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**From:** [Jennifer Griffin](#)  
**To:** [City of Cupertino Planning Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [grenna5000@yahoo.com](mailto:grenna5000@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SB 330 Project at Finch and Stevens Creek Blvd.  
**Date:** Sunday, May 24, 2026 7:51:14 PM

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----- Original Message -----

**Subject:** SB 330 Project at Finch and Stevens Creek Blvd.  
**From:** Jennifer Griffin <[grenna5000@yahoo.com](mailto:grenna5000@yahoo.com)>  
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**CC:** [grenna5000@yahoo.com](mailto:grenna5000@yahoo.com)

Dear City Council:

( Please consider the following as public input for the City Council meeting on June 2, 2026.)

I am very concerned that the proposed SB 330 project for the South East corner of the Finch Avenue and Stevens Creek Blvd. intersection is just too big and too dense for this heavily used corner next to Cupertino High School. This is already a very busy corner with lots of car, bike and pedestrian traffic, especially since it is across the street from the very busy Main Street Main entrance Of the shopping mall.

The Cupertino High School students walk to the County Transit Bus Bench for Bus 23 and 523 which is In front of this proposed complex.

This intersection already has too much traffic and this project will be introducing more traffic.

The project will be taking out Sunflower Day Care Building and other banks and retail in the current Complex. Daycare is extremely important for people. We have already lost so much retail from the other SB 330s on Stevens Creek Blvd.

This building will back up to the high school. There is a driveway currently behind the bank

buildings.

Will this easement be retained? There is also a back driveway to the two story tech building to the East of the project. Is this also a shared easement?

I see no development boards for the project up on Stevens Creek Blvd. When is this project going to put up development boards with information about the project and when will there be community meetings on the project? I understand even SB 330 allows Community Meetings.

This project is a high profile project for the Eastern End of Cupertino because we already have had to deal with issues from traffic from The Rise and what is happening to Wolfe Road.

Please reach out to the public to begin a dialog about this project so issues with traffic, over building, Student safety and potential gridlock on Stevens Creek Blvd. can be addressed.

I do hope the street trees can be retained on the Stevens Creek Blvd. frontage and Finch Avenue frontage. I hope Heart of the City can be respected and there will not be skyscrapers along our beautiful Heart of the City. I hope the project can see fit to have the graceful Mission style architecture reflecting Cupertino's historic past which is so gracefully incorporated into The Marketplace Shopping Center across Stevens Creek Blvd. from the old Sears Building at Vallco/ The Rise and so successfully incorporated into the Westport (former The Oaks site) on the west end of the city. De Anza College has lovely Spanish architecture and is always a delight to behold.

I hope that the current businesses at this proposed construction site will be contacted and given viable options to stay in the city, especially the daycare which I imagine many Apple employees Utilize for their children.

Thank you for your attention to this project and the issues that arise from it. Please let us know The timeline on the project and when the development board is going up. Also, please let us know about Community Meetings. This is the seventh SB 330 along Stevens Creek Blvd since January. It is exhausting.

Best regards,

Jennifer Griffin  
Cupertino Resident

**From:** [Santosh Rao](#)  
**To:** [Lindsay Nelson](#); [City Clerk](#); [Piu Ghosh \(she/her\)](#); [Chad Mosley](#); [Michael Woo](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Memorial Park sound attenuation.  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 3:11:54 PM

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Dear City Clerk,

Please include the below in written communications for the benefit of other planning commissioners and the public.

Thank you.



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**From:** Santosh Rao <SRao@cupertino.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 24, 2026 7:46 AM  
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**Subject:** Memorial Park sound attenuation.

Hello Director Mosley, Ms Michael,  
I am sharing the below in case you may not have seen it already.

<https://sportsonicguard.com/>

There appear to be different types of products for noise attenuation related to pickleball.  
Is the CIP structured in a generic enough manner to allow you to explore all of these options so you may find the right balance of dB reduction, fiscal impact and longevity with time to replace or maintain.  
If not is this something feasible to do so you can structure the CIP to give you enough flexibility to consider any of these options.

Thanks.

