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Hello,

I am writing you from the Carlsbad Community Association of Mariners Point. They are located directly above Poinsettia Park off of Camino de los Ondas. Please review the attached letter from the community in regards to the proposed installation of the cell tower.

Feel free to contact me for any questions or responses to the Mariners Point Community or Board of Directors.

Thank you,

Kyle Merritt

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December 1, 2023

Scott Chadwick
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Dear Mr. Chadwick,

The Board of Directors (Board) of Mariners Point Homeowners Association OPPOSE the City Planning Department's plan to recommend the approval of CUP 2022-0023. This wireless communication facility (WCF), as proposed, would be within 210 feet of residential homes adjacent to the Poinsettia Park. We believe that the City Planning Department's interpretation of City of Carlsbad Council Policy No 64 is INCORRECT.

On page 6 in section A titled "Location Guidelines for Placement of WCFs", it clearly states that Parks and Residential Zones are **low** on the Preferred Locations list. Alternately, Open Space/Parks and Residential Zones are **high** on the Discouraged Locations list. The combination of these two lists says 'Don't Locate Here.' Thus, the Mariners Point Board does not believe it is appropriate for the City Planning Department to permit the installation of the WCF at Poinsettia Park and near residential homes.

The placement of this unsightly WCF will add a scar to one of the most beautiful parks in Carlsbad. Nearby residents and other users of the park also have significant concerns over the safety of exposure to the radiation emitted by the WCF. This is a family park where infants, children, adults and elders gather. Would you want your children and other loved ones to be exposed to this radiation?

We strongly recommend that you direct the City Planning Department to work with the WCF applicant to thoroughly explore alternative sites that are consistent with the intent and spirit of City of Carlsbad Council Policy No 64.

The Mariners Point Homeowners Association requests to be informed of the plan of action to address the issue raised in this letter. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Let's work together for a positive resolution!

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Mariners Point Community Association

From: AM Lafferty [REDACTED]
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From: Dave George <davidlarkinggeorge@gmail.com>
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Hello planning commissioners:

The more I learn about what is happening with the proposed cell tower the more incredulous I become. It has become quite obvious from the feedback the city has provided so far that they plan on taking the position that there is nothing they can do. THIS IS NOT TRUE!!

A simple solution would be for the Planning Commission to send the application back for more analysis. The AT&T Alternative Analysis report was a joke. The intro and conclusion are longer than the actual findings! This decision is too important to the citizens of Carlsbad to just rubber stamp it. I sincerely hope the planning commission steps up and does the right thing.

Respectfully,

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From: Aileen Heimlich <treasuresfound1995@yahoo.com>

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Subject: CUP 2022-0023 Wireless Cell Facilities at Poinsettia PARK

Greetings,

AS Carlsbad Policy 64 clearly states "the purpose is to guide the public, applicants, boards and commissions, and staff in reviewing the placement, construction and modification of WCFs." The time has come for the Planning Commission to redirect the applicant back to searching for sites in the top priority suggested locations. The goal of Policy 64 is, among others, to locate WCFs AWAY from residential and other sensitive areas", including open spaces, and to "operate consistent with Carlsbad's quality of life." How can an industrial facility, in a community park and too close to homes, meet the previously stated goals as well as "protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public"?

The proposed wireless cell facility will be a major eyesore as it is visible not only to neighboring communities but to those who frequent the park, viewing it from almost any direction.

If 40 feet distance from these facilities is deemed "safe", yet it is adjacent to a ball field and sidewalk, how can this be maintained? Close the field and sidewalk? Are we to understand that Verizon's submittal has met all required federal, state and City requirements and regulations?

The Alternative Sites Analysis appears to be severely lacking: in data supplied as well as locations suggested. Is AT&T looking to install other WCFs along coastal Carlsbad with some of these locations falling under another CUP? What documentation has Verizon provided that property owners of stated locations have rejected the proposal?

As Verizon is also seeking WCFs at Poinsettia Park, would this site be used for collocation?

I sincerely hope that the ease with which AT&T would be able to install their facilities at Poinsettia Park and the projected income from such a facility for the City of Carlsbad do not weigh on any official's mind when it comes to voting on this proposal. It is unfortunate that Policy 64 is not well designed and apparently implemented (Calavera Hills Park), but let's not forget the goal of consistency with the residents of Carlsbad's quality of life.

Thank you,

Aileen Heimlich