

To: Nicole Floyd, City of Olympia, Lead Planner,
Olympia Community Planning and Development Department
and
City of Olympia Hearing Examiner

Re: Ingersoll Use Restriction Modification

From: Janet Witt

3012 Fir Street, Olympia, WA 98501

Date: November 9, 2020

To Whom It May Concern,

I am opposed to the proposal to lift restrictions on use of Ingersoll Stadium.

I've lived in my home, located about 3 blocks east of Ingersoll Stadium, for nearly 30 years. During that time the issue of use of the Stadium has arisen numerous times, and each time many neighbors of Ingersoll have responded, expressing concern about adverse impacts that unrestricted, increased use of the Stadium would bring to our neighborhoods.

Physical activity is good for people, including children. However quiet, adequate rest and sleep and relaxation are also important. Quality of life in my neighborhood and home is important.

Ingersoll Stadium is located in an area zoned residential. Close access to sports venues is considered by many, including myself, to be a neighborhood asset. However, adverse environmental impacts incurred during heavy use of the Stadium seem not well understood by those who do not live in the neighborhood. The extent of impact at a particular residential property depends not only on proximity to the Stadium, but also on other factors such as time and frequency of the use, elevation of the receiving residential property, distance of residential property from roads used to access and depart from Ingersoll, as well as which side streets are used for parking during heavy use.

The main objectionable impact of heavy Ingersoll use that I experience in *my* home is noise. My home, three blocks east of the Stadium, lies at a slight elevation from the street. When there are large crowds at the Stadium and the public address system is used, the noise levels are sometimes so loud that loud noise is heard **inside** my home. During those times things such as sleep become impossible. When I was working day shift or odd hours at St. Peter's, there were many nights when I didn't get adequate

sleep due to noise from Ingersoll. Children's bedtimes needed to be adjusted. The public address system blaring into my home made relaxation impossible. I've tolerated the adverse impacts because I love the neighborhood. But I do not want increased frequency of those incidents.

Years ago the City of Olympia Hearing Examiner upheld restrictions on use of the Stadium, explaining that he did so to assure reasonable protection of surrounding neighborhoods from adverse impacts that unrestricted use could bring. I ask that the City of Olympia Planners and the City Hearing Examiner deny the Modification of Restrictions for the same reason. At the very least, list specific additional stadium uses, but please do not approve unrestricted use.

Respectfully,

Janet Witt

3012 Fir Street S.E.

Olympia, WA 98501