**Santosh Rao**  
Planning Commissioner  
SRao@cupertino.gov



**From:** [Santosh Rao](#)  
**To:** [City Clerk](#); [Lindsay Nelson](#); [Piu Ghosh \(she/her\)](#); [Luke Connolly](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Pickleball Noise Mitigation Solution for Cupertino Memorial Park  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026 4:46:56 PM  
**Attachments:** [Outlook-i0sdzskw.png](#)  
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[QA-5523a - Sport Surfaces - Sonic\\_guard - ASTM E90 - 12192025.pdf](#)  
[Yacht Club Sonic Guard Study.pdf](#)

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Please include in written comments.



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**From:** Zak Wilson <zak@sportsurfaces.com>  
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**Subject:** Pickleball Noise Mitigation Solution for Cupertino Memorial Park

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Hello,

As pickleball continues growing across the Bay Area, Cupertino is facing the same challenge many cities are now wrestling with:

**How do you preserve access to one of the fastest-growing community sports while meaningfully addressing neighborhood noise concerns?**

At Memorial Park, the concern is understandable.

The repetitive paddle impact noise is unique, highly noticeable, and different from tennis. Nearby residents feel it daily. At the same time, the courts have become a major community gathering point with real social value.

That balance matters.

The good news is: communities do not always need to choose between **restricting play** and **doing nothing**.

**Sonic Guard was developed specifically for this exact challenge.**

Sonic Guard is a purpose-built acoustic barrier system engineered for pickleball and tennis environments where surrounding residential impact has become a serious concern.

Instead of relying only on reduced play hours, court removal, or major site reconstruction, Sonic Guard helps reduce paddle impact noise at the source before it reaches surrounding homes.

Key benefits:

- Reduces the sharp “pop” associated with pickleball paddle impact
- Helps absorb and interrupt sound before it carries outward
- Preserves court access and recreational use
- Integrates with existing fencing and park layouts
- Supports long-term mitigation planning without major demolition

## **Product Options**

### **Sonic Guard Ultra**

#### **Up to 44 dB noise reduction**

Best for:

- active neighborhood complaints
- city review / planning discussions
- closest residential setbacks
- projects requiring strongest mitigation available

### **Sonic Guard Pro**

#### **Up to 28 dB noise reduction**

Best for:

- public courts
- HOA and park applications
- strong acoustic performance with efficient coverage

### **Sonic Guard Clear Vision**

#### **Up to 14 dB noise reduction**

Best for:

- maintaining visibility
- preserving aesthetics
- adding sound reduction without visually closing off the space

For cities like Cupertino evaluating Memorial Park and long-term solutions, acoustic barriers can provide a practical middle ground:

**Protect neighborhood quality of life while keeping the courts active and accessible.**

Attached for review:

- **Sonic Guard Product Brochure**
- **Lab Test Results / Acoustic Performance Data**
- **Case Study / Real-World Installation Reference**

We would be happy to review:

- court layout
- residential setback distances
- fence elevations
- existing sound studies
- and recommended placement options

And provide a tailored recommendation based on the site.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

**Zak Wilson**

Sales Executive

**Sport Surfaces/Sport Sonic Guard**



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PICKLEBALL IS  
BOOMING AND SO  
ARE THE NOISE  
COMPLAINTS

## OUR VISION

Sonic Guard™ is an advanced acoustic barrier system engineered to significantly reduce court noise and help protect nearby homes, communities, and facilities from disruptive sound.

## WHY SONIC GUARD:

Designed specifically for court noise control

Higher-frequency transmission loss up to 40-44 dB

STC/OITC rated for measurable sound reduction

A professional solution for modern noise challenges

## CONTACT US

for a quieter pickleball court environment and reduced off-site noise impact



## COMES IN VARIOUS SIZES WITH CUSTOMIZABLE FEATURES



## BUILT FOR OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE

UV-stabilized exterior protection

Weather-resistant materials

Durable multi-layer acoustic construction





## DESIGNED FOR PICKLEBALL IMPACT NOISE

A multi-layer sound absorption structure  
engineered to reduce airborne noise  
transmission

### INDEPENDENTLY TESTED ACOUSTIC PERFORMANCE

Tested to ASTM E90 delivers proven  
sound control performance:

STC 31

OITC 26

Up to **44 dB** transmission loss at high  
frequencies (4 kHz)

Captures

Every "POP" and "CRACK"

LABORATORY RATINGS ARE BASED ON  
CONTROLLED TESTING IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM E90. FIELD  
PERFORMANCE MAY VARY DEPENDING  
ON SITE CONDITIONS, BARRIER  
CONFIGURATION, AND INSTALLATION.

