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Greetings Mr. Scott Carey;

Please enter the attached PDF letters into the official record of the Nevada Tahoe Regional Planning Agency Governing Board. This board and/or the entirety of its members have been active in streamlining approval of cell towers in the Tahoe Basin, and recently approved a very controversial one in Incline Village. It is my hope that the Board and the public better understand the impacts these towers have on neighboring residents. The attached letters expose and describe this "human element" that has often been overlooked during theses decisions. The sentiment is representative of public opinion of property owners around the entire Tahoe Rim.

Thank you Mr. Carey for your consideration.

Shirley Briggs

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South Lake Tahoe City Council and Mayor 1901 Lisa Maloff Way South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Re: Address: 1360 Ski Run Boulevard File No.: 19-026 Special Use Permit for New 112' Verizon Wireless Tower and Associated Equipment Hearing Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Appellant: Monica Eisenstecken

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I was retained by Appellant Monica Eisenstecken to investigate certain geographic and design-related aspects of the Planning Commission's approval of the above-described project. I am a California licensed attorney and real estate broker with extensive background in advising cell tower companies, jurisdictions, and property owners in the selection of properties and designs to best fit a particular geographic area in need of one or more cell antennae facilities.¹ Please consider my opinion that the particular location and design for this facility, namely a 112' proposed monpine at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard, may not represent the best design and location due to the proximity of residences and potential visibility of the monopine facility, and indeed seems to represent a short-cut which places the facility unnecessarily close to residential properties rather than more appropriate commercial properties. My thoughts are as follows:

1. The proposed 112' tower would be highly visible at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard. The photosimulations provided by Verizon Wireless appear to be inaccurate or misleading, as they show surrounding trees to be at or near the height of the proposed tower, but the Verizon survey itself lists surrounding trees at 64.3' in height.² If Verizon's survey is to be believed, this means the proposed tower after construction would be fully 47.7' taller than the surrounding live trees. Using known structure heights as a comparison, for example the existing buildings adjacent to the proposed tower in Viewpoints 2 and 3, the proposed monopine appears to be incorrectly simulated at much lower than 112' tall. A monopine built at 112' would thus tower over surrounding trees and would be visible for a significant distance and from numerous locations around South Lake Tahoe, including from the ski runs and hillsides overlooking the area. Without the benefit of surrounding trees of similar height, monopines can be very visible, even to casual observers.

2. There are many viable options to place the tower within Verizon's presumed Radio Frequency search area, but further away from residential buildings/properties and not as visible from surrounding areas and ski runs. Verizon's site acquisition team is typically able to select any parcel of land within the Verizon search area for placement of a cell tower facility, as long

¹ About me- <u>http://www.celltowerleaseattorney.com/about-cell-site-attorney/</u>

² See Verizon Drawings dated 06/26/19, page C-1, "Site Survey", approximate center of drawing, and Photosimulations, Attachment 7 to SLT Report to Planning Commission dated June 13, 2019.

as that parcel 1) can meet the RF objective; 2) can be leased³, 3) can obtain zoning approval through the local jurisdiction; and 4) can be built within budget. In my opinion, there are a number of properties that meet these criteria but were not further explored by the Verizon consultant. Some of these potentially viable properties are listed on attached Exhibit 1,

3. Although transmission and receiving facilities are allowed with the approval of a special use permit in the Lakeview Heights Plan Area Statement (PAS) 085, this does not mean that Planning Commission and/or City Council must allow the use in the proposed location. Indeed, jurisdictions typically explore alternative locations in detail and can guide a carrier to certain locations which may be preferable from an aesthetic standpoint. Further to this objective of finding the best possible location for a wireless facility, I would ask that City of South Lake Tahoe planning staff and City Council encourage and insist on their own active participation in the site selection process.

4. The applicant's Radio Frequency (RF) existing and proposed cellular coverage maps⁴ do not provide a complete picture of Verizon's existing RF coverage, capacity or capability . Verizon's coverage maps show the presence of two (2) existing Verizon Wireless antenna facilities while there appear to be at least five (5) wireless facilities owned and operated by Verizon Wireless currently installed in the vicinity of Verizon's presumed search area (see attached Exhibit 2). Each existing Verizon Wireless facility could theoretically have antennas added or turned so that the coverage gap could be filled using existing antenna facilities rather than adding a new macro facility.

5. Verizon has not shown a need for both the macro and small cells. Verizon's small cells and the full-size macro sites are in fact both 4G enabled and will later migrate to 5G technology. City of South Lake Tahoe previously approved the installation of 23 Verizon small cells. Verizon Wireless should be tasked to explain why they need both the small cells throughout the city as well as the macro facility at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard. As stated by Nicola Palmer, Verizon's SVP and chief network officer for its wireless network, "The best way to serve an almost insatiable demand from our customers is to not build 200-foot macro [cell towers]," says Palmer. "It's to go low and tight, serving the demand as close to where it originates as possible. And that's how we've been building these networks."⁵

What we're left with then is a proposed wireless facility in a beautifully tree-lined residential area, where it will be visible and have little to disguise it's true function, with possible alternative locations where it may better blend with similarly industrial/commercial uses, streetlights, street

³ Property is suitable for leasing to a cell carrier when there is available space , in this case 24' x 26' area (624 square feet) as proposed at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard, and when the property owner is at least initially interested in leasing the space to the carrier.

⁴ See Attachment 5 to the SLT Report to Planning Commission dated June 13, 2019.

⁵<u>https://www.fiercewireless.com/wireless/verizon-around-62-all-wireless-deployments-2017-were-small-ce</u> <u>lls</u> and <u>https://www.verizon.com/about/our-company/5g/what-small-cell-technology</u>

signs, commercial signage, taller commercial buildings, and sufficient height/number of trees to better hide the monopine.

Monica and her family and neighbors are asking you to give more thorough consideration to the placement of this cell tower before making a decision which can impact all residents, visitors, business owners and anyone else with an interest in maintaining SLT's natural beauty and vistas.

Exhibit 1- Viable Alternate Sites for new WIreless Facility

1. Fire Station #1. 1252 Ski Run Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

2. Laundromat 3668 Lake Tahoe Blvd I, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

3. Panda Express 3640a Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

4. Bonanza Produce 3717 Osgood Ave, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

5. Iglesia Ni Cristo church 3838 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

6. Empty lot adjacent to Taco Taqueria 3920 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

7. Raley's parking lot 4000 Lake Tahoe Blvd #6, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

8. Public Parking 1 Bellamy Ct, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, Proposed stealth clock tower.

9. Seventh Day Adventist 3609 Vanda Lee Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, proposed steeple or clock tower.

10. Lake Tahoe Christian Fellowship 3580 Blackwood Rd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, Proposed steeple

11. Church of Christ 3609 Vanda Lee Way, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, Proposed steeple

12. First Baptist Church 1053 Wildwood Ave, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150, Proposed steeple

13. USDA Forest Service Land, many locations in SLT

14. Temple Bat Yam 3260 Pioneer Trail, South Lake Tahoe, CA 9615

Exhibit 2- Existing Verizon Wireless Facilities Potentially Capable of Servicing Coverage Gap This list is based on available data but may be inaccurate since antenna directional placement information is proprietary to Verizon Wireless.

