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**URGENT: City Council Meeting, August 5, 2019**

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To: mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us

Sun, Aug 4, 2019 at 10:22 PM

Dear Ms. Waffle,

Kindly circulate as appropriately addressed in support of the denial of the cell towers for the City Council Meeting of August 5, 2019. Thank you .. Dr. John Adamo

**Subject: Urgent: City Council Meeting, August 5, 2019**

August 4, 2019

TO: All City Council Members: and Planning Commissioners, and All City Leaders of Carmel by the Sea

RE: Small Cell Towers / City Council Meeting, August 5, 2019

Dear Honorable City Council Members,

We are among many of the Monterey residents who are urging you to stay strong and deny these residential cell towers in beautiful Carmel. Your own wireless ordinance strongly supports the denial of these cell facilities. They will only bring ruin to Carmel's beautiful nature setting and the historical charm with its unique buildings and homes. The concerns for cancer is also on the rise with this microwave radiation equipment in neighborhoods and near schools.

In addition, your city in particular has every right to deny them, as it is a high fire forested neighborhood with lacking evacuation routes for its population in a fire disaster. We had sent a detailed fire information report to the Planning Commissioners not long ago warning of the increased fire risks that will come along with this microwave radiation equipment in an already high fire neighborhood with the most flammable type trees. It is a fact that global warming is increasing the fire risks in California and dehydrating the trees. Take a good look at your evacuation routes with narrow streets, some dead end, and with thick foliage. Scary to think of the gridlock that can easily happen for your residents in a forested neighborhood with an exiting fire disaster. Any dehydrated tree could fall and block one of the limited exits and further complicate a disaster. Hot debris could be flying near vehicles in a chaos of gridlock trying to escape. This is not an exaggeration. Your town is simply at an environmental disadvantage and this added Microwave Cell Facilities will definitely increase fire risks, intensify any fire, and will be placing your residents in increased danger. You simply cannot place this kind of life threatening responsibility on your wonderful fire fighters who are only human themselves.

Please see the references to these recent front page articles in the Monterey County Herald and San Francisco Gate included below.

We appeal to Carmel's City Leaders to hold firm and deny these cell towers in the beautiful and one of a kind, City of Carmel to prevent it's ruin.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Adamo  
Catherine Adamo  
Charisse Carlile

Monterey Residents

MILL VALLEY BLOCKS FASTER SMALLER CELL PHONE TOWERS OVER CANCER FEARS  
San Francisco Gate, Tuesday, September 11, 2018

<https://www.sfgate.com/local/article/mill-valley-5g-antenna-tower-cell-phone-block-13221925.php>

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By Matthew Lee

August 5, 2019

Ms. Britt Avrit, MMC  
City Clerk  
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea  
P.O. Box CC  
Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921

Dear Ms. Avrit,

We are writing in support of our City Planning Commission's *denial* of the Design Review, Use, and associated Coastal Development Permits for "the installation, operation and maintenance of five wireless communication facilities on existing or replacement PG&E utility poles located within the public right-of-way in the Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District."

We are nearby owners and residents of one of the proposed areas of installation (Site 3) and oppose modification of existing or additional cell towers in our quiet, picturesque Carmel-by-the-Sea neighborhood. We have clear and complete cell coverage, so in addition to the lack of need for any "improvements," we oppose new equipment for the unsightly aesthetic it will add, as well as the potential negative health effects of unwanted increased cellular exposure.

Moreover, Carmel-by-the-Sea is unique—folks from all around the world come for the unmatched peace of its surrounds, the beauty of the sea, and quiet of our neighborhoods. Residents and tourists alike do not come to Carmel to be plugged in more, but to escape life's pressures and be reminded of the importance of authentic interpersonal connection. The proposed wireless expansion does nothing to move us toward this goal.

Please, do not bow to the pressure of this appeal. We absolutely do not have a need for more powerful or plentiful wireless communications facilities in our residential neighborhoods.

Sincerely,



John Dearborn, MD



Danielle Dearborn

cc: Marnie Waffle, Senior Planner  
Marc Wiener, AICP - Planning Director

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**Re: Verizon Appeal**

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**eblaett** <eblaett@earthlink.net>  
Reply-To: eblaett <eblaett@earthlink.net>  
To: "Marnie R. Waffle" <mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Sat, Aug 10, 2019 at 4:31 PM

Thanks for the info below. Unfortunately I am not here on September 10 to attend the hearing. But I want to state my reasons for rejecting the extensions of poles and attachments of wires, antennas etc. on these in our neighbourhood:

- if Verizon is allowed to go ahead with the proposal than anybody else can load up these poles (they are ugly enough already). Xfinity has already installments on our poles in residential areas. More to come? Enough is enough.
  - it really disturbs the character of the residential area of Carmel
  - we receive here only 3 G, 5 G is a long way out into the future for the residential district of Carmel
  - I have not heard anybody in our neighbourhood complaining that they can't receive or make outgoing calls or e-mails.
  - put the requested installations either near the highway, commercial shopping centers or downtown Carmel. I am sure you don't want to have them next to the Town Hall, either.
- For the future: What about thinking to put these underground, like you have in the commercial district of Carmel by the Sea and part of Junipero Street? That would be progressive and a useful use of our tax dollars.

Please make my comments available to the council members who will decide on this project and keep me informed about the decision etc.

Elisabeth Blaettermann  
NE Corner of Monter Verde & 10th Street  
mailing address: 225 Crossroads # 418, Carmel, CA 93923

-----Original Message-----  
From: "Marnie R. Waffle"  
Sent: Jul 30, 2019 11:59 AM  
To: Marnie Waffle  
Subject: Verizon Appeal

Good day,

Verizon has requested that their appeal be continued to the **September 10th** City Council meeting.

You are receiving this notification because you have either, requested to be included on the email distribution list regarding the Verizon project or you previously provided public comment on the application. If, at any time, you would like to be removed from the mailing list please let me know and I will remove your email address.

*Best regards,*

**Marnie R. Waffle, AICP**

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Owen Sonik <osonik@pbfc.com>

Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 4:20 PM

To: "mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us" <mwaffle@ci.carmel.ca.us>

Dear Ms. Waffle,

Our family owns the house at Dolores 3SE of 11th in Carmel-By-The-Sea. We bought the house in early 2013 but have been coming to and enjoying Carmel since long before then. What has always attracted us to Carmel is the sanctuary it provides from our hectic lives. Unfortunately we are still only 'part-time' residents.

We do not have cable or internet service at our house, and come as often as we can to take a break from stress and in particular stress related to technology. We wake up with the sun, enjoy a quiet cup of coffee, and take a walk with our Yorkie, Zoe. We have a preferred route that takes us down to the water and along the beach. We enjoy the crisp air, the fog, the sound of the ocean, and the trees. We love the fact that there are no street lights and most folks do what they can to minimize light pollution. The nights are peaceful.

The last thing we want or need are unsightly wireless communications facilities bespoiling the natural beauty we enjoy and love so much. This application is nothing more than a step down the path to eroding what makes Carmel special and unique?

Please communicate our opposition to this unnecessary permit application to the administration and council. We hope you will all do everything in your power to keep Carmel just as it is: the place everyone would want to be.

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend the meeting to express our views in person. If there is anything further we can do to help please let us know.

Thanks,

Stacy & Owen Sonik

Sent from my iPhone