# SPORTS SONIC GUARD

HIGH-PERFORMANCE  
PICKLEBALL NOISE REDUCTION  
BARRIER



**CLIENT:** **Sports Surfaces LLC**  
12851 SW 133 ST  
Miami, Florida 33186

**Project No: QA-5523a**

**Report Date: December 19, 2025**

**SAMPLE ID:** Series: Sonic Guard Acoustic Barrier System

**SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:** 4'-0" (48") Width x 10'-0" (120") High; See page 3 for full description.

**SAMPLING DETAIL:** The test sample manufactured by **Sports Surfaces LLC** was submitted directly to QAI by the client. Samples were not independently selected for testing.

**DATE OF RECEIPT:** Samples were received at the QAI Miami Laboratories on November 24, 2025

**TESTING PERIOD:** December 19, 2025

**TESTING LOCATION:** QAI Laboratory (QAI) – Miami, Florida, USA

**AUTHORIZATION:** QAI proposal number QAI-4933 dated November 17, 2025, signed by Verena Burner, dated November 20, 2025

**TEST PROCEDURE:** Testing to the following requirements:

- ASTM E90 -09 (reapproved 2016) Standard Test Method for Laboratory Measurement of Airborne Sound Transmission Loss of Building Partitions and Elements
- ASTM E2235-04 Standard Test Method for Determination of Decay Rates for Use in Sound Insulation Test Methods
- ASTM E413-22 Classification for Rating Sound Insulation
- ASTM E1332-16 Standard Classification for Rating Outdoor-Indoor Sound Attenuation

**TEST RESULTS:** The Sonic Guard Acoustic Barrier System was tested in accordance with the ASTM E90, ASTM E2235, ASTM E413, and ASTM E1332 and achieved an STC31/OITC26.

**CONTENTS:** Test report pages 1 through 5.

**Prepared By**

*Lusinda Delgado*

**Lusinda Delgado**  
Technical Report Writer

**Signed for and on behalf of QAI Laboratories**

**Jose Sanchez**  
Operation Manager

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Ian McGinley

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**DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE**

Model Designation:	Sonic Guard Acoustic Barrier System
Overall Size:	4'-0" (48") Width x 10'-0" (120") High

**Panel Construction**

Layer	Material	Function
Outer Shell	UV-Stabilized Polymer	Weatherproof & color-protected exterior
Acoustic Core	Fiberglass-Reinforced PVC	Main sound-absorbing structure
Internal Matrix	Perforated Polymer Web	Traps and converts sound energy into heat
Backing Seal	Dustproof / Anti-Fungal Film	Prevents water, mold, and dirt penetration

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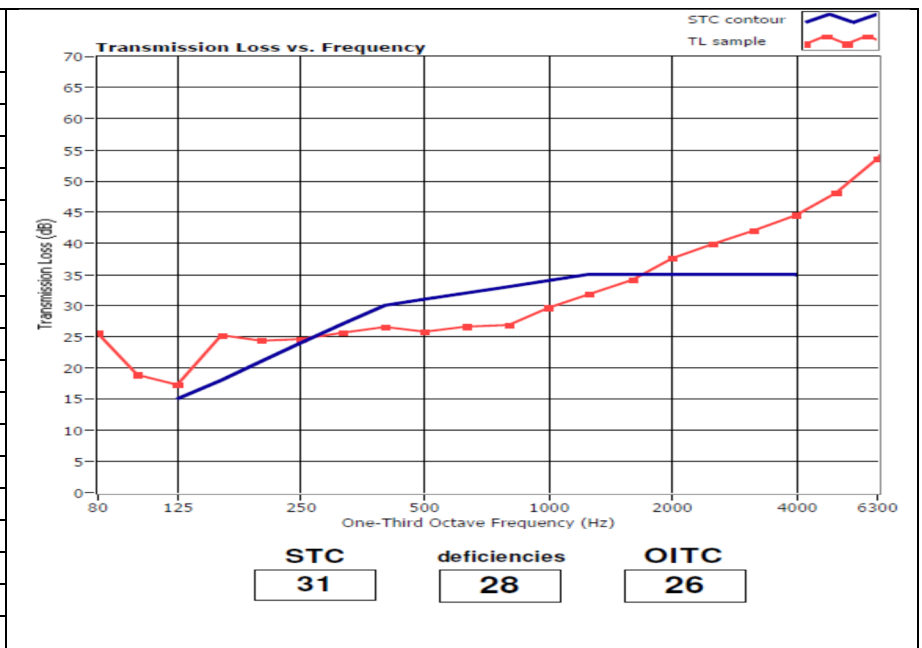


