



**Why do I have to park so far away from the stadium?**

We are aware of the inconvenience that results from parking in the Dana parking lot and walking to the Lincoln High School stadium to watch your student-athlete score the winning touchdown or make that crucial tackle.

During the 2006-07 school year the district hosted 3 neighborhood meetings to survey neighbors about the idea of stadium lights. Lincoln was the campus that stirred up the most controversy because of its proximity of housing to the stadium. Neighbors said they were not so much worried about light pollution in their neighborhood as they were about noise, traffic and trash that additional activity at the stadium would potentially generate. Neighbors surrounding Lincoln launched the campaign, “No Lincoln Lights.”

In a discovery process launched by San Jose Unified School District, a draft environmental report was made. The report found that overflow parking was expected to significantly impact neighborhood streets surrounding Lincoln High School during nighttime football games, regardless of whether more spaces are made available elsewhere. The report suggested closing nearby streets to non-local traffic during games in order to discourage on-street parking.

As a compromise with the community, a mitigation plan was developed that required the school to close the Olive Gate to all access (except handicapped) as well as moving the ticket booth to the interior of the school. These two steps were implemented to encourage the fans to park in the Dana lot to alleviate the congestion on neighborhood streets. Consequences for breaching the agreement will lead to review by the board of education and reduction of the number of events the following year.

The Lincoln High School Football Team thanks you for your support of our efforts and your cooperation with our mitigation plan.