

From: [Jyotsna Nimkar](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Tower application processing
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:59:33 PM

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Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jyotsna Nimkar

From: [Melinda McGee](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Tower City Manager Attempts to bypass the concerns of Palo Alto Taxpayers = Disaster Capitalism to benefit Telecom companies
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:44:26 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Melinda McGee
3707 Lindero Dr.
Palo Alto, CA 94306
650-704-6236

From: [Phil Coulson](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Re: cell tower application processing
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:02:23 PM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I have come to understand that City Manager Ed Shikada recommends that, in the interests of cost-cutting, you amend Palo Alto's municipal code to "scale back" on cell tower application processing—a scale-back which would include eliminating the Architectural Review Board from the review process.

Given that it fails to save money for Palo Alto as the companies that file applications to install cell towers, not Palo Alto, that pay for staff time spent on these applications. It serves no purpose with regard to the intent of saving Palo Alto money.

I feel Mr. Shikada's recommendation is poor, if not bad, public policy. I for one appreciate the thoughtful siting and design criteria you on City Council unanimously approved only four months ago! His recommendation will at best undermine them by making it easier for telecommunications companies to install cell towers next to residents' homes. It is important to acknowledge the Wireless Resolution, a resolution that was the result of a three-year-long effort by our community and a great deal of work by, among others, you on City Council.

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As always thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
-Phil Coulson

From: slevy@ccsce.com
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: NVCAP
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:42:32 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

As you study the North Ventura area I have four thoughts

- 1) It is the largest opportunity area for housing in our city and in our Housing Element.
- 2) The survey confirmed strong support for more housing in the area up to five stories in certain locations
- 3) The next round of our RHNA and Housing Element requirements will be MUCH larger than our current allocation for two reasons: a) the regional allocation out soon will be much higher than the current one as includes large catch up requirements in addition to planning for growth and b) Palo Alto is certain to get an above average allocation as it has many more jobs than housing and it is a high amenity area.
- 4) The new RHNA comes with more accountability requirements and "sticks" for non complying cities.

Let's get ahead of the curve, avoid lawsuits and make this truly a great place to add housing.

Stephen Levy

From: [Tali Hardonag](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell towers
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:36:10 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tali Hardonag

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From: [Carol Heermance](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org
Subject: cell towers in Palo Alto
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:33:53 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Richard and Carol Heermance
208 N California Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94301

From: [Ann Lai](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Opposing Mr. Shikada's recommendation to scale back cell tower processing
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:41:42 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Lai

From: [Barbara Kelly](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Towers
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 6:34:41 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kelly
Washington Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 9401

From: [Ardan Michael Blum](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.or
Subject: Standing against high-voltage, radiation-emitting equipment near residents' homes.
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:29:33 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ardan Michael Blum

From: [Lynn Hollyn](#)
To: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org
Cc: [Jeanne Fleming](#)
Subject: it is shameful to institute cell towers in your interest of cost-cutting
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:28:22 PM

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homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

May I add that this is a crime to try to sneak this installation in during the covid 19 pandemic. we have important family matters to address.

Sincerely,

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1.650.799.1129

From: [Kathleen Martin](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [The Palo Alto School Board](#)
Subject: Opposition to City Manager Ed Shikada's recommendations relating to cost cutting in cell phone tower application, installation and operation.
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:47:55 PM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka:

I oppose the recommendations of City Manager Ed Shidada to :

- 1.) scale back the cell tower application process
- 2.) reduce the number of code enforcement employees involved in the installation and ongoing operation of cell towers.

Thank you,

Kathleen Martin

From: [Annette Rahn](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Towers
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:44:43 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Rahn

Palo Alto

From: [James VanHorne](#)
To: [Council, City; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Cell tower oversight relaxation
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:20:57 PM

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Dear Council members

As a long time Palo Alto resident I believe it is inappropriate to reduce application requirements for cell equipment on city telephone poles, as proposed by the City Manager. This involves eliminating oversight by the Archectural Review Board in the approval process and the reduced oversight of municipal code enforcement of equipment once installed. Both are inappropriate and inconsistent with your previously approved procedures. Verizon employs a 5G technology that is limited in distance. As a result, it will try to blanket the city with hundreds of installations of equipment.

I urge you to reject these moves as unwise when it comes to the quality of life, and perhaps safety, of Palo Alto residents. Thank you for your consideration.

James C. Van Horne, 2000 Webster Street, P.A.