Equipment			
Instrument	Manufacture	Model	Description
Pressure microphone	Norsonic	1230	Microphone
Oscillating microphone boom	Norsonic	N265	Rotating microphone
Loud speaker	JBL	SR4733X	Speaker
Amplifier system	QSC	RMX1850-HD	Amplifier
Dual band equalizer	DBX	DBX-1231	Equalizer

Test Chamber Dimensions	
Receiving Room	7875 ft <sup>3</sup>
Source Room	6840 ft <sup>3</sup>

Room Conditions: 79.5 °F    R.H: 57%    ATM: 1017 hPa

Data Table	TL (db)	deficiencies	95% CI
80	26	-	0.84
100	19	-	1.25
125	17	0	0.65
160	25	0	0.54
200	24	0	0.55
250	25	0	0.32
315	26	1	0.38
400	27	3	0.42
500	26	5	0.39
630	27	5	0.45
800	27	6	0.34
1000	30	4	0.22
1250	32	3	0.17
1600	34	1	0.22
2000	38	0	0.09
2500	40	0	0.15
3150	42	0	0.10
4000	44	-	0.15



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#### Test Procedure

Samples were installed in a 120 1/2" by 48 1/2" wall opening and were approximately 1/2" from flush with the receive room side of the wall. A filler panel was installed in the wall opening and a sound transmission loss test was initially performed on the wall. Duct seal was used to seal the interior and exterior of the test samples to the wall opening.

The sensitivity of the microphones was checked with a calibrator before testing was performed.

The sound transmission loss values were obtained for a single direction.

Five measurements were conducted for the sound pressure level, background noise and sound absorption. Measurements were collected at each rotating microphone.

Data for flanking limit tests, repeatability measurements and reference specimen tests are available on request.

