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Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 2:32 PM
To: Miyuki Yokoyama; Ann Ritzma
Subject: Fwd: IV. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RECONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 19-01 ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENTS
Attachments: ToH Council-July 27th, 2020-undergrounding.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Please confirm receipt, thank you!

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: RE: IV. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RECONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 19-01 ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENTS

The attached statement is intended as a public comment and is in reference to:
IV. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RECONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 19-01 ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENTS at the 7/27/2020 City Council Meeting.

Please allow me to read the statement and please enter the statement into the public record.

Thank you for your service.

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Orna Resnekov: July 27th, 2020, City Council comments – undergrounding (Town of Hillsborough)

RE: IV. OLD BUSINESS: 1. RECONSIDER RESOLUTION AMENDING CITY COUNCIL POLICY NO. 19-01 ESTABLISHING LOCATION AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE DEPLOYMENTS

I am in favor of better cell service in Hillsborough however Hillsborough's aesthetics need to be preserved and property values should not be negatively affected.

I strongly but respectfully recommend that you not adopt the resolution that is before you tonight because:

- The existing design standards were approved by Council in January 2019 - they incorporate significant input from town residents and protect both the aesthetics of the town and property values.
- A community meeting to consider the changes before you tonight **has not been held** (and was suggested by the City Council).

The design standards referred to in the revised resolution do not reflect the priorities of Hillsborough citizens which are¹:

- 1) Maximize undergrounding,
- 2) Not near homes or schools,
- 3) Co-localization or co-utilization of equipment by separate carriers, and
- 4) Continue to engage the community.

SUBJECT: Undergrounding:

- Towers can be a significant fire hazard due to wind, over-loading of equipment and lack of maintenance (this was clearly documented in the 2007 Malibu fire). Undergrounding of everything except antennas will significantly mitigate fire hazards.
- There should be no exceptions to allow towers in “undergrounded areas” of Hillsborough, and all areas of Hillsborough should be treated equally.
- Towers are actually *not necessary* to achieve better cell service in Hillsborough, underground vaults that are flush to grade (including vent stacks) were installed in both Rancho Palos Verdes and Montecito. **Therefore, there is no compelling engineering or technical rationale to alter the Town's design standards to allow for more towers.**
- Crown Castle is likely requesting leeway in the Town's design standards because their options are cheaper and more convenient to install, access and maintain. Hillsborough has no obligation to sacrifice the Town's aesthetics in order to save Crown Castle and other carriers money.

I strongly but respectfully recommend that you NOT adopt the resolution that is before you tonight. Please also consider: 1) pledging to underground all utilities every time a Hillsborough road is resurfaced and, 2) requiring each carrier to certify that as a condition of any approved application, *service* will be provided exactly as specified in the application. Note that Crown Castle is not providing any service, they provide infrastructure.

¹ Captured in a Hillsborough Staff Report dated 1/14/19 - this report followed several community meetings on the issue of the 16 Crown Castle cell tower applications.