From: [Melody Song](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: amendment to the municipal code to "scale back on application processing requirements"
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48:43 PM

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Sincerely,
Jing Song

From: [Willy Lai](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Please do not scale back on cell tower application processing
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:32:48 PM

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Sincerely,

Willy Lai

From: [Krassimira Harwell](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Towers
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:20:11 PM

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Sincerely,

Krassimira Harwell

From: [Lisa Jones](#)
To: City.Council@CityofPaloAlto.or
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Please reject recommendation from City Manager Ed Shikada
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:10:06 AM

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Moreover, Mr. Shikada's recommendation is bad public policy. The reduced cell tower application processing requirements he is calling for are sure to undermine the thoughtful siting and design criteria you on City Council unanimously approved only four months ago—undermine them by making it easier for telecommunications companies to install cell towers next to residents' homes.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Jones (Palo Alto resident)

From: [Leonard Schwarz](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: "Scaling-back" cell tower application processing doesn't save money and is bad policy
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:11:37 AM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leonard Schwarz
lschwarz@right-thing.net

From: [Robert Lum](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: No new cell towers
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:48:57 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Lum
Barron Park

From: [Jeanne Fleming](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: "Scaling-back" cell tower application processing doesn't save money and is bad policy
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:34:52 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD

JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

From: [Francesca Kautz](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Please do not scale back on cell tower application processing
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 8:39:18 AM

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And lastly, as Palo Alto strains to cut its budget, there might be some room for cost-cutting in Mr. Shikada's compensation, and room, as well, for some cost-cutting in the compensation of other, similarly generously-paid senior city staff. (As a point of comparison, senior Stanford administrators are taking pay cuts ranging from five to 20 percent.)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Francesca Kautz

From: [Leo Povolotsky](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Jeanne Fleming](#)
Subject: NO to safety CUTS by city manager!
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:50:49 AM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Leo Povolotsky

For United Neighbors
Palo Alto resident of 28 years

From: [Annette Fazzino](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell towers
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:33:23 PM

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homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Annette Evans Fazzino

650.799.7414

From: [Eugene Spevakov](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Maintain current cell tower standards and application process
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:12:46 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Eugene Spevakov
524 Kendall Ave. #8
Palo Alto, CA 94306

From: [Alice Holmes](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); "board@pausd.org"; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Tower Application Processing
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:36:42 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Alice Holmes
Resident of Palo Alto since 1986

From: [Kelly Chang](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Colby](#)
Subject: DO NOT eliminate the ARB review process - KEEP CELL TOWERS AWAY!
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:21:25 PM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly and Colby Ranger

Resident of 2085 Emerson Street

From: [Samuel W Brain PhD](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Do not amend Palo Alto's municipal code to "scale back" on cell tower application processing, please.
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:17:45 PM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I understand that City Manager Ed Shikada has recommended that, in the interests of cost-cutting, you amend Palo Alto's municipal code to "scale back" on cell tower application processing—a scale-back which would include eliminating the Architectural Review Board from the review process.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Samuel W Brain, Ph.D.

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Sam Brain, Ph.D., Stanford Cancer Center, 875 Blake Wilbur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305-5847.

From: [Luce, Gwen](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Re: Cell Tower Safety
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:58:32 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

In the interests of cost-cutting, I believe City Manager, Edward Shikada is recommending that Palo Alto's municipal code be amended to "scale back" on the cell tower application processing to include eliminating the Architectural Review Board from the review process.

I believe this step is unwise - it fails to save money for Palo Alto - rather, it benefits the companies file applications to install the cell towers.

Mr. Shikada's recommendation will cancel the thoughtful siting and design criteria you on the City Council unanimously approved just four months ago—ignoring them and making it easier for telecommunications companies to install cell towers next to residents' homes!

Like many cities, Palo Alto PTAs have joined the PAUSD School Board requesting greater setbacks for cell towers. The school community has clearly requested that you update our City wireless standards to be 1500 ft. setbacks of cell towers from schools. This same location standard and setbacks needs to be applied to all cell towers, including macro towers.

It is alarming to me that the City Manager's recommendation ignores the provisions of the December, 2019, Wireless Resolution - the culmination of three years of community and City Council efforts.

Also, I strongly ask that you don't reduce the number of code enforcement employees, also recommended by Mr. Shikada—a this reduction in code enforcement and compliance personnel would threaten the safety and well-being of all Palo Altans, especially regarding the installation of hundreds of pounds of high-voltage, radiation-emitting equipment near residents' homes.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Sincerely,

Gwen Luce
4065 Laguna Way,
Palo Alto 94306



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From: [Sharleen Fiddaman](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: budget cuts
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:54:38 PM

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I walk around my block and find the buzzing noise from cell tower installation very distressing!

