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Darrell White  
Board of Directors  
The Annual Dipsea Race  
P.O. Box 30  
Mill Valley, Ca 94942

Dear Mr. White

The Stinson Beach Village Association looks forward to this week-end and to again welcoming you, your race participants, crowds of onlookers and the many, many support personnel necessary to safely put on this event. As your extensive experience with this race surely has revealed, this huge influx of people and traffic place a great deal of inconvenience, as well as disruption and difficulty on Stinson Beach residents. I write to request your assistance in addressing and hopefully, reducing two of the major negative aspects of the Race.

The first issue is the noise created by the race announcements being broadcast through your powerful loudspeakers. In past years the speakers have been aimed towards the Village, reverberating off the hills and greatly increasing both their volume and the number of residents subjected to this noise over many hours. There is a simple fix to help lessen this problem: please aim the loudspeakers toward the ocean. Doing so will not interfere with the race participants hearing the announcements.

The second issue is the enormous traffic congestion caused by the racers and the crowds. Your focus has been on the safety of the runners and efficiency of the race, leaving the traffic congestion to the Sheriff and Highway Patrol. But the racers, the race, the crowds and the cars are inter-dependent. We ask that you broaden your focus to be attentive to your impact on the Village by coordinating your efforts at traffic control (both human as well as vehicular) with the law enforcement agencies.

We hope that with this minimal additional effort, you will achieve a significant, and very much appreciated, reduction in the Race's impact on our Village and residents.

Very truly yours,

Michael Mathews