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From: Bryan Phillips <bryan.g.phillips@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 5, 2023 3:11 PM

To: Scott Chadwick <Scott.Chadwick@carlsbadca.gov>

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Subject: WCT at Poinsettia Park

Dear Scott and Team,

I love Carlsbad. My wife, Lorie, and I raised kids on Beacon Bay Drive, adjacent to Poinsettia Park, since 1997. It is still where we live, today.

Please do the community a big favor by making ATT place the tower some place other than in the park/near adjacent neighborhoods.

The prioritization of preferred tower locations seems to have been totally ignored in this case. Also, the first notification to the park's surrounding neighborhoods of proposal to install the tower, approx 2-3 years ago, was done showing the cell tower's proposed location on a 30-year-old Thomas guide map, omitting the park and Pacific Rim elementary school from the graphic.

Please help our community and those who enjoy the park by stopping this effort.

Sincerely,

Bryan Phillips

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From: **Valerie** <[valeriesemail@proton.me](mailto:valeriesemail@proton.me)>

Date: Tue, Dec 5, 2023 at 5:52 PM

Subject: Poinsettia Park Proposed Cell Tower Site

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Dear Members of Carlsbad Planning Commission, Mayor Blackburn and Carlsbad City Council Members, and City Manager Chadwick,

I am writing to you to express my deep concerned about the City's consideration of placing a 5G tower in our Poinsettia Park. I've very recently opened my eyes to the issue and plan on attending and speaking at Wednesday's Planning Commission meeting at City Hall.

In doing research on 5G towers, I've learned about a decision *just last month, Nov. 8, 2023*, in Connecticut's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city, Stamford. The City of Stamford's Board of Representatives voted to *reject* 5G telecommunications infrastructure on city-owned utility poles, *citing environmental health concerns*. Ironically, the Stamford Advocate's article also said "*board members were informed they had little authority to limit 5G rollout.*"

Here is a very long, but information-rich and extremely worthwhile video of a presentation Oct. 18, 2023, to the Stamford Board of Representatives Land Use Committee by scientific, policy and legal *experts* representative on the health, safety and legal issues of 5G, cell towers and wireless networks:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sB4Cy43Cq2k>

Here's the Stamford Advocate's news article: <https://www.stamfordadvocate.com/local/article/stamford-5g-at-t-verizon-agreement-18477750.php>

Furthermore, New Hampshire previously conducted a study and produced a report that you also should be aware of. Along with other recommendations, the state of New Hampshire proposed through HB1644 (which I believe is recommended for future legislation) that no telecommunication antennas be placed at least 1,640 feet (500 meters) from residential-zoned areas, parks, playgrounds, hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers, and schools—vs. the General Public Precautionary Level of 400 or more meters. Here is a summary of that report:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ed0007ce169954eea17b10b/t/60e5e741119b30614dc5a642/1625679682156/Meeting+with+Pittsfield%2C+MA+-+Chamberlin.pdf>

I was curious to see who was impacted at those distances. Here's a map showing the affected homes within a 400-meter radius of the proposed tower (all of Poinsettia Cove neighborhood, half of the buildings and all the playground of Pacific Rim Elementary, and all of Kindercare, which is adjacent to the park's entrance:

Below is a map showing homes within a 500-meter radius, which as you can see, includes a lot more residential homes that would be in a range considered "unsafe" by New Hampshire's recommended guidelines:

In closing, thank you for your earnest consideration of this pivotal and monumental decision put before us. I encourage you to do your own extensive research, and hopefully, soon watch the presentation referenced above. I and many others hope that our city will stand with other cities who say, "not so fast" to technology that even The World Health Organization today admits, "...so far, only a few studies have been carried out at the frequencies to be used by 5G" ...at least in or near our schools and parks.

***"When human activities may lead to morally unacceptable harm that is scientifically plausible but uncertain, actions shall be taken to avoid or diminish that harm."*** --The Precautionary Principle

Respectfully,  
Valerie Fisher  
Carlsbad resident since 1997

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**From:** Valerie Rubin <[vprubin@gmail.com](mailto:vprubin@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 7:23 PM

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**Subject:** AT and T tower At Poinsettia Park

Dear City leaders,

Please do not allow the installation of the AT and T cell tower at Poinsettia Park as proposed. The location is just a few hundred feet away from homes on my street (Beacon Bay) and it is also in a highly used city park.

1). The Poinsettia Park location goes against city policy to place these structures away from residential areas and parks. There must be more suitable alternative locations and we must ask the telecom companies to do a more extensive search.

2). There are legal precedents that limit the locations where these structures can be located. Many other California cities (including quite a few in the tech hub of Silicon Valley) have set up guidelines disallowing these structures near parks, residents, and schools. The Firefighters Union has also lobbied the state to pass a law (AB57) banning the towers from being located on firehouses.