#### REVISION HISTORY:

12/19/2025: Initial report release

\*\*\*\*\*END REPORT\*\*\*\*\*

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# CASE STUDY

## YACHT CLUB ON THE INTRACOASTAL

*FROM NOISE CRISIS TO  
COMMUNITY HARMONY IN  
60 DAYS*

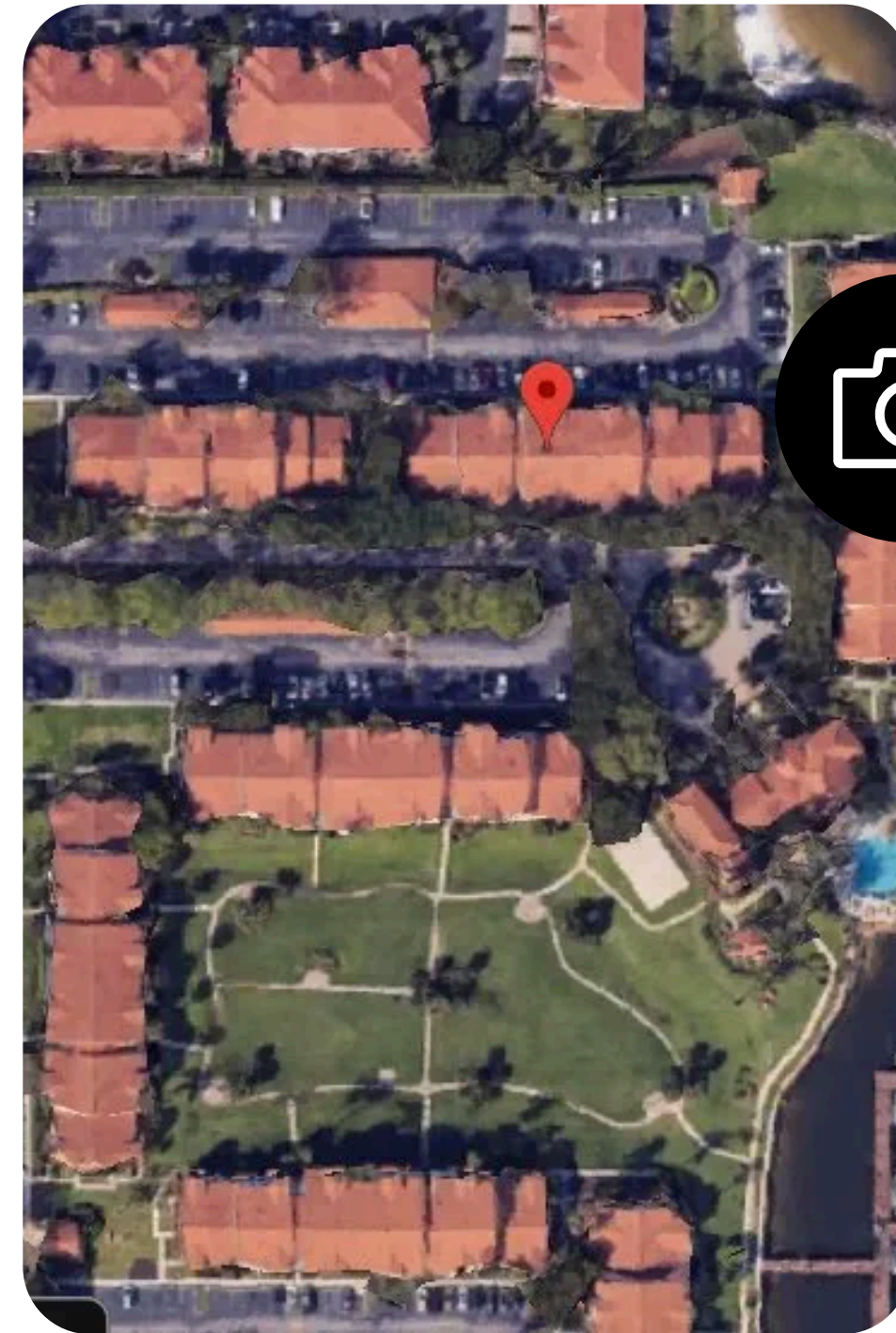
Location: 160 Yacht Club Way, Hypoluxo, FL 33462  
Property: 300-unit waterfront condominium community, 26 acres on the Intracoastal Challenge: Pickleball court noise threatening litigation and property values Solution: 48 Sport Sonic Guard panels, full perimeter installation Result: 75% noise reduction, zero complaints, \$200K+ property value protected



The Problem

# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Premium gated community with 300+ units, marina, resort amenities, and active lifestyle facilities. Mix of full-time residents and seasonal owners seeking waterfront tranquility.



Prepared by : Zak  
Wilson



# THE CRISIS

## Complaints Received:

- 60+ formal noise complaints from residents in 5 buildings 3 litigation threats
- from unit owners 20+ residents demanding immediate court
- closure 2 seasonal owners threatening not to return

## Sound Measurements (Before):

- Building 160 (80–120 ft away): 68–72 dB during play Buildings 145/157
- (150–180 ft): 62–66 dB during play Buildings 103/110 (180–220 ft): 58–
- 62 dB during play Background ambient: 42–48 dB (waterfront quiet)

*Impact: Pickleball noise was 15–25 dB above background—conversation-disrupting and psychologically intrusive.*





# FAILED SOLUTIONS

Time restrictions (10 AM-6 PM only) → Still too loud  
"Quiet paddle" requirements → Only 2-3 dB improvement

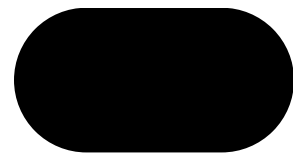
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Posted "considerate play" signs → Ignored,  
unenforceable Player education letters → Ineffective

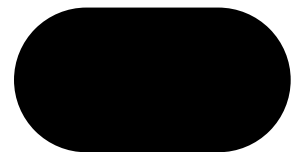
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# FINANCIAL STAKES



Legal consultation fees: \$8,500 Units listed below market due to noise: 2 units (-\$15K-25K each)



Original court conversion investment at risk: \$45,000  
Potential litigation exposure: \$15K-30K

