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To: Assembly <assembly@petersburgak.gov>  
Subject: Tidal Tower at Papke's

As a resident at Papke's I have concerns about the planned location of Tidal's broadcast tower. Though I am not opposed to 5G towers on the island, I see no need for them to be directly over people's houses. Residents have specifically said they do not want them so close to their homes, whether it's for perceived health issues, aesthetic reasons or lowered property values. Their proposed tower will stand directly across the street from my house and adjoining property that, until now, I was planning to build a new house on. That's not likely to happen if the tower goes in at the flower farm. This project will discourage development in the neighborhood for new homes (as in my case).

I don't want to cast blame, but I am alarmed and disappointed at the short sightedness and haste with which this council agreed to so willingly give free rein to an outside corporate entity for dubious returns. I've had high speed internet at my home for years now, and have yet to meet anyone on the island claiming to be "underserved".

Some on the council claim their hands are tied, as there is no zoning outside of area one. Yet their hands were not tied when they decided to go ahead and let Tidal put towers wherever they chose. I think you need to make amends, not only to the folks underneath the proposed and already built towers, but also to the rest of the Petersburg community as to how you regard their safety and wellbeing. We're feeling steamrolled and unprotected by the council, as well as their new partners at Tidal.

Do we want good neighbors in Petersburg? I do, but I feel this is just the opposite. Not only have you invited an outside bully of a neighbor into town, with no care beyond themselves, you've demonstrated that locals can be uncaring and dismissive too.

There is certainly another, less impactful location for this tower. I suggest you take some effort to find such a place in order to restore our faith in this town's character.

Sincerely, John Baird