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Clerk of the Board
Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Appeal of the Montecito Planning Commission's Approval of the
Verizon Wireless Facilities at 512 Santa Angela Lane, Board
Agenda of August 21, 2012

Dear Supervisors:

The Montecito Association believes that when granting approval of the new Verizon Wireless Facilities at 512 Santa Angela Lane, the Montecito Planning Commission (the "MPC") erred in adopting the finding that the project "will not be detrimental to the comfort, convenience, general welfare, health and safety of the neighborhood and will be compatible with the surrounding area". For the reasons cited below, the proposed location is not appropriate for this project and we encourage the consideration of alternative locations.

The proposed project would be detrimental to the comfort, convenience and general welfare of the neighborhood. As you will hear from the many concerned neighbors, the project would adversely affect the business of the preschool located directly across the street as parents decide to send their children elsewhere. The facility would also adversely affect the value of neighboring residential properties. We do not believe that you can find this use on a residentially zoned site to be compatible with the surrounding area.

Rather than taking a position to support granting or denying the appeal at this time, the Montecito Association urges you to defer any decision for ninety days. During this time, we encourage Verizon Wireless to seek a ninety day lease extension from QAD and work further with the community to locate a more suitable site for their antenna facility. Clearly this commercial use is more appropriately located on commercially zoned property where compatibility concerns may be minimized.

We also understand the need for maintenance of service and, for that reason, we encourage the County to work with Verizon Wireless to approve a temporary facility.

In the event deferring the decision to grant or deny the appeal is not possible, the Montecito Association urges you to grant the community members' appeal of the MPC decision.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Richard Nordlund, President

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