Existing Possible Verizon site: South Tahoe Public Utility District 1275 Meadow Crest Dr, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 1.42 mi to 1360 Ski Run Blvd

Existing Possible Verizon site: VERIZON LTE = Harrah's Lake Tahoe, Lincoln Highway, Stateline, Douglas County, California, NV 89449, USA, possible rooftop installation

Existing possible Verizon site at Harveys Lake Tahoe, Stateline Avenue, South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, California, NV 89449, USA

Existing Verizon site at Angel's Roost 1.22 mi from 1360 Ski Run Blvd

Existing Verizon site at El Dorado County Sherriff's Office 1360 Johnson Blvd #100, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Existing Unknown/TBD carrier at South Tahoe MIddle School 2940 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

From:	Candace Stowell
To:	Sue Blankenship
Cc:	John Hitchcock; Kevin Fabino
Subject:	FW: Reference: File#19-026, Special Use Permit for Verizon Monopine, 1360 Ski Run Blvd.
Date:	Monday, August 5, 2019 12:10:54 PM
Attachments:	SLT 1360 SkiRun Cell Tower.docx
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Sue-

Forwarding a late public comment for tomorrow's appeal hearing.

Many thanks-

Candace Candace H. Stowell, AICP Associate Planner Development Services – Planning Division City of South Lake Tahoe, CA 530-542-7405 cstowell@cityofslt.us



From: wo8700@aol.com <wo8700@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 12:05 PM
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dcosta@associasn.com; wo8700@aol.com
Subject: Reference: File#19-026, Special Use Permit for Verizon Monopine, 1360 Ski Run Blvd.

To All,

Thank you for your time today and service to our community. Please see attached letter regarding the proposed Verizon Cell Tower at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. My family and I hope you consider the consequences of such action of allowing the placement of such tower in a residential area.

Thank you.

Gordon Paterson Needle Peak Condominiums #21 South Lake Tahoe, CA 916-803-6566 August 5, 2019

City of South Lake Tahoe City Council 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, Suite 206 South Lake Tahoe, Ca 96150

Mayor Brooke Laine, Councilmembers Jason Collin, Devin Middlebrook, Cody Bass and Tamara Wallace

RE: Special Use Permit (File#19-026)

Thank you for your time and service to our community. I am writing today to oppose the proposed installation of a cell tower at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Cell towers, in general, should not be placed in areas where families live and play. This tower is within feet of residents including the 23 unit Needle Peak Condominiums where we reside. We share the following concerns and ask the city and elected board of South Lake Tahoe to reconsider this installation.

<u>Health</u> – Many studies have shown a relationship between the distance from base stations and a variety of health complaints. They have found the closer people live there is an increased incidence of reported physical symptoms including headaches, dizziness, irritability, nausea and memory loss. These factors alone should be considered when putting cell towers close to residents in any area of SLT.

<u>Financial</u> -- Decrease in property values of residences near cell towers. Published reports and facts show a decrease of up to 20% is evident. This in conjunction with the owner of the property, Hansens, who will receive a monthly "rent" of up to \$3,500 from Verizon. Cell towers are a "for profit" item. There is no need to place a tower in a residential neighborhood. There are plenty of commercial sites and lesser dense areas in SLT that can be used for "financial gain" of a corporation.

Is this tower really needed? We have lived at Needle Peak for several years and have never had an issue with cell or wireless service. In addition, cell towers are an eyesore for this community and any community. Commercial sites are better suited for such towers. The Ski Run Blvd. area is a beautiful part of South Lake Tahoe with views of the lake. The tree lined streets and neighboring residents add to the persona of the area. A needless cell tower planted in the middle will change the beauty of the area.

In closing, I ask the city council reconsider this proposal and deny this cell tower location at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. (APN#025-58-07) .

Sincerely,

Gordon Paterson and Family Needle Peak Condominium Resident and Board Member <u>Wo8700@aol.com</u> 916-803-6566

December 14, 2019

Monica Eisenstecken

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3605 Needle Peak Rd

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd Cell Tower Appeal

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

Along with my Father George Eisenstecken, myself and my spouse who also reside in the home at 3605 Needle Peak Rd., are writing to strongly object the placement of a cell phone tower being placed next to our home and property. I helped my father find this property when he was searching for his dream spot to build a home and this was the perfect location with 3 acres of beautiful nature and serene unobstructed views of the Lake, Mt. Tallac, Pyramid Mtn, Heavenly Valley, and beautiful untouched forest. I told my dad we have to buy this property so you can build your dream home and finally retire after over 50 years of working in construction and being a respected Contractor in town. My dad worked his entire life to be able to afford his dream home. My dad would have never considered any property where you could see a 112-foot tower from.

My room and my two son's rooms are on the right side of the home and the tower would be clearly visible. Every morning when I open my blinds, instead of seeing the beautiful natural woods and pine trees, I would see this tower staring at me through my windows in my room. One of my favorite things to do is have a glass of wine and sit on the many decks and enjoy the natural scenery after a hard day's work. We built this home to enjoy the natural scenery and captured it from every deck and placed as many windows as we could to capture the scenery. If constructed, this 112-ft tower will be looming over me while sitting on my deck relaxing after my every day's work. As a family, we eat breakfast, lunch and dinner at our main table which is in our living room. We built our living room with several windows so we can capture every natural view that this property has to offer. If this 112ft tower is constructed, our every meal as a family will be dominated by this Macro Tower looking at my whole family in the face. We often invite guests over to enjoy the views and BBQ and socialize on our main deck. If the tower is constructed now our guests will no longer enjoy the many years of natural scenery they are accustomed to. It's a family tradition to enjoy the Holidays at my dad's house. Our whole family comes to our house to enjoy the natural setting. Our family Holidays will be forever ruined by a Macro Tower intruding on our family's tradition. This is not why we purchased this land and built a beautiful home for generations to come. My Father would have never bought this property and never would of build his home if he knew there would ever be a cell phone tower that would be visible from every angle.

I also own two properties that are in close proximity to the proposed tower, at the addresses of 3675 Regina and 3642 Saddle Road. I purchased these two vacant lots with the intention to build another home for an investment property. We spent substantial amounts of money purchasing these properties. After realizing the potential of a proposed tower, we decided not to build on these properties until we know that our neighborhood will not be invaded visually by a 112ft tower. Both of my investment properties would be negatively aesthetically impacted if this tower were built. My plans for our 3675 Regina investment home would have a huge back deck that would wrap around the home and capture the lake views. If the tower is constructed my lake views would now be decayed by this 112-foot structure. The second property at 3642 Saddle Road is another investment property that has a direct view of the Lake, and if this tower was built, the entire front side of the home would be directly facing this huge fake

structure sticking way higher than the tree line and it would ravage my views of the lake.

I was asked several times by both neighbors if I would sell the 3675 Regina lot to them. Ben Lebovitz and Caitlin Grooms said they are very interested in purchasing my property, but said that they would like to wait and see if tower project is approved or not before they would consider purchasing it. They both would not want to invest in another property in a neighborhood with a highly visible tower that doesn't match the character of the residential neighborhood.

I would greatly appreciate thoughtful consideration and objection to this cell phone tower being built in our neighborhood.

Thank you very much.

