From: Atkinson, Rebecca
To: "chezmcg@hotmail.com"
Subject: Verizon Towers
Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 5:19:00 PM

Dear Nancy McGaraghan,

Thank you for your email. I will include your comment in the record.

Additionally, the City received seven (7) appeals for the 17PLN-00169 Vinculums/Verizon Cluster 1. The appeals are scheduled for a public hearing before the City Council on Monday, May 21, 2018. The City normally employs a two-step appeal process, in which the City Council is first asked to uphold the Planning Director's decision on its consent calendar, and a public hearing is only scheduled upon request of the City Council. Given the significant public interest in these applications, staff has elected to forgo the consent calendar process and schedule the appeals for a hearing in which the Council may take public testimony and uphold, overturn, or modify the Director's decisions on the nodes.

The Planning Department remains in the process of accepting and compiling written public comments on an ongoing basis on 17PLN-00169 and associated appeals.

In case it is of interest, City Council Agendas, City Manager Reports, and other materials are available here - https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/cou/council_agendas.asp. The City Council Procedures and Protocols Handbook is available here - https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/34330.

Regards,

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From: Nancy McGaraghan [mailto:chezmcg@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:20 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Verizon Towers

Dear Council Members,

I am concerned about the proposed Verizon towers and ask you to remove Verizon's "Cluster 1" project (17PLN-00169) from the Consent Calendar so that the people of Palo Alto have a chance to voice their objections and recommendations. There is no reason that a city like Palo Alto should be erecting these towers above ground, especially at a time when we are taking great pains—and subjecting our citizens to daily disruptions and inconveniences—to underground our own utilities. Verizon should be held to the same standards. Their towers should be underground with no visible above ground equipment.
Let's not go backwards, in the name of upgrading these services, and live to regret it! The City of Palo Alto has a right to expect better.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy McGaraghan