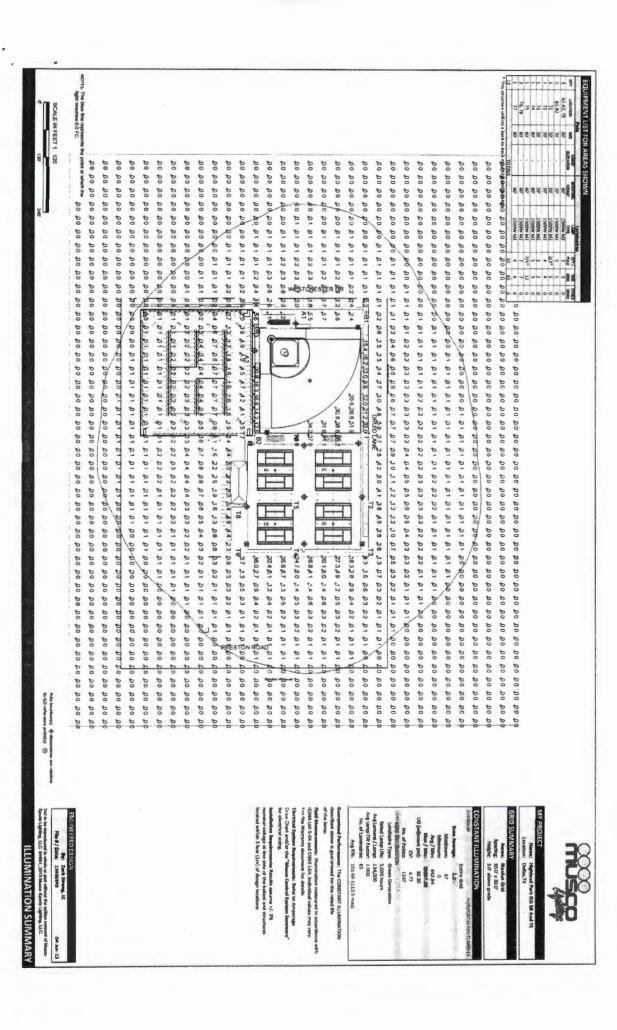
Our neighborhood is an area already awash in floodlights from Highlander Stadium and Scotland Yard. I urge you to strongly consider our compromise positions. It is far better to foster a sense of community and support for the HPHS tennis and softball programs rather than to seed resentment and

hostility. Compromise the best way forward for the residents of University Park and the athletes at HPHS, which makes this solution the best solution for HPHS because the school exists to serve the community.

Please do not hesitate to contact John Henrich at jmhenrich@yahoo.com should you have any questions about this letter.

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