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Cc: Lopez, Donna
Subject: PASS Teague petition "as written"

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Dear City Council,

Please pass the Teague petition regarding limiting intrusive light, and specifically simplifying the enforcement of light intrusion, as it has been written and submitted.

While every proposal that comes before you could probably be improved we should not get stuck in "analysis paralysis" while people are suffering from disturbed sleep. This is a very real health problem that has been documented in numerous studies.

An expert from the Harvard Medical School testified to the detrimental effects of light disturbing sleep in front of the Planning Board this past Tuesday June 18th. She even added a personal anecdote about how a guest almost ran her car over another guest as she drove up the driveway because the driver was blinded by a spotlight in a neighboring yard. We don't need to wait for that to actually happen before putting a fix in place.

Please don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Pass the petition as written, and allow tweaks to it later by the same process as this one IF THEY PROVE NECESSARY. The iReport system is a perfect way to implement this as phones have cameras, GPS and connectivity that will allow victims of light trespass to efficiently and accurately report concerns.

Best Regards,
Vivek Sikri