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**Subject:** Public Comment for Fair Board Meeting 12/8/20 - Racetrack Nuisances and Lease

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Ms. Harris,

I am a resident of the Russwurm Heights/Melrose Heights neighborhood directly south of the fairgrounds speedway. Our neighborhood has several hundred homes that are impacted by the noise that comes from the Speedway, not only from racing events, but also from events such as the monster truck rallies and the Jingle Beats event that is going on for the entire month of December.

The best thing the board could contemplate is shutting down the speedway since it adversely affects the lives and homes of thousands of Nashvillians without providing any tangible benefit to the city or the surrounding community. It creates a nuisance and also does not provide any substantial income or benefit to the city or its residents. In fact, property taxes from just our neighborhood pay to support city services at a higher level than the speedway itself. I hope that the board can appreciate the balance of costs and benefits, and right now the costs are far outweighing the benefits, with no sight line to improving benefits to city residents.

At a bare minimum, I implore the board to explore noise and nuisance mitigations measures from the speedway. Noise mitigations are the most obvious and could include restrictions on dates and schedule of speedway events, especially practice times which are particularly troublesome for those of us who work from home and would like some peace and quiet at the end of the workday. Additional noise mitigation such as sound barriers both at the track and also possibly on the edge of the property would help to mitigate on practice and race nights.

There is an additional nuisance coming from the speedway in the form of lights. If you walk to the top of the hill that I live on (Southern Turf Drive), the lights at the speedway make it look like daylight. The 10 or so homes at the top of the hill have unobstructed lights flooding into their homes from the speedway.

I will be organizing community support to work for at a minimum substantial regulation and restriction on the noise coming from the speedway, and I hope that we can communicate together. Please provide these comments to the board at the upcoming board meeting.

Regards,

Tanner Martin