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Dear City Council,

Over the past few weeks I have been canvassing the Cluster 1 neighborhood with a petition, speaking with the people who would be most directly affected by the cell nodes Verizon is proposing to install, namely, those residing very close to a possible tower. I have spoken with the residents at 2490 and 2802 Louis Road, 891 Elbridge Way, 3409 Kenneth Drive, 795 Stone Lane, 836 Colorado, 419 El Verano and 925 Loma Verde. And while I did not speak with the residents of the apartments at 201 Loma Verde, I did speak with some of the occupants of the town homes at 737 Loma Verde and their neighbors. None of these residents want Verizon's cell tower equipment installed on the utility pole near their homes. This tally is significant.

These residents have a number of reasons for not wanting Verizon cell towers near their homes, but generally speaking the reasons fall into four categories: 1) the cell tower is aesthetically unpleasing and does not blend in with the surrounding environment; 2) the back-up batteries and fans are noisy; 3) these installations pose a safety hazard in an earthquake or fire (e.g., adding hundreds of pounds of additional weight on a utility pole); and 4) the cell nodes on our utility poles will negatively impact the future hopes of undergrounding our utilities.

All four of these categories would be resolved if Verizon were to underground its installations. Or, better yet, Verizon should keep these cell nodes out of our residential neighborhoods and use Palo Alto's utility substations, city, commercial and industrial buildings for its equipment.

I have spoken with Verizon customers at 419 El Verano whose cell coverage is fine and don't want the cell node on their utility pole. I spoke to an ex-AT&T customer at 3237 South Court, with terrible coverage, who switched to Verizon and is now very happy.

There is no need for this blight in our neighborhood, especially since Verizon wants to increase capacity - not coverage - for their future 5G plans so customers can watch video entertainment on their cellphones. The City must protect our residential neighborhoods and preserve the visual character of the community. We do not want to live in an ugly antenna farm.

I am attaching to this e-mail a petition signed by Palo Alto residents, many of whom live closest to the sites where Verizon proposes to locate its cell towers. The petition asks you, City Council, to:

Direct Verizon to locate all of its equipment except the antenna underground in flush-to-the-ground vaults with no protruding elements; and

Ensure that Verizon not install any equipment that exceeds the noise levels permitted by Palo Alto's ordinances and policies.

Thank you for your considering our requests,

Francesca Kautz