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From: Francesca [mailto:dfkautz@pacbell.net]
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: 17PLN-00169

Dear City Council,

The Planning and Community Environment Director made a mistake approving 11 cell (there is nothing small about them) nodes in the Cluster 1 neighborhood on our utility poles. They are aesthetically unpleasing, no matter how hard Verizon tries to cover them up, noisy and impede future under grounding of our utilities. Public safety is a concern in the event of an earthquake or fire and we, Palo Alto taxpayers, are liable, not Verizon, when that happens.

Please deny Verizon's project to install 11 cell nodes in the Cluster 1 neighborhood unless it undergrounds the equipment just like Palo Alto is doing all over the city, without fear of people tripping or having trouble pushing strollers (see photos below). And if it refuses, it must use existing utility substations, city, commercial or industrial buildings for placing their equipment, which does not belong in residential neighborhoods. Verizon is generating billions in profit every quarter and can afford to do this.

There is concern that once a site is erected, Verizon can then increase its size and noise ad nauseam. It is also known that the primary use of Verizon cells is mobile video and their aim is to boost capacity, not coverage. Aren't we getting a Verizon macro tower at 1032 Colorado Avenue and shouldn't that take care of residents in the neighborhood who are worried about their cell coverage? Will Sprint and T-Mobile also want to turn our town into an antenna farm? How will the city assure us residents of the Cluster 1 neighborhood, that we will get underground utilities just like everyone else in Palo Alto?

We must implement zoning ordinance requirements that no new telecommunications facilities can be located in residentially zoned areas. We want underground utilities and Verizon's cell nodes will make that impossible. The city must protect our residential neighborhoods and preserve the visual character of the community. Verizon should invest in innovative solutions for their cell nodes that don't impact residential neighborhoods and Palo Alto should be at the forefront of this new technology.

Please overturn the Director of Planning and Community Environment's decision.

Thank you,

Francesca Kautz

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