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VIA EMAIL
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Dear Members of Bexley City Council:

This third generation Bexley resident urges you to strongly vote no on the issue of additional lighting for pickleball courts at Jeffrey Mansion. Please consider the negative and substantial impact lights will have on wildlife, property values, and park users who enjoy a natural outdoor experience. Moreover, I submit that the expense of lighting the courts is an inappropriate use of city funds which will benefit a limited number of residents.

I recognize that recreation trends come and go, and our city leaders must remain flexible and adapt to changing times. It is equally important to consider the long term and irreversible impact that lighting these courts into the evening hours will have on our community, and most significantly, the property owners on Clifton Avenue.

I urge Council to solicit additional information from wildlife experts regarding the habitat disruption these lights will have on birds and other nocturnal animals who live in our park. Lastly, I believe it appropriate for Council to seek direct input from Clifton Avenue residents who will be personally impacted by your decision.

Thank you in advance for giving consideration to the issues raised in this correspondence.

Sincerely,


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