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Hi, Miyuki!

As a member of the CCAC, I try to Zoom into the council meetings when I can. Unfortunately, I missed the July 27th meeting at which I understand some issues arose regarding Crown Castle stock and potential conflicts of interest. I have a question about the meeting on Friday — I see that it is closed session — is there a public portion (I see the Zoom link). If so, when does that start?

In any case, I'd like to officially comment in writing, for whatever the appropriate file/time/meeting as you determine for the record:

The Hillsborough Citizens Alliance does not speak for all of the Town's citizens, despite its claims to the contrary in its August 6th letter ("HCA joins with Hillsborough's citizens to express its grave concerns"). While I am not a conflicts of interest expert, nor a personal acquaintance of Councilmember Benton, as ten year resident of this Town who has seen Mr. Benton in several professional settings, I am appalled by the HCA's accusations against and disrespect shown toward Councilmember Benton. He is a long-term devoted public servant with care of the community as his only concern. One need only attend a Council meeting and hear him speak to understand his integrity and professionalism. If there is indeed a potential conflict of interest, it will be handled from now forward, I am confident.

If the HCA has problems with the Town's cell coverage decisions, this new tactic is not productive toward a reasonable solution that balances neighbors needing cell coverage with their aesthetic concerns. The HCA members should continue to work with the Town in the already-established citizens' committee and not attempt to damage the reputation of a fellow citizen who has spent so many years selflessly giving of his time and compassion to this Town.

Thank you! — Leslie Ragsdale (330 Glendale Road)