

Adverse Impact

Threatening

LOMA PORTAL NEIGHBORHOOD

TAKE A ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Your presence at an upcoming neighborhood meeting is very strongly urged

When: Wednesday, May 22nd, 6 p.m.

Where: PLHS Performing Arts Center on campus

San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) sent a public notice to your home last week.

Did you receive and read it?

What is it about?

The essence of the notice was to inform the Loma Portal neighborhood that the SDUSD has hired a company to prepare an Environmental Impact Report that should study all impacts to the Loma Portal neighborhood **if** the plans are put into place for, among other things, permanent lighting at the football stadium.

This meeting is for the purpose of allowing Loma Portal residents to provide input as to the scope and extent of the study.

What does the SDUSD intend to do?

Among other things, it intends to install permanent lighting at the football field. The primary purpose, however, is **not** for use by the students as one might think. The true focus and intent of the SDUSD is to rent the stadium out 24/7 to private groups in order to generate funds for the district.

This promises to be a nightmare for those who live in, or try to visit, Loma Portal:

- *Installation of Glaring “Cluster” Stadium Lights visible for miles*
- *Commercialization of already Dense Residential Neighborhoods*
- *Major Traffic & Parking Woes, Clogged Streets Day & Night*
- *High Volume Noise over Loud Speakers Day & Night*
- *Increased Crime, Graffiti, Substance Abuse & Littering*
- *And having NO ESCAPE or protection from the above*

SDUSD intends to move forward and forever change the uniquely wonderful residential character of a wide swath of Loma Portal and surrounding neighborhoods. Our Quality of Life in Loma Portal will be changed for the worse.

The very fundamentals that drew us all to this safe, family-friendly area in the first place are in jeopardy. Across the U.S., more and more citizens are standing up and pushing back against runaway school districts intent on steam-rolling neighborhoods. We can, too.

PLEASE BE IN THE KNOW BEFORE YOU GO:

1. Take the True or False test (on reverse). The answers will surprise you!
2. And, please visit www.tfasbs.org (Taxpayers For Accountable School Bond Spending) for public information about SDUSD, questionable campus projects, and citizen push back, such as the April 3, 2013 Channel 10 coverage of SDUSD’s misuse of taxpayer funds at other schools.

TRUE OR FALSE?

1. There haven't been stadium lights for 86 years by mutual agreement. Hasn't the SDUSD repeatedly stated, verbally and in writing, that PLHS would not have permanent stadium lights?

TRUE! *But despite many verbal and written promises, the SDUSD plans to install an array of permanent stadium lights on up to 100 ft poles (that's about 1/3 the height of the Sea World Tower), expand PA systems, and also install items the public was never told about, such as a very large play action "image screen" that will be seen from several streets.*

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

TRUE! *The SDUSD was found by the Appeals Court a) to have illegally spent your Prop S tax dollars putting in permanent stadium lights at several high schools, and b) was widely criticized for its poorly designed campus re-development, traffic and parking failures that adversely harmed the surrounding neighborhood.*

3. Surely the SDUSD would add additional on-campus parking to accommodate the huge influx of teams, fans, commercial and private vehicles coming to these events throughout the year, right?

FALSE! *Our narrow historically lit streets, already teeming with residents' own vehicles, will be the absorbent sponge for the influx of cars, buses, RV's, food trucks, and other commercial traffic headed to PLHS. With the changes listed in the EIR notice, as well as those seen in renderings of the proposed future build-out, on-campus parking will decrease, further straining existing street parking and pushing more and more vehicles way, way out into our neighborhoods.*

4. But wouldn't there be a well-enforced limit on the type and number of events allowed?

FALSE! *There is no limit as to the type or number of events, & no oversight or enforcement even exists, so be prepared for anything, including multi-day multi-night events & the RV's, sidewalk BBQ's & fan "encampments" that typify all-day-night competitive events.*

5. Due to our location, Coastal Commission regulations will protect us, right?

FALSE! *We are just outside their jurisdiction.*

6. Should residents living far from PLHS be concerned about more crime as a result? Surely S.D.P.D. can't be here in force, patrolling all hours day & night, to keep everything under control.

TRUE! *Past experience, documented for years by myriad residents, includes very public substance abuse to the extent of "passing out", rampant trespassing, indecent exposure, open urination, intimidation of neighbors, reckless driving, illegal parking, trash, liquor & condom remains, graffiti, spray painting cars & all night boisterous partying. SDUSD does not have the funds, or chooses not to provide the funds, for an adequate police presence.*

7. Isn't there accountability & a system in place to insure my tax dollars are not misspent?

TRUE! (sort of...) *The "I.C.O.C.", or Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, is the all-volunteer "legally required committee appointed by the Board of Education to actively review the proper expenditure of Prop. S funds..." There obviously has been a serious failure in oversight, at some level, since millions have already been illegally spent.*