



## **PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE**

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**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: [los-altos-neighbors] Los Altos City Council 5G - We need your help.  
**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 1:53:21 PM

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See below. We support this about adding the fire and safety language for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Locational Standards and Design Guidelines proposed by City Council Member Lynette Lee Eng. Thx.

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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> **On Behalf**  
**Of** Los Altan  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 8, 2022 5:11 PM  
**To:** Los Altos Neighbors [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** [los-altos-neighbors] Los Altos City Council 5G - We need your help.

 **EXTERNAL MESSAGE**

Friends,

On Tuesday June 14th the Los Altos City Council will take its final vote on proposed ordinances and design guidelines for Cell Phone tower deployments in Los Altos. An important requirement that we are trying to get in the Los Altos Ordinances is to adopt fire and safety standards that ensure as much fire safety as possible. These standards are consistent with what Los Altos already requires for residential and commercial land use permit applications. **It should be the top priority of the City Council to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Los Altos by ensuring the same standards apply to wireless facilities.**

Thank you  
Los Altan

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Dear Los Altos City Council Members:

I am concerned about the potential for Fires in Los Altos that could cause property damage and injury and/or death. I ask all five City Council Members to adopt the fire and safety language for the Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Locational Standards and Design Guidelines proposed by City Council Member Lynette Lee Eng. It should be the top priority of the City Council to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Los Altos.

**<FILL IN YOU NAME >**

Citizen of Los Altos

Further Background information:

**Three lives have been lost and well over \$6 Billion in property damage from four fires caused by Wireless Communication equipment in California.** And there are forecasts for another terrible fire season this year. **It should be the top priority of the City Council to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Los Altos.**

We need Wireless Communications equipment deployed in Los Altos to have the same application content requirements that are used for all other residential and commercial projects that require a land use and/or building permit in Los Altos.

Specifically, we must have the APCO ANS 2.106.1 standard that is incorporated into the design requirements for Emergency Communications Networks in Los Altos ALSO be required for the Wireless Communication Equipment in Los Altos. This requires that any wireless communication components for Los Altos continue to be required to adhere to the standard fire/electrical/building code compliance, and the substantive structural safety design standards incorporated into APCO ANS 2.106.1. This will also help assure the availability of 911 under stress conditions.

Four Major fires caused by Wireless communication equipment in California:

- Guejito Fire (2007) in San Diego which became part of the Witch Creek Fire, the worst fire in San Diego history.
- Malibu Canyon Fire (2007); three utility poles overloaded with equipment from the following carriers snapped in the wind and ignited the grass below: Sprint (now T-Mobile), AT&T, Verizon, and NextG (now owned by Crown Castle). All four carriers as well as SCE were accused by the CPUC of attempting to mislead fire investigators.
- Woolsey Fire (2018); a telecommunications lashing wire came loose igniting at least one of the two ignition points for the fire that caused \$6 billion in property damage. California Edison was cited for 28 violations by the CPUC. One critical violation involves the failure by Edison to mark as a priority the repair a broken communication line and broken telecommunications lashing wire. The broken equipment was found during a May 2018 inspection. Without priority designation for repair, this known electrical hazard remained in disrepair. In November 2018 the broken Edison telecommunication equipment was involved as part of the ignition of the month-long fire. There were three deaths as a result of people being trapped in their cars.
- Silverado Fire in Irvine (2020) involved SCE and a T-Mobile lashing wire. Silverado merged with a second fire causing the evacuation of 130,000 people and significant property damage.

We cannot just continue to trust that the same telecom companies whose negligence caused these fires will adequately design and maintain their networks in Los Altos.

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Sincerely,  
Melissa Smith  
Los Altos resident

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Sincerely,

Brent Smith  
Los Altos resident

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Sincerely,

Katherine Weller

Los Altos Resident