***Board faced impossible choice: Close courts (waste \$45K investment) or face lawsuits.***

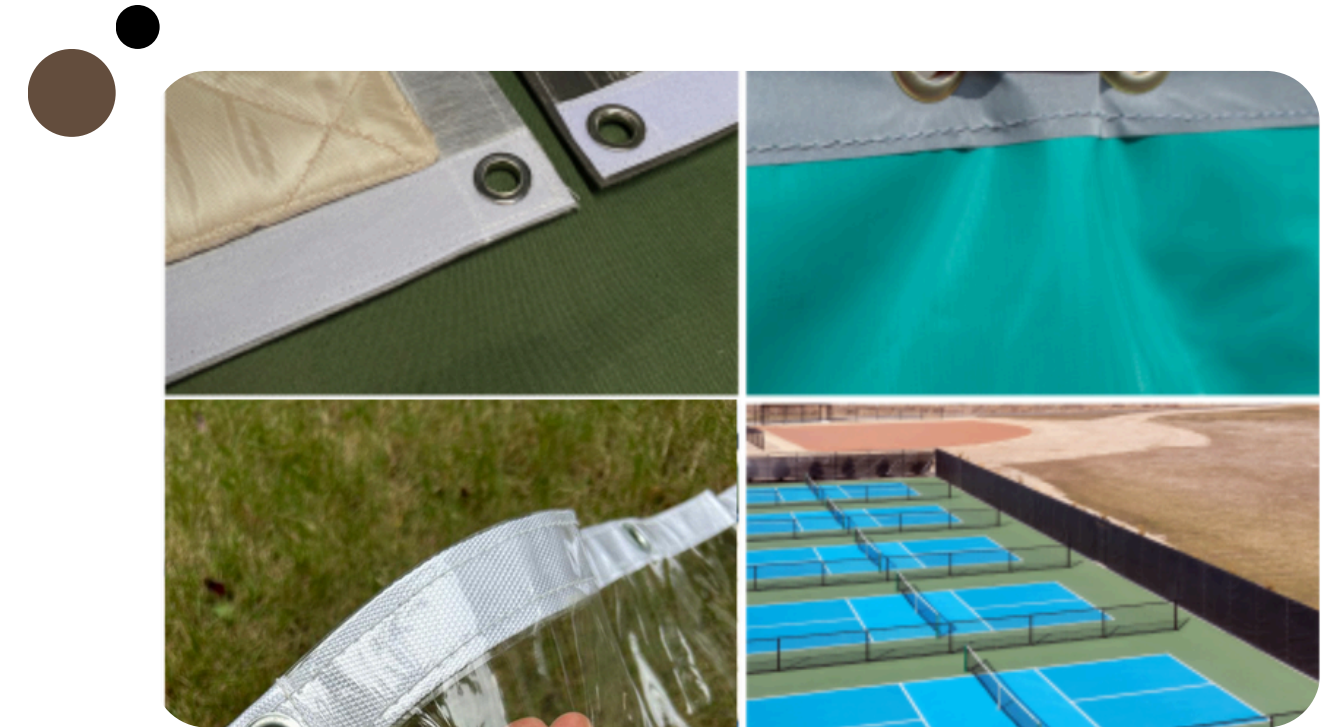




# THE SOLUTION: SPORT SONIC GUARD

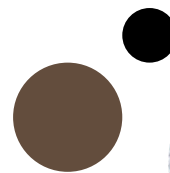
## Assessment & Design

- Acoustic Challenges Identified:
- Multi-directional exposure (courts centered among buildings)
- Hard surface amplification (concrete, asphalt, water reflection)
- Mid-rise buildings (3-4 stories) = elevated units in direct sound path
- Intracoastal water surface reflecting sound back into community





# THE SOLUTION: SPORT SONIC GUARD



## System Design:

- 48 Sport Sonic Guard panels (4' W × 10' H each) 192 linear feet (full perimeter enclosure)
- STC-31/OITC-26 rated (ASTM E90 certified)
- 10-foot height critical for protecting upper floors Three-phase installation over 3 weeks



# THE RESULTS

Noise reduced from "intrusive conversation-disrupting" to "quiet library/barely noticeable"



## Location

Building 160 (80-120 ft)  
Buildings 145/157 (150-180 ft)  
Buildings 103/110 (180-220 ft)

