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**To:** Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>

**Subject:** Tidal Tower

To the Petersburg Borough Assembly,

I urge you not to sell public land near the fire hall to Tidal Network. This proposal is unnecessary because an existing tower already serves the area and offers a viable opportunity for co-location. Before any additional tower is considered, every reasonable effort should be made to utilize existing infrastructure rather than introducing another industrial structure into a residential area.

The community has already spoken clearly on this issue. More than 300 residents have expressed their desire that cell towers not be located near homes, schools, hospitals, childcare facilities, and other places where families live, learn, and receive care. That level of public participation reflects a significant community concern that deserves legitimate consideration.

The question before the Assembly is not simply whether a tower can be built. It is whether public land should be used to facilitate a project that conflicts with the expressed wishes of hundreds of residents when a less intrusive alternative already exists.

Approving another tower would permanently alter the character of the surrounding neighborhood, affect nearby residents, and set a precedent for placing telecommunications infrastructure closer to community gathering places than many citizens believe is appropriate. Once public land is committed and a tower is erected, that decision cannot easily be undone.

Good stewardship of public land requires balancing infrastructure needs with the protection of residential neighborhoods and community values. Where existing infrastructure can be shared through co-location, the Assembly should prioritize that option over constructing a new tower.

Assembly members should not vote to sell borough land to Tidal Network against the clearly expressed will of the people, especially when Tidal Network enjoy's sovereign immunity protections that limit accountability for damages. The Borough should not have continued bargaining with Tidal Network after such substantial public opposition, yet those negotiations proceeded under the guidance of the Assembly.

The Assembly's responsibility is to represent and serve the citizens of Petersburg, not to advance the interests of powerful corporations like Tlingit and Haida/ Tidal Network over the concerns of the community.

Again, as a mother, taxpayer, and fourth-generation Petersburg resident, I respectfully ask the Assembly to reject the sale of the Firehall property to Tidal Network for their redundant wireless infrastructure and instead require the applicant to pursue co-location on existing facilities or an alternate less intrusive location away from homes for their project.

Sincerely,

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