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December 14, 2019

George Eisenstecken

3605 Needle Peak Rd

South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd Appeal

To Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly object the placement of a cell phone tower being built next to my primary home and property at 3605 Needle Peak Rd where I live 100% of the time with my daughter, son-in-law, and 2 grandchildren. This would adversely impact so many aspects of my home including the negative aesthetics it would create. From every angle of my property and home if built, this tower would be looming all around me and my family as well as guests that would come over to visit and have barbeques in the Summer on the panoramic decks. Every day where my family eats breakfast, lunch, and dinner the tower will be staring at us from all the windows. My favorite spot at the table is the chair closest to the main deck. My majestic view of natural scenery is breathtaking. I enjoy having my cup of coffee first thing in the morning and looking out the windows at the natural scenery. If the 112-foot tower is constructed, it will be attacking my majestic view that I have enjoyed for more than 15 years. It will make me very angry. From every room in my home and on my 3-hacre property, we will be able to see it. It saddens me that every time I look out my windows or I stand on my decks, I would be knocked down by this obstruction. It will be right next to me sticking like a sore thumb.

I spend the majority of my time outside in the yard improving my property and landscape. I take daily walks around my property breathing in the fresh air and being grateful for the natural surroundings. Every day as I walk around, if this tower were constructed, all my efforts that I worked my whole life for would be negated. If this tower is constructed, the fruits of my labor will be forever destroyed and I will no longer feel grateful. My once beautiful natural scenery will be overtaken by an intruder, that scenically trashes our neighborhood. I have worked extremely hard my entire life as a Mason from Austria and General Contractor and built my dream home with my own hands and chose this property for its beautiful surrounding nature and protected forests. I would have never chosen this property if I knew a tower was going to be put in my view. It will distract and destroy the pure and natural beauty that this land and lake possess. I am 80 years old now and I plan to pass my home on to the next generation and I wholeheartedly do not want this tower to be built and have my family be able to see it all the time. I would profoundly appreciate thoughtful consideration towards this very important matter.

Thank you so very much for you time.

Sincerely,

George Eisenstecken

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Cash Lebish 3606 Needle Peak Rd. South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

Dear South Lake Tahoe Mayor and City Council members

I have resided at 3606 Needle Peak Rd for 14 years. I am a local business owner. Verizon wants to install a 112ft. Mono Pine located at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. This tower would be literally be 150ft or so from my home. I have invested a large sum of money by purchasing my home. We did a renovation by upgrading our panoramic patio in front of our home so we can enjoy the lake views and also the natural setting. This is where I retreat with my family. friends and business clients many times a year where we enjoy BBQ and enjoy hanging out socializing .My wife and I have enjoyed the spectacular view of the lake and natural environment from our patio for many years. One of the main reasons I purchased my home was the patio and the spectacular views. If constructed, the112ft tower will be blocking our northeast views and I will be able to see it from my kitchen, backyard, patio, and driveway and main entrance. If constructed my family, friends, and guests will be able to see this tower looming over us from almost every angle. My once natural views from my patio will now be obstructed by this large structure that does not fit the character of our neighborhood. There will no longer be a place on my property to retreat and enjoy the natural environment without looking at this huge cell tower that is an eyesore. One of the biggest reasons I bought this home was the pristine lake views and natural landscape. This cell tower will destroy my beloved vistas. I sincerely do not want to stare at 112ft fake tree. Under no circumstance do I approve of this cell tower in front of my home. So with all of this said, I hope South Lake Tahoe City Council will make the right decision and overturn the Planning Department decision.

Sincerely Cash Lebish

November 13, 2019

Ben Lebowitz 3661 Regina Rd South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd Appeal

To Honorable Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed tower at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. While most of my neighbors within the distance mandatory to receive a notice, did not receive adequate information or a notice at all during this process. I learned of the proposal and appeal at the same moment. It was devastating news.

Coming from 10 years in the Bay Area working with the largest companies in the world. Tahoe was a reprieve, a dream if you will. My parents lived here in the 70's in their transient years. I grew up dreaming of a place like Lake Tahoe. My father shoveled snow from rooftops. After some success in San Francisco I set my heart on a life in the mountains. I helped start a local brewery, and plan to ensure all our altruistic goals become manifested and be a major contributor to the economy in South Lake.

I spent everything I had, sold off anything I owned and purchased my first home in what I hoped would be a place I would truly invest in. Not the home but the community, the culture and business. I would have never purchased here if I knew of the proposed plans for a tower right next to me. The original homeowner, the real estate agent (seller and buyer) had known previous knowledge of the tower. I bought the end of March in 2019 and communication about the tower dates back to 2018.

I work from home, and will be spending every waking moment in this home, not just sleeping but day in and day out. Looking out at a tower i so egregious despise. Knowing fair and well that the application was processed inappropriately. It will not only cause mental and emotional injury but an affect on my ability to perform and every single day develop anger. If the tower is approved I will be incapable of producing work, feel comfortable or want to support any aspect of this city. I will have no choice but to move my establishments that represents a 50% of Heavenly Village and will hope to sell my home without any value loss. I will make sure that South Lake Tahoe will receive no benefit of my ambition and encourage partners and others to find better places to spend our tax dollars without a looming aesthetic reminder.

What may be lost in considerations around this tower is that it will be an eyesore. Where trees look like trees, bears look like bears and the view from the top of Ski Run is one of the most majestic locations in the Basin. Being uphill from the proposed location. I will

be in eyesight of the head of the antennas and a direct line from my bedroom windows and decks. Every single time I step outside I'll see a massive fake tree standing two times the height of any neighboring tree blocking my view of the lake.

I intend to bring guests to my home, not AirBnB but personal friends and colleagues. Creative leaders from the top companies in the world like Nike, Apple, Google, AirBnB, Adobe, Tesla, Allbirds, Spotify, and many advertising agencies supporting these economic leaders. Every single person I would have hoped to visit will not be represented with a view of a skylighting tower fake tree impeding on the beauty of Lake Tahoe. A reason to never invest in South Lake Tahoe or even vacation here which most say they don't ever consider South Lake and prefer the North Shore not for cell phone coverage but for aesthetics.

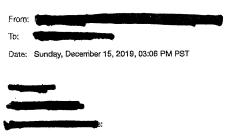
Thank you so very much for you time.

Sincerely,

Ben Lebowitz

Yahoo Mail - Fwd: Erika letter





From: Date: December 15, 2019 at 1:32:19 PM PST To: Subject: Erika letter

December 13, 2019

Erika Eisenstecken 750 Silver Oak Dr. Apt 205 Carson City, NV 89706

To City Council and Mayor of South Lake Tahoe:

I am writing in regards to the proposed cell phone tower placement next to my Father's property 3605 Needle Peak Dr. I profoundly oppose placement of a cell phone tower right next to my father's property and in the surrounding neighborhood. This is so close to town and right in the heart of the neighborhoods. This would negatively distract the natural beauty of this area and beautiful views of Lake Tahoe. Every time I will visit my family or drive in the neighborhood I would have to see this tower looming over us. My father built his dream home with decks and big windows to enjoy the natural beautiful setting and not to have this artificial cell phone tower in the view. My father loves to enjoy eating all his meals at the dining room table in which if built he would see the tower from every meal looking out of the large windows.