I walk my neighborhood and see many code violations. When reported I was told the city would hire more personnel to track and correct these.

I am appalled at the enormous financial awards to Mr. Shikada .He does not have Palo Alto interests, just his own! For cost-cutting, I would fire him!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sharleen Fiddaman



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From: [Alex Ivashchenko](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Letter for City Council
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:17:58 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alex Ivashchenko

-- A.I.

From: [Di-Ann Eisnor](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org; [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Cell Towers and City Manager Fees
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 6:16:52 PM

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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Council Members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I understand that City Manager Ed Shikada has recommended that, in the interests of cost-cutting, you amend Palo Alto's municipal code to "scale back" on cell tower application processing—a scale-back which would include eliminating the Architectural Review Board from the review process.

I am writing to urge you not to take this step. Why? Quite simply, because it fails to save money for Palo Alto. It is the companies that file applications to install cell towers, not Palo Alto, that pay for staff time spent on these applications. In other words, our city won't save money by "scaling back" application processing requirements, only the applicants will.

Moreover, Mr. Shikada's recommendation is bad public policy. The reduced cell tower application processing requirements he is calling for are sure to undermine the thoughtful siting and design criteria you on City Council unanimously approved only four months ago—undermine them by making it easier for telecommunications companies to install cell towers next to residents' homes.

The City Manager's recommendation is at best ill-informed, and, at worst, an end run around the provisions of the December, 2019, Wireless Resolution, a Resolution that was the result of a three-year-long effort by our community and a great deal of work by, among others, you on City Council.

I am also writing to urge you—should you decide to follow another of Mr. Shikada's recommendations, namely, that you reduce the number of code enforcement employees—to stipulate that no reduction in code enforcement or compliance personnel may be taken that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of the people of Palo Alto, in particular with respect to the installation of cell towers consisting of hundreds of pounds of high-voltage, radiation-emitting equipment near residents' homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Di-Ann Eisnor nd Family

From: [sumitra](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); board@pausd.org
Subject: Cell Tower Application Process
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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sumitra Joy

College Terrace Neighborhood

From: [wolfi99](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [board@pausd.org](#); [Clerk, City](#)
Subject: Say NO to "scaling back on application processing requirements" for cell towers
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 5:29:27 PM

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wolfgang Himmelbauer,
a concerned Palo Alto resident

From: [Devi Ramanan](#)
To: [Planning Commission; Council, City](#)
Subject: Fwd: Act Now for Cell Tower Safety
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:12:32 AM

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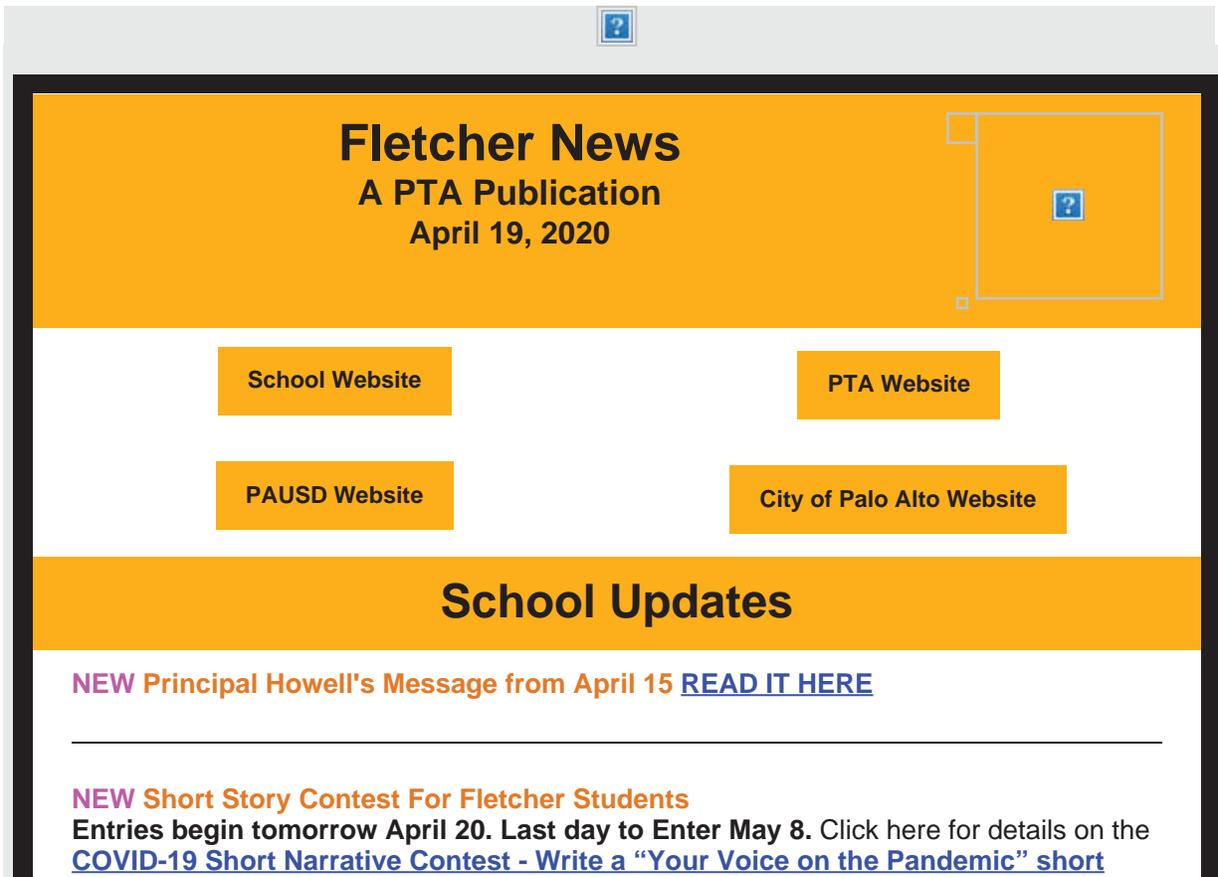
Dear Sir/Madam,

