

## Saunders, Richard L. - PDR

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**To:** Saunders, Richard L. - PDR  
**Subject:** Fwd: SUP request by St. Christopher's School

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Mr. Saunders,  
I'm sending you a copy of the letter I wrote to oppose granting the special use permit to St. Christopher's School. I've sent copies to all Richmond city council members as well.  
I hope the reasons stated in my letter will be seriously considered before a decision is made.  
Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Irene G. Philips  
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**To:** Andreas.Addison@richmondgov.com  
**Subject:** SUP request by St. Christopher's School

Dear Councilman Addison,

I'm writing to ask that the St. Christopher's School application for a Special Use Permit, which would allow the school to install 70 foot tall light poles around the football, soccer, and baseball fields, be denied. My reasons for asking the city to issue a denial of the SUP are as follows:

### 1. LIGHTS

The diagram of the light fixtures is misleading. If the light emanating from these

high-powered lamps were really directed only downward, what would be the point of installing them? The light will cover the entire field and, in turn, that light will illuminate the homes and yards of the surrounding properties on Kensington Avenue, Henri Road, and Maple Avenue. The school has stated that the lights will be turned off at 10:00pm sharp. What will happen if the game isn't over by then? Of course they will finish the game and also have to leave the lights on later until the crowd has left. And this will, of course, lead to big traffic problems caused by so many cars leaving the game at the same time.

## 2. ATTENDANCE

Many more people will be able to attend night games played after the work day is over. This will require more parking spaces and these spaces do not exist. Thus, people will come early to be able to find a parking spot and, as has happened to me, park and block a driveway. Where will residents park when returning home only to find there are no spaces available?

## 3. MORE

During day games, people walk up my driveway, through two gates, and sit and stand along my fence line. Some even bring chairs. This situation is bad enough in the daytime. With more people in attendance at night, there will be a large safety issue!

## 4. NOISE

The noise created during a day game, ie. blaring music before and during games, air horns blowing, feet stamping on aluminum bleachers, and drums banging is tolerable. During a night game, this noise would be just the opposite, causing a huge imposition on surrounding homes, some with young children.

## 5. OTHER POINTS

When Trinity Episcopal School applied for an SUP to install lights around their playing fields, the permit was denied. Trinity is a school that, like St. Christopher's, is also surrounded by a residential neighborhood. Over the years St. Christopher's School has gone from being an excellent neighbor to becoming a more and more intrusive one. The leadership has become either unaware or totally dismissive of the concerns of the citizens who share this neighborhood. In my recent discussions with this leadership, I have found them to be dismissive of concerns expressed about their continued intrusions into

our  
neighborhood.

I have seen letters that are in favor of issuing this SUP. Their addresses indicate that the writers do not live where they would be impacted by these lights.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I would welcome an opportunity to discuss it with you in person. I can be reached at 804-239-3078. Please share this letter with the other council members who will be deciding this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Irene Philips

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