I hope that you will please have compassion and consideration towards this matter and how it will negatively affect the neighbors and surrounding areas.

Thank you very much!!

Sincerely,

Erika Eisenstecken

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November 29, 2019

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter with deep concern about the 5g tower they want to put up at Hansons Resort 1360 Ski Run Blvd. We have had a family home for 25 years at 1400 Ski Run Blvd. We under no condition want this tower to be placed anywhere around our home. We moved to Lake Tahoe to enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us. This tower would completely destroy our view. We do not want to look at a 120 ft artificial tree with all the components attached. It looks horrific. I used to do real estate. From my own personal and professional experience I would determine the values of a home would decrease 15%-20% with any tower or electric company. I found clients would not be interested in living near any electrical, cell tower, or any tower placed on or near a home. For this alone it will lower the values. I hope the City Of South Lake Tahoe will be responsible and implement an ordinance to keep these towers away from our homes. We want to keep Tahoe Blue! Keep them away from residential neighborhoods and schools. Keep our investments and property values the same, as it would be for a similar home without These towers.

Sincerely

Amanda Reinhard

Amanda Kinbord

November 14, 2019

Nick Spannagel 3681 Régina Rd South Laké Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd Appeal

To the Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to encourage the city to object the placement of a cell phone tower being built at 3605 Needle Peak Rd. We purchased our home on Regina Rd. back in 2015. My wife and I would not have made this purchase if we knew that the city would consider placing a cell phone tower in such a beautiful residential neighborhood.

We have some spectacular views from our back decks. If this tower is placed, it would ruin the view and stand above the trees when looking North West. My wife started planning a \$100k renovation to make this our dream home for ourselves and our children. However, upon hearing about this proposed tower, we have stopped all plans and she now is considering selling this house and finding something better. Since the aesthetics of our property would be ruined, we are not sure this is where we want to be.

We ask you to please consider denying this location for a new tower.

Thank you,

Nick Spannagel Al Alexand

November 14, 2019

Caitlin Grooms 3681 Regina Rd South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd Appeal

To the Mayor and City Council Members,

I am writing to strongly object the placement of a cell phone tower being built at 3605 Needle Peak Rd. We purchased our home on Regina Rd. back in 2015. My husband and I would not have made this purchase if we knew that the city would consider placing a cell phone tower so close to where we raise our children.

One of the things we love most about our home is the beautiful views we have from our back decks. We would see this tower above the trees when looking North West. Furthermore, we had a \$100k renovation plan to make this our dream home, and upon hearing about this proposed tower, we have stopped all plans. Since the aesthetics of our property would be ruined, we are not sure that we would want to continue living here.

We ask you to please consider finding another location for this tower.

Thank you,

Grooms

December 15, 2019

The Honorable Brooke Laine and Council Members South Lake Tahoe City Hall 1901 Lisa Maloff Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: Proposed Cell Tower at 1360 Ski Run Blvd.

Dear Mayor Laine and Council Members,

In reference to the proposed Verizon Cell Tower and Future Cell towers, I would like to enter this letter into record. I have written a few letters regarding this proposed cell tower and this is in regards to the visual look of this metal pole. We were in Tahoe again last weekend and as I looked out our window I realized that I will be looking at this thing for years to come.

We currently look at a grove of pines and a Lake Tahoe background and now you are proposing my condo and community look at 100 and 10 foot brown metal pole with green fake branches protruding. This is very disturbing.

This visual will definitely have an impact on my feelings about South Lake Tahoe and our beautiful community. Please reconsider this location.

Thank you for your service and fine work.

Since

Gordon and Katherine Paterson and Family 1390 Ski Run #21 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 916-803-6566 November 30, 2019

City of South Lake Tahoe City Council 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, Suite 206 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Re: Proposed Cell Tower Site at 1360 Ski Run Blvd.

Mayor Brooke Laine, Councilmembers Jason Collin, Devin Middlebrook, Cody Bass, and Tamara Wallace:

A fake 112+ foot pine tree in a residential neighborhood undeniably adds to visual blight. We moved to the mountains to enjoy the views we have come to treasure. When we bought our home, the view was part of the reason for our purchase. We currently have beautiful views from our living room, kitchen, bedroom and backyard. This tower would obstruct our views and the beautiful natural scenery. It would bring an unsightly obstruction into our neighborhood.

I urge you to stop the installation of these unsightly towers in residential neighborhoods within our city limits and to look for viable and reasonable alternative locations for all cell towers.

Respectfully,

Knip Ga Knipp

Edward and Barbara Knapp 3689 Verdon Lane South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

November 19, 2019

Shannon Shearer 3861 Needle Peak Road South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd. Appeal

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to fully oppose the installation of the cell phone tower that is being built next to the multiple properties that I own. The properties that I would like to address are my Ski Rental Business, Winter Wonderland, which is located at 3672 Verdon Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA, 96150. This location additionally has a residence on the upstairs of the building that is used as a vacation rental. The next locations are 3678 Verdon Lane and 3680 Verdon Lane, which are two lots that were originally intended to build two monthly rentals on. The last property is 3686 Verdon Lane. This is the house that my husband and I raised our children in and has been since converted to a vacation rental with my home office still situated above the garage at the residence. I work from the office five to six days out of the week and if this tower is built, I will have a constant view of it. The families that will come to Lake Tahoe and stay in the vacation rentals will constantly see the 112' tower which will obscure the beautiful surrounding views from the dining room, living room, and from the home's balcony. I have spent a substantial amount of money to progress and expand my business/vacation rental at 3672 Verdon Lane and if the tower is built it will destroy the aesthetics and curb appeal of this property as well of the two lots on 3678 and 3680 Verdon Lane that we plan on building the monthly rentals on. It will destroy the scenic views of these two lots which were the reason we chose to purchase these. If the tower is built, we will be forced to discard our plans of building the homes on these properties. We have worked long days and countless hours to be able to purchase and own the properties and build our business and the cell phone tower will only distract and destroy the pure and natural beauty that this land and lake offers. I would greatly appreciate your consideration of this extremely important matter.

Thank you so very much for your time.

Shannon Shearer

Tracy Reinhard 1400 Ski Run South Lake Tahoe, CA 96151 To whom it may concern

I am a 33 year resident of south lake Tahoe, the biggest investment and the fruit of my labor is my home, I've always felt the best part of living and having a home in Tahoe is the local dedication to maintaining natural coherence to the land. Now, there will be a tower on my north side when I look out my living room and bedroom, my summer barbecue's views from my yard will be obstructed by a colossal un-natural tower that will dominate the Tahoe sunset which my family and I have enjoyed for over 2 decades. If installed in front of my house as proposed this eyesore will be the very first thing I see looking out on 3 sides, the natural view and curb appeal of my property will be greatly diminished, I find it upsetting that my husband and I have found that keeping Tahoe Blue did not apply to us and our property

Iraa Kenter

Susan Blankinship

Office of the City Clerk

1901 Lisa Maloff way

Suite 206

South Lake Tahoe CA 96150

Please see that this a letter concerning the proposed goes in the record and to the Mayor and City Council.

I Own a Home at 3585 Needle Peak Rd. The Eisenstecken family are my neighbors.

