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To:	Lew, Alex; Osma Thompson (osma.thompson@gmail.com); Baltay, Peter; Gooyer, Robert; Furth, Wynne
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Subject:	FW: Remove Verizon"s Cluster 1 project (17PLN-00169) from consent calendar.
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From: John D Melnychuk [mailto:jmelnychuk@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Council, City; Architectural Review Board
Cc: Clerk, City
Subject: Remove Verizon's Cluster 1 project (17PLN-00169) from consent calendar.

Dear Mayor Kniss, Council Members, and members of the Architectural Review Board,

Please, I respectfully ask that Council remove Verizon's "Cluster 1" project (17PLN-00169) from the Consent Calendar so that Palo Alto residents may have an opportunity to voice their opinions of Verizon's plans directly to you.

Verizon and other for profit telecom companies wish to install their ugly, noisy, industrial profit making equipment at the cheapest possible cost. Most of the equipment can be installed underground - the technology is already available. I object to our City not demanding best performance from Verizon and it's competitors. We will live with undergroud equipment forever or live with above ground installation of noisy, visually ugly equipment forever.

Please don't give into industry demands only because City Management would prefer to cave in.

1. I believe 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..
2. Verizon's claims that it cannot underground its equipment are not credible (Palo Alto will be undergrounding its utilities throughout the Cluster 1 neighborhoods, so surely Verizon can underground its equipment there as well.
3. I ask that Council to grant approval to Verizon 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).

With respect and thanks to you for your public service,

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