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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: please overturn Verizon decision
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From: Tina Chow [mailto:chow_tina@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 20, 2018 5:05 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board
Subject: please overturn Verizon decision

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to ask you to overturn the decision to allow Verizon to install small cell towers in Palo Alto neighborhoods. As a resident, I see no added benefit of these towers. Cell coverage is already great and people mostly use wifi (not 4G) in their homes. In addition these towers create problems with *aesthetics* and *noise*, not to mention *decreasing property values* for the homes located near these new antennas (due to public awareness of health effects from cell tower electromagnetic fields). Verizon is claiming that they are unable to put their equipment underground - but this is doable, they just don't want to spend the money! Verizon's claims that these additional small towers are necessary are also hard to believe, and the rent they would pay to the city is unreasonably tiny (why?).

These proposed towers will have a big negative impact on the quality of life in Palo Alto. I urge you to over turn the decision and to not allow Verizon to proceed with its plans. In addition, I urge the City Council to put in place strong city ordinances to prevent this and similar future proposals from being allowed without long-term planning and safety studies. Other cities have achieved this and we can too.

Sincerely,
Tina Chow