
From: Kelly Chang <>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: PLEASE REJECT VERIZON'S APPEAL on the 18th!! Protect our neighborhoods!

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

I was very pleased when, in October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denied approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found—as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” **He is right! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.**

It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal.

It’s time for Verizon to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Kelly and Colby Ranger

From: Arthur Keller <>
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 1:22 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: San Antonio and Charleston intersection improvements

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Dear Commission,

I support Preliminary Concept Plan D for the San Antonio and Charleston intersection. Having both right turn lanes on San Antonio be required to turn right onto Charleston would be an improvement over the current state where some cars in the second right turn lane go into the service road and block right-turn-on-red drivers.

Because San Antonio is a divided road, it is legal for cars to turn right on red once pedestrians have passed the median to the other side. Please do not unnecessarily limit the ability for cars to turn right on red. A sign requiring cars to yield to pedestrians would help pedestrians walking in any direction.

However, concurrent with this change, or even before implementing this change, the left turn pocket from eastbound Charleston approaching San Antonio Road towards 101 should be lengthened. This pocket is unnecessarily short and the extra lane at the Fabian/Charleston intersection does not need to be that long.

I also request prioritizing the intersection improvements to the Fabian/Charleston intersection from the Charleston-Arastradero Plan. This improvement (as well as the lengthening of the left turn pocket above) has broad support within my neighborhood. Ideally this improvement would happen concurrently with the San Antonio/Charleston improvements. Also the traffic signal at Charleston/Fabian should be tied into and coordinated with the traffic signal at San Antonio/Charleston.

Sincerely,
Arthur Keller
on behalf of the Adobe Meadows Neighborhood Association



From: Gayle Brugler <>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Fw: City says "no" to Downtown North cell towers

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

In October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait did the right thing in denying approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found—as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” He is right! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.

Since Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision, I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal. It’s time for Verizon to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Gayle Brugler

From: Jeanne Fleming <jffleming@metricus.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 9:18 AM
To: French, Amy
Cc: Council, City; Clerk, City; Shikada, Ed; Lait, Jonathan; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; UAC; board@pausd.org
Subject: November 12, 2019 Request for Wireless Update

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Dear Ms. French,

First, thank you for sending me Planning Director Lait's decision to deny approval to Verizon's application to install six cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Second, you have told me that the cluster of Verizon cell towers in the University South neighborhood—which Planning Director Lait approved in January of this year—was put on hold until November 18, 2019. That date is fast approaching. I would appreciate it if you would tell me where things stand on this application.

Finally, I would appreciate it if you would tell me what else, if anything, has occurred with respect to small cell node wireless installations in Palo Alto since you last answered that question on September 30th, 2019. As always, please consider this a formal request.

To be clear, I am asking specifically for information about cell tower application submissions, resubmissions, reviews, approvals, appeals, hearings, permits, installations, compliance reports, tolling agreements, shot clock extensions and the like.

Thank you for your help. And, of course, please let me know if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming
For United Neighbors

Jeanne Fleming, PhD

From: Ashley Chambers <>
Sent: Monday, November 11, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Planning Commission; Council, City; Castilleja Expansion
Subject: Please Support Castilleja

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Dear Mayor Filseth and members of City Council,

My name is Ashley Chambers and I live in Menlo Park, CA. I am writing to express my support for Castilleja School's new Master Plan and Conditional Use Permit application.

I am very happy that the DEIR found Castilleja's proposal to be 100% compliant with Palo Alto's Comprehensive Plan. The school and the City predate all of us and have a rich history together. Through this proposal, we hope to create the best possible future for the school, the neighborhood, and the City.

The DEIR supports Castilleja's project in many important and exciting ways, including a new campus design that is more compatible with the surrounding residential neighborhood; LEED Platinum Environmental measures that surpass Palo Alto's sustainability goals; a Traffic Demand Management Program that could allow for increased enrollment without increasing daily trips to campus; and an underground garage that is preferred over surface parking.