Consistent with many cities, PTAC joins our PAUSD School Board in requesting greater setbacks for cell towers. In particular, please update our City wireless standards to be consistent with the standards advocated for by the Palo Alto PTA Council and PAUSD School Board for 1500 ft. setbacks of cell towers from schools. Please apply that same location standard and setbacks to ALL cell towers, including macro towers.

Many Thanks
Devi Ramanan (parent at PAUSD)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Fletcher PTA** <fletchernewseditor@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM
Subject: Fletcher News April 19
To: <ramanan.devi@gmail.com>



The screenshot shows the content of an email newsletter. At the top, there is a small blue question mark icon. Below it is a large orange header box containing the text: "Fletcher News", "A PTA Publication", and "April 19, 2020". To the right of this text is a larger orange box with a question mark icon. Below the header are four orange buttons arranged in a 2x2 grid: "School Website", "PTA Website", "PAUSD Website", and "City of Palo Alto Website". Below these buttons is a large orange banner with the text "School Updates". Underneath the banner, there are two lines of text: "NEW Principal Howell's Message from April 15 [READ IT HERE](#)" and "NEW Short Story Contest For Fletcher Students". The second line of text continues: "Entries begin tomorrow April 20. Last day to Enter May 8. Click here for details on the [COVID-19 Short Narrative Contest - Write a 'Your Voice on the Pandemic' short](#)".

[narrative!](#)

NEW Tune Into KZSU 90.1FM to Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!

Wed April 22 7PM-8:30 PM

With a special two-part podcast from Stanford University and Ellen Fletcher Middle School Students or online at: kzsu.stanford.edu/live/

Stanford University Seniors Lexi Neilan and Chris Escobedo host this special two-part 50th-Anniversary Earth Day podcast, featuring students from Fletcher. In this special, our middle-schoolers interview family, friends, mentors, and teachers, who reflect on changes they've noticed since the first Earth Day in 1970. Then, the same students discuss their perspectives on today's environmental challenges and offer hopeful messages for a brighter future.

NEW Bike Repair & Safety - Funds Available

The Fletcher, Greene, and JLS PTAs are offering our students a LIMITED number of \$20 credits at local bike shops to use toward bike repairs or safety gear, to reinforce our already strong bike-to-school participation. Repair costs can vary from \$20 to over \$100, and participants must pay the balance of the costs of their repairs after the \$20 credit has been applied. If you would like to sign up for a credit, [please fill out the linked form](#). **Deadline to sign up is THIS COMING Saturday April 25.** Redeeming these credits will take place after Shelter-in-Place is lifted.

