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Subject:	FW: Cell Phone Tower Special Meeting
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From: Kelly Germa [mailto:kelly.germa@gmail.com]
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To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Cell Phone Tower Special Meeting

Hi Council members,

We elected you to protect our interests. We do not want unsightly and noisy cell phone equipment in Palo Alto. We have long-standing ordinances against this. Verizon has the money to underground it and they should. If you have ever driven around Scottsdale, AZ, there are no wires and it is refreshingly starkly beautiful there. You can walk and drive happily through the town and appreciate the flowers, trees, and sky.

You need to promote the same well-being in Palo Alto. There is no reason for you to allow these cell phone towers in our beautiful town. Verizon is being stopped in NY and other places and you too should stop their aggressive tactics for their own profit at the expense of your constituents.

Be reasonable and fair to the people who elected you! You can allow the equipment, but just require it be underground and not violate the current noise, aesthetics, and other ordinances. All but the antenna can be put underground and Verizon has the money to pay for it.

We have owned our house in Midtown on David Avenue for almost 20 years. We bought it specifically because we think it is the quietest place in Palo Alto, just far enough from Oregon Expressway and Middlefield to not hear the traffic noise. Now you are contemplating allowing ugly pole equipment to be very very close to our house making noise all the time! This will drop the value of our house by millions to us and may even force us to move.

Please do not be pushed around by cell phone companies who do not care about quiet enjoyment for residents. Our lives are so busy and noisy and stressed that we need our Council to just please protect the peace. You do not have to say yes to this and shouldn't. Thank you very much.

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