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To: [Wireless Comments](#); [Al Royse](#); [Christine Krolik](#); [Larry May](#); [Marie Chuang](#); [Sophie Cole](#); [Ann Ritzma](#); [Paul Willis](#); [Lisa Natusch](#); [Christopher Diaz](#); [Sarah Fleming](#)
Subject: Opposed to 8 Monopoles in Hillsborough
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 7:59:18 PM

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To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Opposed to 8 Monopoles in Hillsborough
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:27:46 PM

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To: [Wireless Comments](#)
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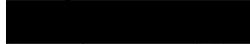
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Toni Bones](#)
To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Please do not approve Castle proposal
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:02:08 PM

There are other alternatives that should be considered. Please take more time to listen to the HCA.

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Warm Regards,

Toni Bones
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From: [Oscar Yee](#)
To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Feedback on Crown Castle WCF applications in Hillsborough
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 11:41:31 PM

My wife and I have been residents in the Town of Hillsborough for 23 years. We recently received notification from the Town regarding plans to erect wireless facilities, H19m3 on 1335 Haynes Road - which is very near our property.

We are completely against this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The City Council and Planning Department need to represent the interests of the residents in our community with respect to the wireless facilities applications. There was a town meeting on these WCFs a while ago, but we see no plan changes that addresses the residents' concerns expressed from that meeting. These applications from Crown Castle are for the same locations proposed a number of years ago. Why wasn't the time during 2016-2020 better spent updating the design requirements such as adding a larger setback and working with Crown Castle for alternate locations of these cellular facilities?
2. We noticed that the WCF is close to our neighbor's residence. There is an insufficient setback (50Ft) from the house with this installation. Property values around the WCF sites will be affected significantly. There are better options to place some of the WCFs. There are numerous power transmission towers that run parallel to the I280 highway. Why not utilize these towers for some of the WCFs? Also, there are many open spaces in the town that can serve as WCF sites.
3. Are you assuming that Crown Castle plans are thorough and 100% accurate? What are the findings from your wireless expert on the engineering assessment of the coverage improvements and location alternatives. For instance, we noticed that two WCFs(H19m3 and H28m3) on Hayne Road are 0.5 mile apart. What engineering calculations were made to place two WCFs within short proximity? Moreover, Hillsborough has hilly terrain and much of the cellular signal transmission will likely be attenuated by placing the WCFs along the hillside. Let's not rush to approve these plans without better options and design requirements that the residents support. It should be done with caution and much community input - especially from residents who are directly impacted by the WCFs. We want to have better cell coverage in the area, but let's do it right to preserve the beauty of this town.

Sincerely,

Oscar and Jennifer Lum-Yee



From: [STEVEN DUGONI](#)
To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Re: 660 El Cerrito Avenue proposed wireless communications facility
Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 6:27:13 AM

Hello,

I also want to add the following to my comments I submitted earlier this month. Placement of the pole at 660 El Cerrito Avenue would violate at least six of the municipal code can you pass on January 14, 2019.

C3:

1. The pole height shall not exceed 32 feet in overall height above ground level adjacent to the base of the pole.
2. The pole diameter shall not exceed 18 inches .
3. and any base enclosure shall not exceed 24 inches

E6:

4. Shall not be permitted with any individual antenna that exceeds three cubic feet in volume or any antennas that cumulatively exceed six cubic feet in volume. The volume calculation shall include the antenna, any radios physically integrated with the antenna, any mounting hardware and any shroud or radome .

E10:

5. Shall not permanently displace any landscaping or cause any street trees to be trimmed, damaged or displaced.

E16:

6. Shall not be placed within any sight distance triangles at any intersections.

I stand **vehemently opposed** to placing this cell phone tower within 60 feet in my home. A new location could be found and we must strive to have 200 feet setback from HILLSBOROUGH residence homes.

Sincerely,

Steven Dugoni


On May 7, 2021, at 10:35 AM, STEVEN DUGONI 
wrote:

Hello,

I am in favor of wireless communication improvement within our community but

stand opposed to a steel pole site within 60 feet of my home. The steel pole could be located on the south side of the creek and it would be over 150 feet from any homes. This pole location south of the creek would only be about 30 feet from the proposed pole location.

Having a steel pole 35 feet tall and this close to my home will reduce my property value. Estimates for reduced property value are approximately 20%.

I urge that the proposed site for placing a pole be moved to the south side of the creek or further north or south on El Cerrito Avenue away from my home.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Steven Dugoni

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.