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Saint Mary's College Appeals Ruling on Lights at Night

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Regular readers may recall last issue's article headlined "College Must Shed Less Light on Neighbors" that discussed the Town's decision to require that Saint Mary's College (SMC) turn off the lights at its intramural sports field at 9 p. m. instead of 10 p.m. largely due to complaints from neighbors. As anticipated, on October 15 the Town of Moraga received a letter from Michael Beseda, SMC Vice President for College Communications, indicating that the College was appealing the October 1 decision.

In the letter, Beseda wrote that the reason for the appeal is, "The reduction in hours inhibits the College's ability to provide co-curricular opportunities vital to its educational programs and its mission of serving the mind, body and spirit of all students."

Planning Director Shawna Brekke Read confirmed that the Town Council will hold a public hearing regarding this issue during its November 14 meeting; the Council will not discuss or consider the appeal prior to that meeting.

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