I have been in Tahoe for twenty-five years. We moved here to enjoy the Mountain atmosphere, the scenery, and live a healthy lifestyle. I live in a mountain cabin that was built before there was a Needle Peak Rd with old growth fir milled right on the property, a dream come true.

I have hiked up to the end of Ski Run then up the mountain towards Heavenly many times since I've been in Tahoe. I always looked forward when friends would get in touch to say they were coming to visit. Friends visiting Tahoe for the first time would say how blessed I am to live on this Beautiful Mountain, and I am, (or was!) I have always looked forward to taking friends to a Sacred Spot, above Ski Run, for the incredible view of the Lake and Sunsets. It is very depressing, just thinking that the beautiful view of the lake a short walk from my front door will be spoiled, it is destroying the character of the neighborhood, it does not blend in to the Alpine scenery. It will be difficult for anyone coming down Ski Run or from the top of Needle Peak not to be distracted. I go back and forth between being angry and sad. Is it a wise choice to put a fake tree that looks like a Toilet Brush at one of the most heavily trafficked tourist area's in South Lake Tahoe?

Best

David Benedict

REBECCA WILHELM

December 10, 2019 South Lake Tahoe City Council 1901 Lisa Maloff Way Suite 206 South Lake Tahoe, California 96150 On the record: PO Box 294 Somerset, Ca. 95684

Dear Mayor and South Lake Tahoe City Council:

I am writing this letter to accordance to the cell phone tower potentially being placed at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. I have been a long time visitor and resident in South Lake Tahoe. I have enjoyed the views and have great memories of spending time with my family and friends at Hansons snow Park, skiing at Heavenly Valley Ski resort and hiking in the beautiful mountains surrounding the lake. We would spend time taking nature hikes up Needle Peak and over to the power line trail. We would sit on a picnic table at Hansons and be in awe of the view of the lake. We took friends and children to Hansons to go tubing.

If this tower is placed at Hansons resort, it will impair what was a beautiful and enticing view that my family was so proud of, to obstructing the view of the lake. We also would stand and watch the fireworks for the fourth of July with friends and family right there. The tower would be 20 ft from where we would all stand. The cell tower would impact the way we experience South Lake Tahoe. I feel devastated to think this would go up in the face of where we spend our time in Tahoe. A neighborhood we have enjoyed for over 35 years.

Our family does not support this cell tower project at 1360 Ski Run Blvd.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Wilhelm

DENISE WILHELM

December 17, 2019

South Lake Tahoe City Council and Mayor 1901 Maloff Way Way South Lake Tahoe, California. 96150

On the record:

Dear Mayor and City Council of South Lake Tahoe California:

I am addressing the city of South Lake Tahoe concerning the Verizon Cell tower proposed for 1360 Ski Run Blvd. I am implicitly opposed to the thought of a 112ft tower going up on Ski Run Blvd. This particular address is located in a neighborhood that myself and my familyl have enjoyed for 30 years. I raised my kids bringing them to Hansons Snow park. Where we would picnic and have family time that we will remember forever. We have rented condos there at Needle Peak. We have rented homes in that neighborhood. My family has skied at Heavenly Valley Ski resort for 30 years. We continue to come and enjoy that neighborhood year after year.

This 112 ft mono pine, will eliminate that feeling we get when we play in the Needle Peak neighborhood. What was a natural beautiful environment, with forest and lake views will now be replaced with an artificial tree that loses the natural beauty of a view we thoroughly enjoyed. The experience will be taken away, and will be looked at differently.

Is this what progress is? All for faster video downloads. We don't need that. Our family and I'm quite sure more than not disapprove of this cell tower. It will take away the beautiful feeling we would get from the natural environment in the Ski Run neighborhood. Our family does not approve of this tower or any artificial tower in a natural alpine neighborhood.

Sincerely Yours

Inose Wilhelm

Denise Wilhelm

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December 14, 2019

Mayor and South Lake Tahoe City Council 1910 Lisa Maloff Way South Lake Tahoe, CA. 96150

On the record:

To the Mayor and City council of South Lake Tahoe:

This letter is referring to the Verizon cell tower that is proposed for 1360 Ski Run blvd. I have spent every year coming to South Lake Tahoe to vacation and ski at Heavenly Valley Ski resort. Myself and my family would often stay at Needle Peak condo's or stay at a friends home behind Needle Peak. In the summers we would drive up Needle Peak and look over to the lake side and admire the view. We would go and take the cousins to Hanson's resort to the tube park in the winter. I understand that a huge cell tower will possibly be placed at Hanson Resort. I am asking to consider keeping this areas natural beauty the way it is? If this tower is installed we have to look at it from what I understand a 112 ft artificial tree with metal components and antennas. This definitely will not be apart of the theme of the indigenous environment. Bad idea.

So many times we would walk the loop up Needle Peak up to the top of Heavenly and walk down and take photos of the lake view. So now if this tower is installed, we have to look at a monstrosity of a cell tower. I say no. I will no longer take my kids and family to that area, if this tower is approved.

Our experience, as we once knew it was the joy of staying in that neighborhood around Needle Peak. Taking our hikes and enjoying the snow park, will be no longer. This throws a wrench in my heart to think it is even a possibility that this disastrous tower is an option, all for better cell service. I ask the city to not approve this tower in this quaint part of Lake Tahoe.

Sincerely yours,

Houston Casselberry

Monday, September 30, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing because I understand you are set to make a decision regarding installation the proposed Verizon cell tower on the corner of Ski Run and Needle Peak.

I have lived at 1339 Knoll Lane for 24 years full time. In fact I was born and raised in South Lake Tahoe and have lived in the area of Ski Run, Needle Peak and Pioneer streets my whole life.

I want you to know that my family and I are absolutely against having a cell tower in our neighborhood. One of the benefits of living on Knoll Lane is having the majestic views of the mountains, being able to see the sunset every day. We are lucky to see the sunset from our deck and our living room. If this tower is approved it will block my view. When we drive to and from work, instead of looking at Pyramid Peak, all we will see is a cell tower.

Please keep our environment as it is, without the eyesore of a huge cell tower to stare at instead of the beauty of Pyramid Peak. Keep our ordinances limiting cellular towers to commercial areas.

Thank you for your time,

Andy Poscic 1339 Knoll Lane aposcic@charter.net

Stacie Cook 1339 Knoll Lane slcookste@yahoo.com

Steven Veit-Carey 3587 Mackedie Way FOR THE RECORD 18 November 2019

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

I would like to address the issue of the installation of the 112-foot tower at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard —

When people, including me, walk around the block in my neighborhood they pause at the top of Ski Run Boulevard to look at the lake, the mountains, the sunset and the quintessential views of the Tahoe Basin. I've also noticed that many tourists drive up to this area because they instinctively sense that they will be able to get an awesome view of Tahoe.

If a 112 foot tower is built on Ski Run Boulevard, just below this favorite spot of locals and tourists alike, it will be a sad day for me. Instead of being amazed by the crystal blue waters of Lake Tahoe, I will wonder how anyone allowed a giant fake tree to dominate the skyline of one of the most treasured view sheds in South Lake Tahoe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Steven W. Veit-Carey

Saverio Pontrondollfo 1390 Needle peak villa condos South Lake Tahoe ca 96151

To whom it may concern:

I am a property owner 100 ft away from this cell tower on ski run. That Verizon wants to put in by my house. I am very concerned how my views will be taken away. The view of this tower will be showing from every direction that I look out of my windows .This tower will be a eye soar.