PAUSD & PTAC Updates

PAUSD Update

- **NEW Backstage with the Superintendent Webinars** **Mondays at 5:30PM** for Parents [Read about them here](#)
 - **REMOTE LEARNING** [for the rest of the school year](#)
 - PAUSD Zoom Guidelines: [STUDENT PAUSD Zoom Guidelines & Norms 03/25/20](#)
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NEW Act Now for Cell Tower Safety

The City of Palo Alto is updating its wireless ordinance regulating cell tower placement. Currently, cell towers can be 20 ft from homes and 300 ft from schools. Please email the [Planning Commission](#) and [City Council](#) **by May 1** this message: *"Consistent with many cities, PTAC joins our PAUSD School Board in requesting greater setbacks for cell towers. In particular, please update our City wireless standards to be consistent with the standards advocated for by the Palo Alto PTA Council and PAUSD School Board for 1500 ft. setbacks of cell towers from schools. Please apply that same location standard and setbacks to ALL cell towers, including macro towers."*

UPDATED April 22nd Is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day

This year we have an unexpected opportunity to reflect on our relationship to the world around us. We are seeing how our actions impact others, staying at home to keep others safe. It's the perfect time to connect to nature and enjoy the beautiful Spring weather. [Here are some family-friendly activities to celebrate](#) Earth Day. The City of Palo Alto also has tips here, [A Guide to Celebrating Earth Day, While We Shelter In Place](#).

Webinars

UPATED Health & Wellness Webinar Series:

The [Palo Alto PTA Council](#) Health & Wellness Committee invites you to join our Zoom webinars to hear our expert panelists speak on a relevant topic as we shelter at home. (Note: Past webinars are recorded and viewable on the [PTA Council website](#))

- Tuesday April 21: Managing Stress with Mindfulness Strategies: Attend this session to help your kids develop habits and responses that reduce their worries with mindfulness strategies. Presented by [Patrice Crisostomo, PhD](#), Clinical Program Manager and Licensed Psychologist at CHC and [Madison Sunnquist, MA](#), Doctoral Psychology Intern at CHC. [REGISTER FOR WEBINAR NOW](#)
- Wednesday April 22: Responding to Your Child's Challenging Behavior: Attend this session to learn about some effective strategies you can use to respond to your child's challenging behavior. Presented by [Kendra Fraka, MSW](#), Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Behavior Specialist at CHC. [REGISTER FOR WEBINAR NOW](#) Please [register](#) to ensure that you receive the details regarding how to attend this live webinar.

Community Resources

NEW Palo Alto Museum Teen Advisory Council

We have created some activities related to Palo Alto history and one called the "Corona Challenges" for students of all ages. Some challenges will be included in a time capsule for 2094, Palo Alto's 200th anniversary. A list of challenges, along with instructions for submitting, can be found [here](#). We look forward to seeing all the creativity in our community!

NEW Free Resources and Support for Special Needs Families by Parents Place,

- [Special Needs Families Support Group Tuesday, 4/21 \(Tues. 1-2pm\)](#)
- [Free Sensory Processing Parent Support Group Thurs 4/23 11:30a-12:30p](#)

DreamCatchers Helping to Support Families - You Can TOO!

Please help support low-income PAUSD middle-school students at <https://www.dreamcatchersyouth.org/> Our DreamCatchers children live in households with serious economic insecurity made worse lately. Our staff, in conjunction with Paly, Gunn, and Stanford tutors, are providing remote [academic support](#) and enrichment, in addition to critical [economic help](#). Thank you for your support.

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From: [Willy Lai](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#); [City Attorney](#)
Subject: Please Increase Setbacks for Schools and Residences for Palo Alto Wireless Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:03:39 PM

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Dear Palo Alto Planning Commission, City Council, and City Attorney

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I urge you to please enact these changes in the new Palo Alto wireless ordinance.

Thank you,

Willy Lai

From: [Ann Lai](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Council](#); [City](#); [City Attorney](#)
Subject: Please Increase Setbacks for Schools and Residences for Palo Alto Wireless Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:18:18 PM

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Thank you,

Ann Lai

From: [chienlan](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Council, City](#)
Subject: cell tower distance from schools
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 7:29:31 PM

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Thank you,
Chienlan

From: [Jeanne Fleming](#)
To: [Tanner, Rachael](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#); ptc@caritempleton.com; [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Clerk, City](#); "[Tina Chow](#)"; "[Todd Collins](#)"; "[William Ross](#)"; [Atkinson, Rebecca](#)
Subject: RE: PTC consideration of revised Wireless Ordinance
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:31:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks, Rachael. I'm most appreciative of your prompt, complete and clear response to my questions.