## Before

68-72 dB  
62-66 dB  
58-62 dB

## After

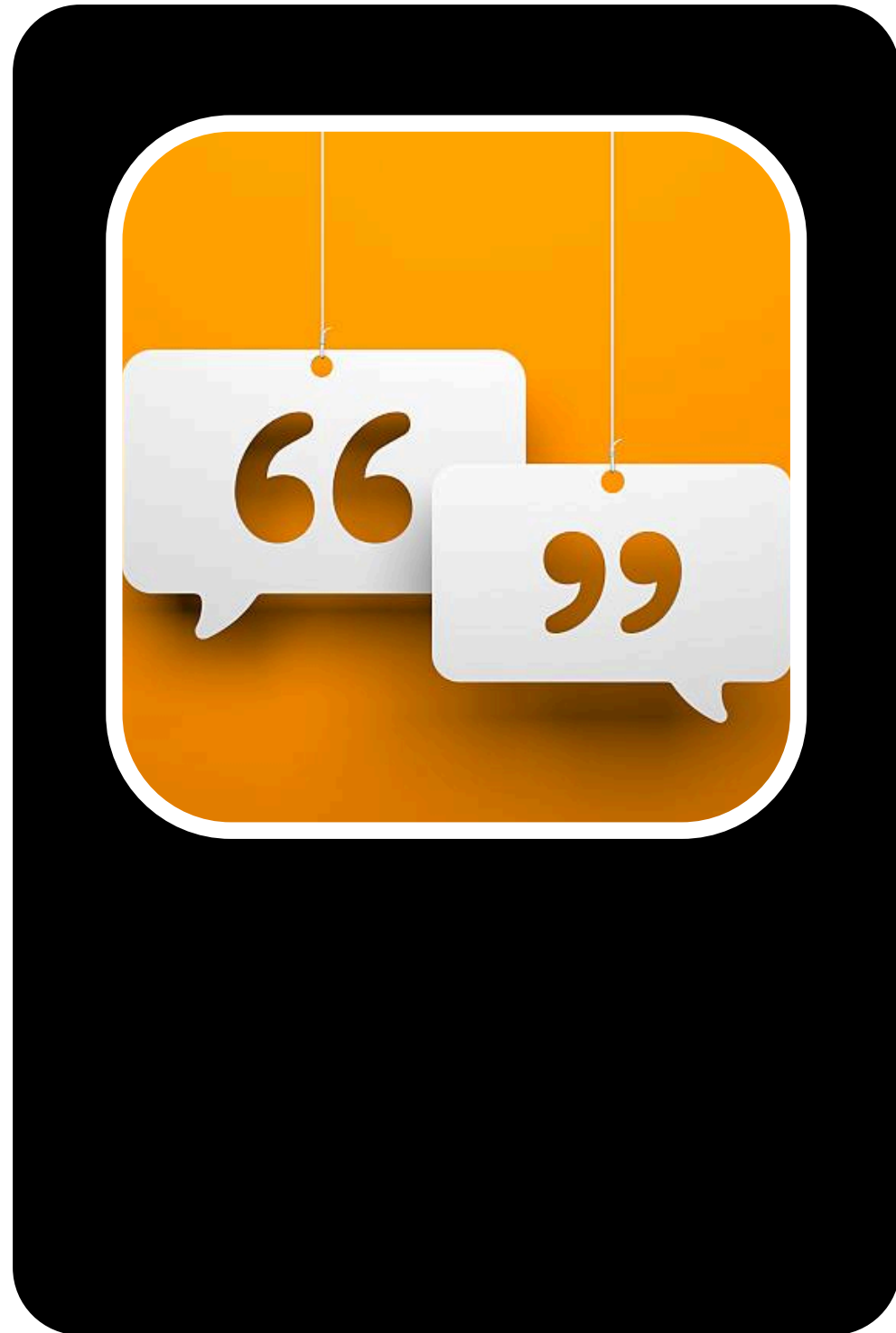
35-42 dB  
32-38 dB  
30-36 dB



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## Complaint Resolution:

- Formal complaints before: 60+ over 2 months
- Formal complaints after: 0 over 9+ months
- Litigation threats before: 3 residents Litigation threats after: 0 100% resolution rate



# RESIDENT TESTIMONIALS

**Building 160, Unit 303 (Most Vocal Complainant):** *"We cannot believe the difference. We were skeptical any barrier could work, but we can now sit on our balcony and barely hear the games. The HOA did the right thing."*

**Building 157, Unit 308 (Work-from-home Professional):** *"I can now work from home with zero disruption. Even with my balcony door open, I hear nothing. The investment was worth every penny"*



# KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Complete resolution of 60+ complaints and 3 litigation threats
- 75% noise reduction verified by post-installation testing
- Saving \$200K+ property value protected from noise-related depreciation

- Zero ongoing complaints 9+ months after installation
- Courts transformed from liability to amenity generating revenue
- 300-500% ROI through cost avoidance and value protection