Sincerely

David Berne 3403 Bruce Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 tahoeberne@vahoo.com

Dec. 15, 2019

Dear Mayor and South Lake City Council Members:

I am expressing my feelings regarding the proposed installation of the 112foot cell tower at 1350 Ski Run Blvd.

I moved to the South Lake Tahoe area to live in one of the most scenic, wild, untouched areas away from the concrete, asphalt world of Los Angeles. My love with the clean air, clear skies, open vistas of Lake Tahoe, and the mountains is cherished and appreciated everyday.

A 112-foot tower built on the said Ski Run Blvd. would obstruct, annoy, impair, and detract from the views I have mentioned, not only to me but to the residents, visitors, and tourists from all over the world. Therefore, it should not be installed.

Thank you,

David Berne

Salvador Lopez 2298 Washington Ave S. Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 Consafos70@gmail.com December 17, 2019

RE: Cell Tower on Ski Run

Dear Mayor and City Council Members

I am writing to express my concern about the plan to install a 112-tower at 1350 Ski Run Blvd. I am familiar with this area in that when I first moved here I would visit some residents who lived there, ie: Needle Peek. Each time I went to visit, I was impressed by the view at the top of Ski Run as I turned on to Needle Peek. It looked so pristine. It was a pleasure to have the chance to visit often just to appreciate the view and how fortunate it was for those who owned property there to have the benefit of such a view. In addition, I could see that out-of-towners renting property in the area would be drawn to stay there just to appreciate walking out and looking down Ski Run to see such a great view of the lake surrounded by the snowcapped mountains and pine trees, especially during the breathtaking sunsets in late spring, summer and early fall. I can't imagine how a such a thing as a cell tower disguised as a fake tree would enhance the natural view the residents and tourists are exposed to every day, not to mention those of us who occasionally visit residents in the area.

I respectfully request that you please consider these points during your deliberations and take all necessary steps to preserve the natural beauty of Lake Tahoe for both residents and visitors drawn here to take advantage of such beauty.

Salvador Lopez

To whom it may concern,

We have recently become aware that a mono-pine cell tower is to be placed at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. in South Lake Tahoe, CA.

After skiing at Heavenly, especially with friends, we like to stop at the gate at Needle Peak and look at Pyramid as the sun is setting. We often take pictures of the beautiful sunsets. It would be a huge shame if now when we drive to one of our favorite spots we see a huge cell tower. This tower would take away from our long tradition of enjoying this beautiful spot with our friends after a day of snow sports.

Sincerely,

Frank & Heather Kovac 1502 Tam O'Shanter Drive South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

CHRISTINE MARTIN

December 17, 2019 South Lake Tahoe City Council On the record:

I am writing this letter in proposal regarding 1360 Ski Run Blvd. I personally have lived in El Dorado County for 40 years. My family has lived in El Dorado County for generations for many years. Tahoe has been a vacation destination and as well a place of residence. I believe the beauty and appeal of Tahoe is it's small town appearance, with the mountains, the clear blue waters and the big blue skies being the biggest draw.

Table is one of the last few places. That we can see and appreciate the natures beauty and feel the connection with the flora and fauna. I believe a cell phone tower will take away from the organic beauty of this beloved destination at 1360 Ski Run Blvd.

The project does not serve the needs, expand amenities or improve the quality of life for the people and citizens of the South Lake Tahoe basin. Residence of the Tahoe basin should be able to purchase and build knowing that responsible planning and zoning will be adhered to in the city. Approving this cell tower in this residential neighborhood, is a direct betrayal of this trust.

This proposed cell tower will have a negative impact of property value and the desirability of my neighborhood. Keep Tahoe Blue.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Martin Po Box 332 Grizzley Flat, Somerset, 95684

When I moved to South Lake Tahoe in May of 1996, I did not realize I would be subjected and forfeit the natural view I've grown to love but rather be forced to stare at a mono-pine monstrosity communication tower from the living room, what am I paying for to live in Tahoe ? I know it will be a communication tower, everyone who looks at it will know, local and tourist alike... is it worth it for the sake of progress to destroy the natural aesthetic purity of Tahoe and the livability of the area, why am I the last to be considered, and the ones to be violated of quality of life rendered the same as the inner city ? Please keep Tahoe's environment in mind in your quest for economic opportunity as the trade off may prove irrevocably regrettable.

Concerned resident Dan H.

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From:	Sue Blankenship
To:	Brooke Laine; Frank Rush Jr.; Heather Stroud; Jason Collin; Joanne McDonough; Sue Blankenship
Cc:	Kevin Fabino; John Hitchcock; Candace Stowell
Subject:	FW: Cell tower needle peak
Date:	Monday, July 8, 2019 4:57:22 PM

Good evening Council, Please see the below correspondence from Cash Leish.

Susan Blankenship, CPMC Elected City Clerk (530) 542-6005

-----Original Message-----From: cash lebish <cashlebish@yahoo.com> Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 4:03 PM To: Sue Blankenship <sblankenship@cityofslt.us> Subject: Cell tower needle peak

To whom it may concern, my name is Cash Lebish owner at 3606 needle peak Rd. I am appalled that there is serious consideration for planting a cell tower in an overcrowded location including Ski Run Village, especially when a location at the very top of the mountain pass from Ski Run and Saddle would be more logical. I have talked to my real estate agent only to find out that my property value will decrease at least 25% and probably more, as it is a major drawback for the dangers and appearance it presents. Even though you may claim there is no health hazards there is many studies that have been done around the world that price different,All this without compensation to anyone in the area except for Hansen's Resort. Please reconsider this atrocity and deny the application to approve this location for his cell tower.

Thank you Cash Lebish

July 30, 2019

City of South Lake Tahoe City Council 1901 Lisa Maloff Way, Suite 206 South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Mayor Brooke Laine, Councilmembers Jason Collin, Devin Middlebrook, Cody Bass, and Tamara Wallace:

We are writing to oppose the proposed installment of a cell tower in the Ski Run Acres neighborhood specifically on the property of Hansen's Resort located at 1360 Ski Run Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Cell towers do not belong in residential neighborhoods as they have many negative externalities. We share the following concerns and ask the City of South Lake Tahoe, Verizon and property owner(s) of Hansen's Resorts to immediately halt the planned installation of the cell tower located at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. SLT, CA 96150.

Financial – There is a proven substantial decrease in home values located near cell towers. Research shows approximately 90% of home buyers and renters have reduced interest in properties near cell towers and would actually pay less for those properties. A price drop of up to 20% is evident in many published articles, not to mention the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) considers cell towers as "Hazards and Nuisances." In addition to homeowners losing, the City loses also-when property values drop, property taxes are lower. ("Impact of Communication Towers...2017".)

Conversely, property owner(s) of Hansen's Resort stand to earn a monthly stipend that could be as much as \$3,500.00 which is a personal, yet greedy, incentive to approach and request the cell tower be installed on their property. This neighbor of ours never reached out to us or other neighbor in the near vicinity to ask if anyone opposed this cell tower installation.