Regards,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

From: Tanner, Rachael <Rachael.Tanner@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:01 PM
To: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Cc: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; ptc@caritempleton.com; Lait, Jonathan <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>; 'Tina Chow' <chow_tina@yahoo.com>; 'Todd Collins' <todd@toddcollins.org>; 'William Ross' <wross@lawross.com>; Atkinson, Rebecca <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Subject: Re: PTC consideration of revised Wireless Ordinance

Good afternoon Jeanne,

1. Whether the PTC will be meeting on April 15, 2020;
The PTC will be meeting on April 15, 2020 at 5:00 pm
2. If the PTC is meeting on the 15th, whether it will be considering the revised Wireless Ordinance; and
The PTC will be taking up 1 item on the 15th regarding electric vehicles and other measures associated w/parking lots.
3. If the PTC will not be considering the revised Wireless Ordinance on the 15th, on what date that will occur.
The wireless ordinance is scheduled to be considered by the PTC on May 27, 2020

I am always happy to answer questions as I am able. Rebecca Atkinson, the staff planner assigned to this project, is always a great first resource as she prepares these items for PTC and other boards, commissions, and Council meetings. You can reach her at Rebecca.Atkinson@cityofpaloalto.org.

Thanks,
Rachael



Rachael A. Tanner, MCP
Assistant Director, Department of Planning & Development Services
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From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 12:50 PM
To: "Tanner, Rachael" <Rachael.Tanner@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>, "ptc@caritempleton.com" <ptc@caritempleton.com>, "Lait, Jonathan" <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>, "Clerk, City" <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>, 'Tina Chow' <chow_tina@yahoo.com>, 'Todd Collins' <todd@toddcollins.org>, 'William Ross' <wross@lawross.com>
Subject: PTC consideration of revised Wireless Ordinance

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Dear Rachael,

I understand that you are the Staff Liaison to the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC).

I would appreciate it if you would tell us:

1. Whether the PTC will be meeting on April 15, 2020;
2. If the PTC is meeting on the 15th, whether it will be considering the revised Wireless Ordinance; and
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(This information is not available on the PTC's City webpage.)

Thanks and best,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

From: [Jeanne Fleming](#)
To: [French, Amy](#)
Cc: [Council, City](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Shikada, Ed](#); [Lait, Jonathan](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#); [UAC](#); [board@pausd.org](#); [health@paloaltopta.org](#); [chow.tina@yahoo.com](#); "Todd Collins"; "William Ross"
Subject: April 7, 2020 Request for Wireless Update
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:11:39 PM

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Dear Amy,

I would appreciate it if you would tell me where things now stand with respect to small cell node wireless installations in Palo Alto. In particular, please tell me if there is currently a "shot clock" ticking on any cell tower application(s).

More generally, I am asking 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

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

From: [Jeanne Fleming](#)
To: [Minor, Beth](#)
Cc: [Clerk, City](#); [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [UAC](#); board@pausd.org; health@palooptopta.org; "[Tina Chow](#)"; "[Todd Collins](#)"; "[William Ross](#)"
Subject: California Public Records Act Request
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:44:51 PM

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Dear City Clerk Beth Minor:

As you may know, on December 16, 2019, City Staff advised City Council to allow small cell node cell towers to be located as close as 20 feet to homes, then reiterated that advice to the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC) on February 12, 2020.

Since February 23rd, I have been asking the Planning Department to provide the data and assumptions that underlie their recommendation to Council and the PTC. (Below you will find an email to Jonathan Lait that spells out the information I am seeking.) To date, I have not had a response from Planning Director Lait, and I have been provided with none of the information I have requested.

Hence, pursuant to my rights under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and Article I, Section 3 of the California Constitution, I ask to obtain copies of the following, which I understand to be held by the City of Palo Alto:

For the period starting on January 1, 2019, and ending on March 31, 2020: All maps, photographs, charts, tables, audio recordings, video recordings, reports, presentations, memos, notes, letters, emails, texts or other writings on the subject of, related to or referencing (directly or indirectly) the locations and/or number of all the utility poles and street lamp poles in Palo Alto—i.e., materials on the subject of, related to or referencing what a statistician would call the “universe” of poles in the city, not materials solely related to or referencing individual poles.

For the period starting on January 1, 2019, and ending on March 31, 2020: All maps, photographs, charts, tables, audio recordings, video recordings, reports, presentations, memos, notes, letters, emails, texts or other writings on the subject of, related to or referencing (directly or indirectly) Geospatial Information Systems (GIS) data requests, data, data analysis and/or the findings of data analysis, with respect to the location of utility poles and/or street lamp poles 1) *vis a vis* their distances from residences and/or other buildings, and/or 2) the placement of small cell node cell towers (WCFs).

