

From: [Lennie Gotcher](#)
To: [Lisa Natusch](#)
Subject: Wireless Applications
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 5:00:28 PM
Attachments: [Letter](#)

Dear Lisa,
Please forward the attached letter re the current wireless applications to the Town Council.
Thank you very much,
Lennie Gotcher

June 1, 2021

Hillsborough City Council
Hillsborough Town Hall
1600 Floribunda
Hillsborough, CA 94010

Mayor Royse, Vice-Mayor Krolik, Councilmembers May, Cole and Chuang:

I am writing to request the Crown Castle applications for exceptions to the Town's design standards for new cell tower installations throughout Hillsborough be denied.

I have attended the last couple of Town Council meetings on this subject and what I've heard are residents concerned about their cell phone coverage. I did not hear any resident worried about their internet streaming speed.

Hillsborough is a tree filled, hilly, residential community. The number of towers required to bring excellent coverage to our town would drastically change the look and feel of our community – we already have less than excellent coverage, if we can't make it significantly better without adding numerous new towers, let's leave it as is and wait for the upcoming satellite technology.

Following the 9th Circuit Court decision, the Town has been granted expanded aesthetic control. Please slow down this approval process, retain the authority over aesthetics and update our design standards ordinance before authorizing any new cell towers. Please also add provisions requiring cell carriers to continually update coverage with the most modern technology (so when a better solution arrives, we are not stuck with towers and outdated technology) and responsibility for timely cell tower removal.

Thanks to forward thinking administrations, 40% of Hillsborough has underground utilities. Cell towers in those areas will have a huge impact on street views and house values. What a waste of money and reversal of a benefit for those neighborhoods.

It should be Crown Castle's responsibility to prove there are no acceptable alternate designs which meet our design standards. There has been no proof that cell towers which conform to our standards cause an effective prohibition of service. Did Crown Castle provide analysis of alternate sites/towers which conform to our standards? What kind of difference is there in the resulting coverage? We should insist upon transparency in their decision-making process.

Our design standards provide for exceptions. Crown Castle is asking our Town to approve exceptions which will become the new standard for all carriers going forward. At last Thursday's council meeting, Crown Castle offered to meet the 32' standard. Their design is a moving target and their offer supports the view that they have provided the Town with a

cookie-cutter design that minimizes their costs. Crown Castle's offer is proof by itself that this is not a thoughtful and necessary design. I urge you to proceed with great caution.

Residents should be made aware that local realtors have gone on record indicating that, in their opinion, house prices will fall near the towers.

It is time to be proactive – hire consultants and create a plan for our neighborhoods which can be used as a template for evaluating future cell tower requests.

Thank you.
Best regards,

Lennie Gotcher



From: [Lisa Oliver](#)
To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Please vote NO
Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 9:58:59 PM

Dear Council Members,

Please vote NO on Crown Castle's 13 tower application.

Yes, our town needs better wireless coverage. However, Crown Castle's current proposal needs to be rejected. To name a few reasons, there is no co-location, no emergency service and backup power, the proposed towers violate up to seven design standards, and some towers are 23 feet from homes.

There needs to be open discussion that includes residents and outside technical advisors. Hillsborough residents deserve a plan that will service Hillsborough without impacting any residents in a negative way.

There needs to be a plan with a solid foundation and clear details. If not, our town, its residents, and future generations will suffer. Do not leave Hillsborough open to other carriers taking advantage of the groundwork laid by Crown Castle. Please develop a new cell phone tower strategy for Hillsborough that gives us access to all three carriers, backup power, is at least 150 feet from homes.

Thank you,
Lisa Oliver & Erik Vee



From: [Vesna Swartz](#)
To: [Wireless Comments](#)
Subject: Wireless Towers
Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021 1:51:56 AM

Plases deny the Castle and Cook application in its current structure.

Hillsborough deserves a plan that: 1. Provides access to all three carriers 2. Will function in an emergency 3. Will not leave us open to AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile installing more 35 foot towers as close as 23 feet from homes 4. Will serve Hillsborough for the next 20 years 5. Will not deliver surprise design changes soon after installation

Vesna Swartz



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Sent from my iPad

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