Democratic Process – We were shocked to learn of the proposal of the tower in our neighborhood or any residential neighborhood within the South Lake Tahoe region. Although the City posted a public notice of Aug. 6, 2019 meeting in our local newspaper, we never received anything directed to our household where the cell tower is proposed to be built/located. It is the City's responsibility to inform those who live directly near the proposed tower location. That never happened. Shame on the City Council for not notifying its constituents of this egregious plan.

Health – "The majority of published studies in different countries have shown a relationship between distance from base stations and a variety of health complaints. They have found that the closer to the towers people live there is an increase incidence of reported physical symptoms including those below. These are the same symptoms that people who have microwave illness (AKA electrosensitivity) experience and also similar to what Cuban and Chinese Diplomats reported in unusual "attacks in 2017."

- headaches
- insomnia
- dizziness
- irritability
- fatigue
- heart palpitations
- nausea
- loss of appetite
- feeling of discomfort
- loss of libido

- poor concentration
- memory loss
- neuropsychiatric problems such as depression ("mdasafetech,"2017)

Nuisance – Cell Antenna facilities require maintenance that may be performed at any time, day or night. We will see an increase in trucks and service personnel that will be an additional unnecessary public nuisance. Additionally, the operation of a generator and cooling systems is quite likely to increase noise levels especially for those living close to and in the building, and the back-up diesel generators will add to air pollution in our neighborhood.

As recent as May 2019, a unanimous decision by the, "Washoe County commissioners overturned the previous approval of a special use permit for a proposed 117-foot-tall cell phone tower" in an Incline Village neighborhood. ("Washoe-County...2019")

In closing we ask that each of your city council members critically think about how each of you would react if you were faced with a tower being built adjacent or within 1,000 feet of your home? We do believe the answer to this would be that you would oppose a cell tower in your residential neighborhood as we do.

Again, please immediately halt the planned installation of the cell tower located at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. SLT, CA 96150.

Thank you,

Edward A. Knapp Barbara A. Knapp 3689 Verdon Lane South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150 530-544-2130

Cc: Susan Blankenship, City Clerk

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The Cost of Convenience: Estimating the Impact of Communication Antennas on Residential Property Values (Land Economics, Feb. 2016)

The Lo Down on Cell Towers, Neighborhood Values, and the Secretive Telecoms(link is external) (The Dissident Voice, Dec. 19, 2015)

From:	David Jinkens
To:	Brooke Laine; Jason Collin; Cody Bass; Devin Middlebrook; Tamara Wallace
Cc:	monicalaketahoe@yahoo.com; Frank Rush Jr.; Sue Blankenship
Subject:	LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CELL TOWER APPEAL
Date:	Sunday, August 4, 2019 4:06:21 PM
Attachments:	Cell Tower Appeal Support Letter.pdf

Dear Mayor Laine and City Council Members:

Please see the attached letter in support of the appeal of Monica Eisenstecken that will be heard by the City Council on August 6, 2019.

I ask that the letter be reviewed and made part of the appeal record for that meeting.

Thank you and best wishes,

David

David Jinkens City Resident P.O. BOX 8066

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL Time Sensitive

August 4, 2019

Mayor Brooke Laine and Council Members City of South Lake Tahoe 1901 Lisa Maloff Way South Lake Tahoe, California 96150

Re: Appeal of Planning Commission Approval of Cell Tower, 1360 Ski Run Cell Tower

Dear Mayor Laine and Council Members:

I am writing to you in support of the appeal on the above-referenced matter. I was asked for comment regarding the matter.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allows local governments to regulate cell tower locations with certain limitations referenced below:

"Section 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act preserves state and local authority over zoning and land use decisions for personal wireless service facilities, but sets forth specific limitations on that authority. Specifically, a state or local government may not unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services, *may not regulate in a manner that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services*, must act on applications within a reasonable period of time, and must make any denial of an application in writing supported by substantial evidence in a written record. The statute also preempts local decisions premised directly or indirectly on the environmental effects of radio frequency (RF) emissions, *assuming that the provider is in compliance with the Commission's RF rules."*

The following issues and concerns are raised for your attention and review relating to this application.

- Lack of Notice I am aware that neither the appellant nor many residences living in an adjacent apartment complex received notice of the June 13, 2019 hearing before the Planning Commission, thus the Commission did not have benefit of hearing resident concerns. Tenants of an adjacent apartment complex did not receive notification of the hearing and proposed tower. In the case of the latter, while the owner of the apartment complex was sent a notice I am told, the owner has no duty or responsibility to alert tenants. The City should have required notification of people living in the apartments.
- 2. <u>Character of the Neighborhood</u> According to the City's adopted General Plan (2011), the site for the tower and adjacent areas have a land use designation of Low Density Residential (Land Use Element Figure LU-1). The proposed **112 foot cell tower** is incompatible with the characteristics of the neighborhood. This is another example where residents of a residential area are trying to keep the integrity of the neighborhood intact and not change the character and nature of it. In addition, Plan

Area Statement PAS 085 states "This area should continue as residential area, maintaining the existing character of the neighborhood."

- <u>Commercial Use</u> While the City deems this proposed tower as compatible with a residential area, it could be asserted that this <u>for-profit</u> cell tower installation is commercial use and incompatible with this residential land use designation.
- 4. <u>No Cell Tower Ordinance</u> Unlike other cities in California, the City of South Lake Tahoe has no cell tower ordnance that sets standards for the construction of these towers in residential areas. As a result, staff has little guidance for evaluating a cell tower application which is not a typical residential use. Other California cities with cell tower ordinances include: Calabasas (Population, 24,202), Petaluma (Population, 57,941), Mill Valley (Population, 13,903), Fairfax (Population, 7,441) and San Ramon (Population, 75,931).

I am told by other city officials that cities may reasonably regulate tall cell tower locations and, as evidenced in other cities, prohibit their construction in residential areas. The City Council would be prudent to adopt such an ordinance.

- 5. <u>Health Concerns</u> Although FCC rules state the provider must be in compliance with FCC radio frequency emission rules, some health hazards are not immediately known (e.g. *Carcinogens recently found in Roundup causing cancer, exposure to radiation by shipyard workers in San Francisco that did not become known as a lethal exposure for twenty years.*). In the proposed location for the cell tower the subject property is also a commercial tubing area during snow periods where hundreds of children pay to use the site. This use will continue even after the cell tower is constructed.
- Why this site? The applicant Verizon has not demonstrated that this is the only site where a cell tower can placed. Within the City limits, there are vast amounts of public lands owned and managed by the USFS, CTC, RCD, and other public agencies that are <u>not adjacent to residential areas</u>. 112 foot cell towers should not be located close to residential properties or schools.
- 7. Environmental Review The application was determined to not require environmental review. The staff reports states that the application is Categorically Exempt under Section 15303 and Class Number 3: New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures." I would suggest that the construction of a 112 foot cell tower and expansion of the footprint of the existing built structure on the site <u>should have</u> <u>at least an *Initial* Environmental Study</u>. Such construction is much more than a small structure and it is not typical for a residential area.
- Property Values It is arguable that such a cell tower would reduce the value of adjacent residential properties because I am told that any feature that could be considered a detriment to the property reduces the number of potential buyers and therefore could affect the value." A 112 cell tower near one's residential property is such a feature.
- 9. <u>Planning Commission Findings Are Disputable</u> Protecting the integrity of existing residential areas should be the primary goal of City government, and the

people of the community have recently affirmed their belief (in November 2018) that integrity of residential areas should be maintained. Arguably, the proposed use is inconsistent with the City's adopted General Plan as referenced above.

