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**To:** Atkinson, Rebecca
**Subject:** Cell tower at 419 El Verano Ave.
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April 30, 2018

City Council Members

City of Palo Alto

Dear Council Member:

In my opinion this year is a pivotal one of decision making for our city council. The council must decide on two issues which will greatly influence the environment for our citizens for many years. The most critical one being the solution to grade separation for the electrification of Caltrain. Also affecting our environment is the cell tower issue. One of these towers is scheduled to be erected on the utility pole in front of my house. My main objections to the cell tower are: 1) Visual pollution and 2) Noise. I have visited a number of these towers already installed and do not want to imagine gardening in my yard with a constant hum emanating from the utility pole. I understand the cell company's assurances that there will be no noise but frankly I do not believe them. Once approved this assault to our environment will be something that we all will have to live with indefinitely. As you know technology is always changing. Devices have become faster, cheaper and more user friendly every year. If the current technology is too expensive to put under ground or impossible to be completely without noise then perhaps we don't want it. If we demand of the cell company that they build it to our specifications, they will do it and they will learn to do it cost effectively.

I have lived and worked in Palo Alto for over 40 years- - retiring from my dental practice just last year. Palo Alto has been a beautiful community in which to live and raise my family and where I hope to live in retirement. The Caltrain solution whichever one is chosen has a very high risk of negatively changing the nature of our town, but the train must be accommodated somehow. We have a choice regarding the cell towers. I urge the council to require underground installation of equipment and no noise from the towers.

Sincerely,

David L. van der Wilt, DDS

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**From:** Vanderwilt [mailto:vanderwilt@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 10:46 AM
**To:** Council, City
**Cc:** 'Francesca'
**Subject:** Cell tower at 419 El Verano Ave.

Please find attached my response to the proposed cell tower in front of my house. I currently have plans to be out of town on May 21st so may be unable to attend the council meeting but I urge you to consider alternatives to the current proposal.

Thank you,

David L. van der Wilt