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Chairman Hill:

I am writing in strong support of Maret's project on the grounds of the ECC. I have lived on Quesada Street with my family since 1997, and am about a block away from Lafayette Elementary and two blocks from ECC. My daughter goes to Maret and I graduated from Maret; I grew up on Livingston Street.

I know that Maret has long struggled with field space and I was very happy to hear that ECC was willing to share the space with Maret. I love the idea of keeping the land as open space and not building houses or developing it - and am happy that with the contract ECC can operate as it has been able to do in the past. ECC is an amazing institution and I am so happy Maret is able to contribute to its continuity.

I have been affiliated with Maret for almost 40 years now I know that the school would do nothing to harm this community. I know Maret is deeply committed to making the fields a place where not only Maret kids can enjoy sports but will allow for sharing with other youth organizations, and will do its best not to disturb neighbors.

It is disappointing to me to hear the neighbors who are opposed to the proposal due to noise and traffic, especially when I think of what else the space could be used for. I am close enough to Lafayette to hear sports occasionally and lose out on some parking but I am grateful for the vibrancy of a neighborhood filled with kids playing sports and having fun.

I feel confident that this will not be a harm to our community but will be a gain. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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