3). Safety concerns exist. The firefighters have at least one study demonstrating negative neurological effects in firefighters working in facilities with telecom towers. This is for adults who work an average of 40 hours a week, often leaving the station to go out on calls. Some of our city residents live only 200 feet away from the proposed tower! The exposure to a resident is likely to be much longer than for a workplace exposure. Additionally, cell tower radiation may pose extra risk to children, as the developing body and brain are typically at more risk from environmental hazards. Poinsettia Park is frequently used by children in quite high density. Have you see the park on a night when Friday Night Lights games are happening? There are hundreds if not thousands of children and their families enjoying Poinsettia Park on those evenings.

4.). Property value concerns - when my husband and I purchased our home two decades ago, there was no indication that a cell tower would be located so close. This large structure will likely be an eyesore and clearly reduces the value of our property.

Valerie Rubin, MD

On Dec 1, 2023, at 3:57 PM, Nora George <[norageorge7@gmail.com](mailto:norageorge7@gmail.com)> wrote:

LMK if you would like someone to read your letter at the meeting.

On Dec 1, 2023, at 2:59 PM, Valerie Rubin <[vprubin@gmail.com](mailto:vprubin@gmail.com)> wrote:

Nora - how many feet away from residential property is the proposed location? I believe it is very close

Valerie Rubin

On Dec 1, 2023, at 12:52 PM, Nora George <[norageorge7@gmail.com](mailto:norageorge7@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Neighbors,

It's time to RESEND your emails to city leaders to express your concerns over the proposed industrial wireless communications towers being proposed at Poinsettia Park. The Planning Commission will be deciding this matter by approving or denying AT&T's permit application, with Verizon to follow (and then others), at the Dec. 6th Planning Commission Meeting. Address your emails to the City Manager or to our rep, Priya, BUT COPY everyone below. Please demand that alternative sites to be explored, NOT in our parks or near homes.

Feel free to contact me with questions...I'll be out of town on Sunday. **PLEASE FORWARD TO OTHER NEIGHBORS.**

Some points:

- 1) installation at the park is **inconsistent** with City Council Policy 64 (which lists parks and residential areas as the least preferred sites),
- 2) AT&T's alternative analysis was sparse/incomplete and AT&T needs to continue looking for alternative sites,
- 3) it interferes with the City's quality of life in our **community** for which residents **consistently** rank parks & open space as their top priority in past surveys
- 4) potential home devaluation of up to 15%.

Any other personal argument is welcome.

PLEASE consider speaking at the December 6th meeting 5 p.m. — contact me.

**Planning Commissioners:**

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Link to the electronic petition:

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/no-more-cell-towers-in-carlsbad-parks>

Kind regards,

Nora George  
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From: **Robert Hampton** <[rjhampton07@gmail.com](mailto:rjhampton07@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Dec 6, 2023 at 12:47 PM

Subject: Cell towers safety and setbacks

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City Council and Planning Department,

I have lived at 1026 Beacon Bay for the last 26 years. It is hard to believe we are here today to implore our planning commissioners to stop ATT's aggressive placement of an RF tower inside a city park. I say aggressive placement because this tower would only be 180 feet from my neighbor's property line. Most of the research I've come up with states that the setbacks for these towers should be at least 2.5 times the height, measured from the base to the top of the tower. That means the setback requirement for this tower would need be 195 ft. Meaning it would encroach into my neighbors property by 15 ft. Setbacks should also be 1.5 times the height from any private or public road and this tower is less then 30 feet from the road /parking lot of the ball field or 87 ft out of compliance and into the setback. I have included a photo showing a lightning strike two year ago at the location of this tower. This shows the importance of these setbacks and why we shouldn't add more hardware to this light pole.

Research shows that 94% of buyers are less likely to purchase a home near a cell tower and that property values can drop between 5-15% depending on the proximity to the tower. This is millions of dollars of lost equity to the residents that live within 1000 ft. of these towers.

The reason people don't want to live near these structures is their concern over adverse health effects from RF waves. The Fire Fighter's union of California successfully passed AB57 stopping the placement of these towers on their department facilities due to the health risks from RF waves. How can a bill be passed protecting some citizens from this health risk, and then others are not allowed be protected? Our neighborhoods don't have the funds the California Fire Fighters Union has, but we would be exposed to the same risks. Honestly, we are at more risk, as these are our homes and we would be exposed 24/7. This includes our children and the elderly that live in this community who are more susceptible to these RF waves then our young healthy firefighters.

I personally walked the park gathering signatures for the petition to keep cell towers out of parks. Almost everyone is concerned about the safety of our children, followed by "How can the city allow these towers to be placed in our beautiful park? Isn't there someplace safer than a park?" our bird watching community was very upset to find out that this tower is going to be placed right across the parking lot from a nesting osprey. I had to explain that even though the city has Policy 64, that in 2 different places, states proximity to homes, parks and schools are lowest on the list for consideration when placing these towers. Yet ATT seems to have paid little attention to the intent of the policy and is pushing for the site that is the most cost effective to them with, complete disregard to the health and safety our community.

Our city has plenty of industrial sites, water tanks, Caltrans parking lots, the city golf courses and water treatment facilities where these towers can be placed. As a city we are not saying no to cell towers just that there are better locations than our parks.

Thank you

Robert Hampton

