



Harbor City Neighborhood Council

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RE: Case No.: ZA-2018-6251-CE

Office of Zoning Administration,

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President

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On April 17th, 2019 the **Harbor City Neighborhood Council** took action and we **Strongly Oppose** the Department of City Planning Application for a Conditional Use permit for the installation, use and maintenance of an unmanned Wireless Telecommunications Facility submitted by Verizon Wireless consisting of a new 54' mono eucalyptus tree, twelve panel antennas, twelve RRU's, three Raycaps and a 4' Dish with ground equipment to include a ground based radio equipment consisting of three radio cabinets and a standby 15kw diesel generator on the proposed site 1346, 1350, 1358, 1360 Pacific Coast Highway, Legal Description FR2 & FR3, Block 75, Track 2820 and any other proposed sites in our neighborhoods near schools, parks and homes and other community gathering places including but not limited to antennas, smart cells, and mini cell towers for the following reasons as submitted by the stakeholders in the Harbor City, CA community:

1. **HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO WIRELESS EMISSIONS:** The microwaves from cell phone towers can interfere with your body's own EMFs, causing a variety of potential health problems, including: Headaches, cardiovascular stress, fatigue, Sleep problems, anxiety, ringing in the ears, heart problems, learning and memory disorders, and increased cancer risk. In May 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) classified the type of radiation that cell towers emit as a Class 2B carcinogen, meaning "Possibly carcinogenic to humans", the same category as lead and DDT. The American Association of Pediatrics raised concerns that children may be more vulnerable than adults "Because of the potentially greater susceptibility of their developing nervous systems; in addition, their brain tissue is more conductive, radio frequency radiation penetration is greater relative to head size, and they will have a longer lifetime of exposure than adults." While the FCC claims that wireless facilities are safe, the U.S. Department of the Interior states that "The electromagnetic radiation standards used by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) continue to be based on thermal heating, a criterion now nearly 30 years out of date and inapplicable today." Other countries now limit public exposure to levels far lower than the standards currently set by the FCC. Other studies have shown that even at low levels of radiation, there is evidence of biological damage, brain tumors, cancer, weakened immune function, childhood leukemia, reduced sperm count and ovarian follicles.
2. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:** Studies found wireless radiation harms trees, birds, bees and insects. Birds are killed by collisions with antenna towers. In the United States, the US Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that between 5 and 50 million birds are killed each year by tower kill.

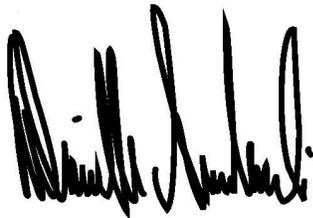


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3. EXISTING SITES AND WIRELESS SERVICES: Our current wireless service is fully sufficient and functional. Currently signals are blocked due to materials and partitions within the home and improvements need to be made within the home as opposed to outside the home. Professional assessments regarding wireless signals in the home are available.
4. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SAFETY: There are non-radiation safety hazards posed by wireless installations on utility poles in residential neighborhoods, which current City regulations do not address. These include pole overloading and resulting fire and electrocution hazards when poles topple due to earthquakes, vehicular accidents or high winds; and explosive and toxic chemical hazards from backup batteries.
5. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE RESIDENTS: Workers performing routine maintenance would have direct views into homes. Wireless companies require access for maintenance 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. That maintenance (often done at night) brings work crews, trucks with lifts, radios, lights and noise that will affect many neighbors.
6. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PROPERTY VALUES: The health hazards and unsightliness of these installations will have a negative impact on property values. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines categorize cell towers with "hazards and nuisances," and HUD requires its certified appraisers to take the presence of nearby cell towers into consideration when determining the value of single-family residential properties. Studies have shown that proximity to a cell tower can lower property values from 5 to 20%.
7. NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY: Allowing this cell antenna, and others scheduled for the neighborhood, will set a precedent allowing for co-location and additional antennas in our neighborhood community and neighboring communities. Verizon already has plans for several other sites in this area. Any wireless company can blanket the neighborhood with cell antennas. Harbor City is undergoing updating its community plan and once a cell site is established, our ability to change zoning and protect ourselves from additional hazardous exposure of more installations becomes more of a challenge. We do not foresee our residential streets shaded by canopies of cell antennas for our future neighborhoods.
8. EXPERIMENTAL PHASE: Currently 5G is not available however, once developed the frequency can be raised without any notification to the community therefore taking away our First Amendments rights.

We urge you to take all our concerns into consideration and deny the permit for all the reasons above.

Thank you.



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On behalf of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council
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