- 10. Necessary or Desirable on a specific parcel The proposed cell tower has not been shown to be necessary or desirable on the Ski Run /Needle Peak Road parcel. The applicant has not demonstrated that there are no other parcels available to build the cell tower. Have public agencies been contacted by Verizon about public lands that are away from existing residential areas or privately-owned parcels not in residential areas?
- Not injurious to the neighborhood The City Council is being told that residents of the area do see the tower as injurious to the neighborhood contrary to what is stated in the Planning Commission findings.
- 12. <u>Consistent with permitted uses in the City</u> A 112 foot cell tower is not a residential use and should not be located in a residential area for the reasons stated in this letter. The City Council needs to protect the integrity of residential areas from the scourge of incompatible uses being allowed.

Conclusion

The proposed construction of the Verizon Cell Tower is incompatible with the characteristics of the subject residential neighborhood, and the action of the Planning Commission approving its construction at 1360 Ski Run Boulevard should be overturned. Verizon should be advised to find another location that is not within an existing residential area.

I trust that the City Council, as our locally elected officials, will support the wishes of local residents over the corporate interests of Verizon. The people of the community need your support to protect the integrity of their residential areas.

I ask that this letter be made part of the official record for this appeal hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David M. Jinkens/MPA Good Government and Public Policy Advocate City Resident

C: Monica Eisenstecken City Manager, Mr. Rush City Clerk, Ms. Blankenship

From:	Kristin Jenkin
To:	Brooke Laine; Jason Collin; Cody Bass; Tamara Wallace; Sue Blankenship; Devin Middlebrook
Cc:	Jeremy Jenkin; wo8700@aol.com; Charlie Alexander
Subject:	Regarding File #19-026, Special Use Permit for Verizon Wireless Monopine, 1360 Ski Run Blvd.
Date:	Monday, August 5, 2019 11:33:11 AM

Dear Mayor Laine, Mayor Pro Tem Collin, and Council Members Devon, Bass and Wallace,

We have been home owners in South Lake Tahoe for over 15 years at Needle Peak Villas. We were just informed TODAY of the proposed plan to add a 5G, 112' cell tower adjacent to our property. The Appeal document states that homeowners within 300 ft were notified via mail on July 24th. We never received anything.

We have significant concerns over the following:

- Property value decrease (local realtors, HUD and other studies show up to a 25% property value loss)

- Health hazards (FCC studies show no known hazards but MANY other studies show contrary)
- Land use is low density residential
- Cell tower is a "for profit" and should not be located in a residential zone
- Hansen's should not be allowed to make a commercial profit for lease of his land that benefits his financial gain

- Homeowners will be required to inform the presence of cell towers within the sale documents while selling their home

- Offensive Siteline for neighborhood

- No environmental studies have been performed

We 100% support the finding of all the other residents that have expressed their opposition and concerns on this matter. We urge the Council to reconsider the approval and force the cell towers location to be in a commercial zone further away from any residence.

Sincerely,

Kristin Jenkin, Vice President Needle Peak Villas Home Owners Association Contact 714-928-4488 Jeremy Jenkin, Board of Director, Needle Peak Villas Home Owners Association Contact 949-283-5072

Sent from my iPad

Passing this along.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Joanne Hyman" <joannehyman@comcast.net> Date: August 5, 2019 at 6:59:33 PM PDT To: <cfiore@cityofslt.us> Subject: No on the cell tower

Dear Sir: Please vote no on the tower. We sent the form to the City stating no on the tower. We reside at 1410 Ski Run *#* 11.

Thanks David and Joanne

01AUG 2019

South Lake Tahoe City Council and Mayor 1901 Lisa Maloff Way South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

RE: 1360 Ski Run Blvd File no.; 19-026 Special Use Permit for New 112' Verizon Wireless Tower and Associated Equipment Hearing Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Appellant: Monica Eisenstecken

Dear City Councilmembers and Mayor,

I am a nearby property owner of 3565 Needle Peak Rd, 800' from this project.

This letter is primarily to support all efforts of Ms. Monica Eisenstecken's Appeal, File #19-026, regarding a special permit to build a 112' cell tower at 1360 Ski Run Blvd. I would like to state additional impacts to consider regarding this tower placement, and its collateral potential impact with adjacent small cell sites. Secondly, this letter is to respectfully request the Planning Commission, and City Council use lessons learned from this appeal to consider adopting more master planned review process for future wireless service expansion. The approval process for expansion of wireless broadband services must be better aligned with lessons learned in other similar city's experiencing the same, and regional planning efforts already underway such as "Connected Tahoe" by the Tahoe Prosperity Center.

I fully support the letter from Ms. Eisenstecken's lawyer. Please consider the following additional points to justify the appeal; these points formulated from information I gathered from watching video of the archived City Council and Planning Commission meetings:

- The 1360 Ski Run tower plan includes installation of a backup generator which adds emission and environmental concerns related to its exhaust, noise, and fuel source.
- During the planning approval meeting, a question was asked regarding the proximity of this tower site to the nearest recently approved small cell antennae. The answer that the nearest new small cell site was 1.5miles away is incorrect. A new Verizon small antenna is only 800' away from the proposed tower site; currently constructed in front of my house at 3565 Needle Peak Rd.
- The visual simulations do not address routing of the additional power and fiber cables needed to support the site. The project has a vault placement in the street adjacent to the tower, but doesn't state what conductors nor how they are to be routed into the vault. Since all utilities in this neighborhood are aerial, I assume same for this new cabling, which will probably be routed along poles with the currently approved small cell antennae. This adds a cumulative visual concern not adequately addressed in this or any of the previously approved special permits.
- The noise concern was inadequately addressed during the planning meeting. A legitimate concern was raised about the "hum" of such sites, but did not result in any conditions being added to the permit. This site will contain components that generate external noise, i.e., cooling system fans, transformers, and the backup power generator. To address residential area noise impact, site data should be provided showing the pre-project ambient noise level during the quietest period,

generally at night. DBA levels for the fans, generator, etc., should be compared to determine site impact. In most cases where mechanical facilities exist in residential areas, they requite extra insulation and special air handling features to mitigate noise generation.

I recommended the city's goal be to immediately reduce the current public concern of uncontrolled RF oversaturation, and unnecessary commercial facility buildout into residential areas. The risk of no action is additional appeals, a drain on the public and Councils precious time for similar issues with every future cell antenna placement.

I request future permit applications for cell antenna expansion in residential area require special conditions that address min setback from adjacent residences and driveways; noise generation; and limit the visual impact of aerial cable routing (i.e., require underground installation after a certain visual threshold is reached). The permit process should require an independent party assessment of the RF coverage to assure it meets public saturation concerns and regional planning needs. Lastly, I recommend that future applicants cease use of the adjacent residential addresses to describe a facility location. Via web search of public records, my property address, 3565 Needle Peak Rd, is now permanently and unfairly associated with a small cell facility location. In my opinion, this could be considered an unauthorized take of my property that requires mitigation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gregory Ressio