For the period starting on January 1, 2019, and ending on March 31, 2020: All maps, photographs, charts, tables, audio recordings, video recordings, reports, presentations, memos, notes, letters, emails, texts or other writings on the subject of, related to or referencing (directly or indirectly) setbacks from residences and/or buildings for small cell node cell towers (WCFs)—these materials including, but not limited to, those produced by, produced for, sent from, or sent to (or otherwise provided to): Ed Shikada, Chantal Gaines, Molly Stump, Jonathan Lait, Rachael Tanner, Amy French, Rebecca Atkinson, Darren Numoto, Jim Fleming or other

employees of the City of Palo Alto; attorneys, consultants and vendors hired by the City of Palo Alto; City Council; the Architectural Review Board, Planning and Transportation Commission, Utilities Advisory Commission or other City advisory boards; Verizon and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; Crown Castle and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; Vinculums and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; AT&T and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; AT&T Mobility and its attorneys, consultants and vendors; Joint Venture Silicon Valley's (JVSV's) members (including but not limited to members of its Board of Directors, on which Mr. Shikada serves, and members of the JVSV Wireless Communications Initiative's advisory board, on which Ms. Gaines serves), JVSV's staff (including but not limited to JVSV Wireless Communications Initiative's Executive Director David Witkowski), and JVSV's "investors" (including AT&T, Crown Castle, Hammett & Edison, Mobile Experts, Qualcomm, SmartWave and Verizon).

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6253(b), I ask that you make the records I have requested "promptly available."

I believe that no express provisions of law exist that exempt the records I have requested from disclosure. If you contend that any portion of the records I have requested is exempt from disclosure by express provisions of the law, Government Code 6253 (a) requires segregation and redaction of that material in order that the remainder of the records may be released. If you contend that any express provision of law exists to exempt from disclosure all or a portion of the records I have requested, Government Code 6253 (c)—as modified by Executive Order of the Governor—requires that you notify me of the reasons for the determination not later than fourteen days from your receipt of this request. Government Code 6253 (d) and 6255 (b) require that any response to this request that includes a determination that the request is denied, in whole or in part, must be in writing and include the name and title of the person(s) responsible for the City's response.

Please be mindful that Article I, Section 3 (b)(2) of the California Constitution requires you to broadly construe a statute, court rule, or other authority if it furthers the right of access to the information I have requested and to narrowly construe a statute, court rule, or other authority if it limits my right of access.

Please be mindful as well that Government Code Section 6253(d) prohibits the use of the 14-day period, or any provisions of the Public Records Act "to delay access for purposes of inspecting public records."

If I can provide any clarification that will help expedite your attention to my request, please contact me at 650-325-5151.

I ask that you notify me of any duplication costs exceeding \$100 before you duplicate any records that cannot be provided to me electronically, so that I may decide which records I want copied.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

Email to Jonathan Lait:

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:30 AM

To: 'Lait, Jonathan' <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>

Cc: 'City' <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; 'Clerk, City' <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org; 'Architectural Review Board' <arb@cityofpaloalto.org>; UAC@cityofpaloalto.org; board@pausd.org; health@paloaltopta.org; 'Tina Chow' <chow_tina@yahoo.com>; 'Todd Collins' <todd@toddcollins.org>; 'William Ross' <wross@lawross.com>; 'French, Amy' <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>; 'Atkinson, Rebecca' <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>

Subject: Resending: Setbacks from homes for cell towers

Dear Jon,

Below you'll find an email I sent you early last week. I'm resending it because I haven't heard from you, and I want to make sure you received it.

I realize that COVID-19 has undoubtedly disrupted your work, and your colleagues' as well.

But I trust that the information I'm asking you for (and have been asking the Planning Department for since February 23rd) is at your fingertips, or close by. I say this because it is the basis of the recommendations you made, first, at the City Council meeting on December 16th, 2019, and again at the Planning and Transportation Commission meeting on February 12, 2020.

One other thing: Since the Wireless Hot Topics page has not been updated, should I assume that the "shot clocks" on at least some existing telecom company applications to install cell towers in Palo Alto continue to tick, coronavirus or no?

Thank you, as always, for your help.

Regards,

Jeanne

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
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650-325-5151

From: Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:15 PM

To: 'Lait, Jonathan' <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>

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Subject: Setbacks from homes for cell towers

Dear Jon,

I'm sorry you were not able to attend last Thursday's meeting, and I hope you are well.