Castilleja was founded 112 years ago to equalize educational opportunities for women. I support Castilleja because since settling in the Bay Area we have admired Castilleja and its strong reputation as the top school for girls. The idea that anything is possible is important for women. It is now time for Castilleja to have an updated campus that matches all it has to offer. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL!.

I hope you will support Castilleja as it seeks to modernize its campus and gradually increase high school enrollment while minimizing its impact on the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ashley

From: Celia Boyle <>
Sent: Saturday, November 9, 2019 7:17 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: No to Verizon appeal

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

Regarding City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denying approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait's decision. I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal.

It's time for Verizon to start choosing cell tower locations that meet our City's standards.

Please deny Verizon's appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois's April 15th amendment, is for under-grounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Celia Boyle, Jay Hopkins
Barron Park neighborhood of Palo Alto

From: Janet Gu <>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 10:05 PM
To: Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Protecting our life quality

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

I was very pleased when, in October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denied approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found—as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” He is right! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.

It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal.

It’s time for Verizon to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

From: Willy Lai <>
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2019 7:09 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Please Deny Verizon's Appeal for North Downtown Palo Alto Cell Towers

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

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It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal.

It’s time for Verizon to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Willy Lai

From: James VanHorne <>
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Council, City
Cc: Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board
Subject: Cell Towers in City

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Dear City Council members

As a long time Palo Alto resident, I am opposed to Verizon putting cell equipment on top of city owned telephone poles. This equipment should be placed underground. I have written to you in the past concerning the matter with detailed reasons for my opposition.

Please now deny Verizon's appeal to the decision made by Planning Director Lait with regard to six cell towers in the DowntownNorth neighborhood. He denied approval of such and this is the right decision.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

James C. Van Horne, 2000 Webster Street, Palo Alto.

From: LP W <lping656@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:12 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Cell tower

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

I was very pleased when, in October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denied approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found —as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” He is right! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.

It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. I am writing to you to ask you to deny that appeal.

It’s time for Verizon to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s [April 15th](#) amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Agnes Wong

From: Luce, Gwen <>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Please hold fast!

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

I was very pleased when, in October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denied approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found—as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” Good decision! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.

My understanding is that that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. I am writing to ask you to deny that appeal.

Verizon needs to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. As the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. Please also tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our City’s beautiful neighborhoods.

Thank you,

Gwen Luce

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From: Melinda McGee <>
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2019 5:08 PM
To: Council, City
Cc: Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission
Subject: Cell phone towers in Palo Alto

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Ms. Cormack, Mr. DuBois, Ms. Kniss, Ms. Kou and Mr. Tanaka,

I have been concerned about the health effects of cell towers. While some of you may want to dismiss this, these concerns are real, especially for our children. Additionally, the installation of cell towers throughout the area is an eyesore. I was disappointed when I heard that you let cell towers be installed in the midtown neighborhood. I would like to know the location of these towers.

The City should stop selling out our environment to cell phone companies and instead stand up to them and protect Palo Alto.

I was pleased when, in October, City Planning Director Jonathan Lait denied approval to the six cell towers Verizon has applied to install on utility poles in the Downtown North neighborhood. In doing so, he took note of both design and siting inadequacies, and found —as did the Architectural Review Board—that what Verizon has proposed is “not architecturally compatible with the existing sites.” He is right! The ugly towers Verizon proposed have no place in any Palo Alto neighborhood.

It is my understanding that Verizon has appealed Mr. Lait’s decision. Please deny that appeal.

It’s time for Verizon and any other company to start designing cell towers and choosing cell tower locations that meet our City’s aesthetic standards. And, as the Architectural Review Board has repeatedly told this company, slapping hundreds of pounds of unsightly equipment on utility poles in residential areas does not.

Please deny Verizon’s appeal. And please tell Verizon that your strong preference, as you expressed in unanimously approving Mr. DuBois’s April 15th amendment, is for undergrounded ancillary equipment and for siting that is respectful of the character of our beautiful neighborhoods.

I would also like to know what is the plan to monitor these towers on an ongoing basis and pay for their removal when that time comes? What is the economic value to the citizens of Palo Alto and what are the future and ongoing costs related to cell phone towers in our community?

Sincerely,

Melinda McGee