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From: Melinda McGee [mailto:melinda_mcgee@hotmail.com]
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To: Council, City; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Cell towers in residential neighborhoods

Dear Members of the City Council, City Clerk and members of the Architectural Review Board,

I am requesting the removal of Verizon's "Cluster 1" project (17PLN-00169) from the Consent Calendar so that I may have an opportunity to voice my opinion of Verizon's plans directly to my elected representatives.

The Director's decision to allow Verizon to install hundreds of pounds of cheap, ugly equipment on poles within a few yards of residents' homes was not correct and unfairly impacts certain Palo Alto residents. There is no good reason why Verizon cannot underground its equipment.

Do any of you live in the neigborhoods that will be impacted? Would you approve this in your neighborhoods?

Verizon should be allowed to install its cell towers *only* on the condition that the company locate all of its equipment, except the antenna, underground in flush-to-the-ground vaults with no protuberances (this is what sophisticated cities are now requiring of the telecom industry).

We need to be heard and not railroaded or ignored in our reasonble request to install the equipment underground. Not doing so will affect the property values and quality of life of the homes that are impacted.

We urge you to hear our appeal and that you overturn the Director's decision. We insist that Verizon honor Palo Alto's aesthetics' and other ordinances by hiding its unsightly equipment underground.

Thank you.

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