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**Subject:** PLEASE READ - Public comment for 7/27/21 meeting opposition to H27 cell tower  
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Mayor & Town Council,

My family and I live at [REDACTED]. I am writing in opposition to the H27 and H27M6 proposed tower locations. These towers will be much too close to homes.

Our site is so close to the SFPUC open space that it can be seen from the water tanks. It would be a tragedy not to explore alternatives that would leverage this open space. One option is putting cellular equipment on the existing PG&E towers. This is common practice in our area and PG&E is aggressively trying to lease space on their towers to offset the losses from the wildfires. Alternatively, please partner with Crown Castle and help facilitate a macro tower site at the rest stop on 280. Both are alternatives that will help improve cell coverage for a wider area of Hillsborough and keep the towers away from homes. It's a win-win for our community and Crown Castle.

Our neighborhood is considered by most of Hillsborough to be the "low-end" side of town. When the subdivision was established, the town reduced the parcel size requirements. The town and developers were left with a tiny lot that were too small to build a house on. They decided to place the municipal water tanks and equipment on them. The result was the creation of an industrial site on a postage size lot right in the middle of our neighborhood.

The water tank lot is bordered by an unsightly chain link style fence. The Town prohibits homeowners from installing this type of fence since it is a visual eyesore and does not comply with the town's standards. Because the site was overburdened with tanks there was little room for screening. As a result, in the 1950's the homes on the neighboring parcels took it upon themselves to try to screen the industrial complex from view.

Since the inception of the water tank site the town has done little to enhance screening. The trees on the adjacent parcels have either been cut down or are reaching maturity and will need to be taken down soon. The tanks and industrial towers are now exposed both on Black Mountain and on Marlborough Road. Burdening the sight neighborhood with more infrastructure will just make a bad problem worse.

Any equipment installed on the water tank site will be as visible to the community as it would be if it was installed in the right of way. Please apply the same aesthetic standards for towers built on this site. The wood pole design and lattice structure should be rejected as both will require exposed wiring and pole mounted equipment. **Please use a Monopole, with integrated equipment base, concealed wiring and shrouded antenna. Any use of the site should include a plan to improve screening of the entire site from all sides and the removal of any unused legacy towers.**

The town has already conceded to approve 12 of the 13 towers. Please hold your ground and deny H27 and partner with Crown Castle to help them secure an alternative site in the SFPUC open space or the 280 Rest Stop easement. This will give them broader coverage of our town and allow them to acquire both more customers and collocate more providers. Do not fear the Crown Castle legal threat. They have no case to make against your denial of this one site especially if you partner with them to secure a nearby location.

Thank you,  
John Lavrich