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From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Small Cell Node Towers/ Council Meeting April 12,2022
Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 11:48:41 AM

Dear Council Members

I attended the Planning Commission meeting March 3,2020m and many questions were not answered regarding the small cell node towers in Los Altos

I live on San Antonio Road which is targeted for small cell node towers. I am in the R1 district which is residential and now the new proposal wants to ignore that . I am concerned about the noise. The road is already noisy and adding more noise is unacceptable. Adding more poles is visually unacceptable. Please stop industrializing my neighborhood.

At the Planning Commision meeting it was stated that changing the current ordinance will NOT result in dropping the current lawsuits. If the carriers still plan on suing the City, then so be it.

I don't see the reasoning that some residential neighborhoods are protected and others are not. How is that fair ?

Below is the email I sent to the Planning Commision.

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Sun, Feb 27, 2:51 PM



to planningcommission, City



Dear Planning Commissioners

The existing ordinance 11.12 may or may not be sufficient to address the installation of 5 G small cell nodes in Los Altos. If a change is not absolutely necessary then please do not change it and stick with what we have now. What has case law proven ? What are we as a City allowed to do or not do, to allow or prohibit 5G? What are our attorneys recommending as to what will fly with a judge? What is happening with the pending lawsuits? Will changing the ordinance end the lawsuits ? How many small cell node towers are needed in Los Altos ? What is the maximum distance towers need to be spread apart to have the system work? Does AT&T and Verizon want 20 or 200 or 2000? Can the equipment be shared by carriers or will we need to have twice or three times as many as necessary to support 5G from two or three or four carriers ? Before you have this information , I suggest you change nothing as you do not know the consequences of your actions.

The staff seems to be taking the approach of identifying sites based on expressway, arterial ,collector and local collector streets. Perhaps another approach would be to eliminate R1 zoning and school sites as areas where 5G will not be allowed. I see no justifiable reason to industrialize our city by picking certain streets such as San Antonio Rd or El Monte or Cuesta to industrialize, while not touching other residential neighborhoods. If the cell node towers are safe in one area, they should be safe in all areas.

The unsitenelness of the equipment does not belong in R1 residential neighborhoods. The noise generated is not acceptable in the R1 districts.

I am looking forward to the commission finding out the answers to my questions, and ones you may have yourself.

Sincerely

Roberta Phillips

From: [Roberta Phillips](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Council meeting April 12,2022 #6 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
Date: Thursday, April 7, 2022 9:57:16 AM

Dear Council Members

There are still a lot of questions that have not been answered.

1. Is the proposed small cell node facilities for 4G or 5G or any 'G' that may come in the future?
2. A friend in Los Altos has a poll that is currently used by the carriers. It makes a lot of noise because of the fans. Will the new facilities have fans ?Do the fans run day and night? What noise levels are acceptable under our ordinances? There is already noise from traffic.Noise is culmination and adding more noise is unacceptable..
3. Why target San Antonio Rd? I do not want to industrialize this street as sections are R1.There are already tons of polls and it does not seem to be room for any more polls. This is visually unattractive and certainly does not fit with the village character. Are the residents who live on SanAntonio Rd second class citizens?
4. At the Planning Commission meeting it was asked if this new plan would stop the lawsuits. The answer was no. Why change the ordinance if it does not solve the problem of lawsuits ?

Sincerely

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