I am writing to you with a specific request. But first, I want to provide a bit of context. Last December, you recommended to City Council that they allow small cell node cell towers to be placed as close as 20 feet to homes—recommended this because, you said, a 20-foot setback maximizes the percent of poles in Palo Alto on which telecom companies can install their equipment.

In making this recommendation, you explained that Staff had considered four different setbacks from homes—20 feet, 35 feet, 50 feet and 100 feet. Your analysis showed, you said, that:

- A 20-foot setback would disallow cell towers on only 10 percent of utility poles (or to put it the other way, it would allow them on 90 percent of poles);
- A 35-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 70 percent of poles; and
- A 100-foot setback would disallow cell towers on 90 percent of poles.

(The Final Minutes of the December 16th, 2019, Council meeting do not report what you stated was the percent of utility poles on which cell towers would be disallowed were the setback from homes 50 feet.)

But the issue is not the *percent* of poles Palo Alto makes available to telecom companies for their cell towers. It is the *number* of poles the City makes available. And looking at the *numbers*, there is no justification for a 20-foot setback.

Consider, please, this back-of-the-envelope calculation: We know that telecommunications companies have applied to install about 150 small cell node cell towers in Palo Alto. And we know that there are about 6,000 wood utility poles in Palo Alto, 4,500 of which are located in the public right of way. We would expect that, in those large swaths of the city that are both residential and have above-ground utilities, there would be over 3,000 wood poles located in the public right of way. Do

telecommunications companies really need 2,700 wood poles to choose from in siting those 150 cell towers in residential areas—that is, do they really need access to 90 percent of all wood poles, which is what a 20-foot setback is designed to provide? For that matter, how can they possibly need access to 2,100 poles, which is what a 35 foot setback would give cell carriers (i.e., 70 percent of 3,000 wood poles). True, they are likely to be filing applications to install more towers—but not *hundreds and hundreds* of more towers. So what possible reason is there for granting such extraordinary latitude to Verizon et al., at the expense of the quality of life in Palo Alto's neighborhoods?

To move beyond back-of-the-envelope calculations, I have twice written to the Planning Department's Amy French and Rebecca Atkinson asking:

- What are the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you cited—i.e., what are the actual number of poles used in the setback calculations?
- What methodology was used to produce the percentages you cited to Council (e.g., how many of Palo Alto's 6,000 wooden utility poles were considered in calculating the percentages? were street lamp poles also considered? on what basis were any poles excluded from consideration?)?

Initially, Ms. Atkinson said that this information was being assembled for us. But at our meeting last Thursday, she and Ms. French told Professor Chow and me that they would not provide it. They said it would be unfair to others if they were to give us information they did not give to everyone else. But this makes no sense. We are not asking that the data shown to us be kept from others. Moreover, residents ask Staff for information all the time, and Staff provides it, without worrying about to whom they are *not* providing it. That said, if Staff are truly concerned that others won't have the data I have requested, then Staff need only post it on the City's Wireless Hot Topics page, and it will be available to the public at large.

I think you will agree, Jon, that transparency is the cornerstone of good government. And I think you will also agree that when government withholds the data on which an analysis presented to City Council and the public was based, citizens might reasonably wonder about the validity and reliability of that data—might ask themselves, what are people trying to hide.

Hence I am writing to you to ask that you please tell me: 1) the numerators and denominators of the fractions that are the basis for the percentages you have calculated for 20-foot, 35-foot, 50-foot and 100-foot setbacks from homes, and 2) what the methodology was for the analyses that produced these numbers.

Thank you very much for your attention and your help. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Your March 26, 2020 email
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Dear Amy,

Thank you for sending me these documents yesterday.

I am, however, uncertain about why you have done so. In particular, I'm wondering if there is something in the documents—all of which are connected to the City's decision some months ago to deny approval to Crown Castle/Verizon's proposed "Cluster 3" cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood—that responds to my requests for the numbers that are the basis on which Mr. Lait recommended to City Council that they adopt a 20 foot setback for cell towers from homes? If so, could you please direct me to that information? I haven't been able to find it in this material.

Thanks, as always, for your help.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Request for information on wireless - Crown Castle Cluster 3 Record of Land Use Action, City Council Minutes, & CMR

Ms. Fleming,

Please see below and attached in response to your prior request.

- Signed Record of Land Use Action - Crown Castle Cluster 3, attached.
- City Council Action Minutes 1/27/20:

<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=52020.25&BlobID=75277>

- City Council Full Minutes 1/27/20 (includes speaker comments):
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=42335.44&BlobID=75497>
- Crown Castle Cluster 3 City Manager Report:
<https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=61012.71&BlobID=74856>

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