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Sent: Friday, March 1, 2024 4:53 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Not Another Cell Facility at 6897 Trigo Road

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live at 6898 Trigo Road, across the street from 6897. There is a cell facility on a pole close to my bedroom and the address on the pole is "6898 1/2 Trigo Road". Please **do not allow another cell facility** (this one is a Verizon cell facility) to be approved for installation at 6897 Trigo Road in Isla Vista. Our community has opposed this location for over 4 years.

REJECTED and OPPOSED:

- 1. The Planning Commission rejected this location the first time it was proposed.**
- 2. The SB ARB has rejected this location multiple times.**
- 3. Recently the Chair of the Planning Commission strongly opposed this location and said it was the worst location for this type of facility.**

There are already two of these facilities within a block's area and we don't want a third at the corner of Trigo Road and Camino Majorca in Isla Vista. We don't want to set a precedent that the west end of Isla Vista can be littered with these facilities within 20 feet of our bedroom windows.

Please ask Verizon to choose a location for this facility that is at least a street distance away from our very small non-conforming lot lines. Aesthetically there are many other less intrusive locations.

Please follow the lead of many other cities and counties across the nation that have **stood up for their residents** and created design guidelines for these facilities that prevent them from being located so close to residential living space.

Please also follow the lead of many other cities and counties and request that the telecom providers prove there is a need for these services.

Respectfully,
Ann Marie G. Kopeikin

6898 Trigo Road, Goleta

Sarah Mayer

From: Jean Turner <jeanturner@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 2, 2024 9:49 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Appeal - Verizon facility at 6897 Trigo (5 March 2024 hearing)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my 87-year-old mother, Hildegard Lagerquist, who has been an Isla Vista resident since 1961. She is opposed to the placing the Verizon 5G wireless facility at 6897 Trigo and requests that you vote to rescind the Planning Commission's approval to locate it at this site. There are alternative sites nearby that are better suited to mitigating the impacts associated with 5G wireless equipment.

In response to Verizon's application for approval to locate the 5G wireless equipment at 6897 Trigo Road, several residents spoke out regarding placing it so close to a residence, citing various concerns (i.e. health, aesthetics, fire, and property values). The residents suggested two alternative sites (listed below) that would better mitigate the impacts than the 6897 Trigo Road location.

1. A parking lot adjacent to UCSB Faculty housing on the West Campus.
2. Any of the utility poles along the mountain side of Fortuna Rd.

Verizon objected to the parking lot location on UCSB's West Campus. My understanding is that they were opposed to the costs associated with placing it on UCSB's property. However, Verizon already has several wireless facilities located on UCSB's Main Campus and this additional 5G equipment is for the benefit of UCSB faculty members. There will undoubtedly be future occasions when Verizon needs to add more wireless facilities to support activities on the west campus. The new wireless equipment should be located as close as

possible to support the current need and, in a location, where it can help support future demand.

Note: It was during Covid when faculty members living in faculty housing had to work from home and realized that the existing wireless equipment was insufficient to handle the large amounts of data being transferred across the internet.

SMALL WIRELESS FACILITY – PLACEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

I am aware that the Board of Supervisors is currently developing a set of countywide regulations to govern the placement of small wireless facilities. However, until it is adopted, the regulations contained in 9.170.100 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code provide an excellent reference. This section of the code pertains to the location standards for small wireless facilities. Subsections A.1 and A.2 of the code are summarized as follows:

- Subsection A.1 – This section contains a list of Preferred Locations that are listed in order from most preferred to least preferred.
- Subsection A.2 – This section contains a list of Discouraged Locations that are listed in order from least discouraged to most discouraged.

Of the 10 Discouraged Locations described in subsection A.2, the MOST DISCOURAGED location is described as follows:

"Locations within 500 feet from the small wireless facility or strand-mounted wireless facility to a residential dwelling's windows for living areas."

==> The proposed location for the Verizon 5G wireless facility at 6897 Trigo Road is categorized by the Santa Barbara Municipal Code as the MOST DISCOURAGED location for a small wireless facility.

CONCLUSION:

The proposed location for the Verizon 5G Wireless Facility is ill considered for the aforementioned reasons. Please stand strong against Verizon's threats of legal action and vote in favor of the appeal.

Sincerely,

Jean Lagerquist Turner
(on behalf of Hildegard Lagerquist)

Hildegard Lagerquist
6826 Pasado Road
Isla Vista, CA 93117

Sarah Mayer

From: Chris Gallery <chrisgallery@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 9:05 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Verizon small cell facility proposed next to 6897 Trigo Rd., Isla Vista

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to request that the Verizon "small cell facility" proposed for installation outside my home, 6897 Trigo Road (X Camino Majorca), in Isla Vista, be denied. I and my husband and family, and numerous members of the community have opposed this location for over four years.

The proposed location of Verizon's very visible unit is on the utility pole right next to our corner house, and would be only about 20 feet from our bedroom window. It would be unsightly and eye-catching to anyone walking up or down Camino Majorca, the westernmost edge of Isla Vista, which leads to the open space, beach and blufftop trail heading out to Coal Oil Point. And it would be within close view from our home. It could also have an impact on the value of the property when the time comes to sell it.

Isla Vista has long been treated as an area where things are tolerated because the perception is that everyone in IV is a temporary resident, and has no real stake in the community. The west end of IV has many long-term owner-occupied homes. We have lived here since 1985, but several of our neighbors have been here longer. Along Camino Majorca 5 of the 6 homes are owner-occupied and have been for decades. On Del Playa, Sabado Tarde, and Trigo Rd., the streets that connect to Camino Majorca, as well as other nearby streets, there are more long-term residents who have always valued the natural beauty of Camino Majorca which leads to a natural open field, beach, maintained trail, and surfing spots. I ask that you not allow this popular walking and biking area to become spoiled with another Verizon box.

The Planning Commission rejected this location the first time it was proposed. The SB ARB has rejected this location multiple times. It is my understanding that recently the Chair of the Planning Commission strongly opposed this location and said it was the worst location for this type of facility.

I don't understand why the County of Santa Barbara would be eager to satisfy Verizon's desire for a convenient, cheap solution for their expansion, instead of the community's request to preserve the natural beauty of the area. There are already two similar facilities within a block of the location, and we don't want a third on this short gateway to the multi-use recreational area. Other California jurisdictions have stood up for their residents and created design guidelines for these facilities that prevent them from being located so close to residential living space. We deserve nothing less. We don't want to set a precedent that the west end of Isla Vista is the easy go-to place for them, especially within 20 feet of our bedroom windows.

Please let Verizon choose a location for this facility that is less visibly prominent and at least 40 feet from a residential structure. There are other less intrusive locations.

Sincerely,

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Isla Vista

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Sarah Mayer

From: Dinah Fisher <scorpio6890@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 2:33 PM
To: sbcob

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please do not allow the Verizon cell facility to be approved for installation at [6897 Trigo Road](#) in Isla Vista. Our community has opposed this location for over 4 years. The Planning Commission rejected this location the first time it was proposed. The SB ARB has rejected this location multiple times. Recently the Chair of the Planning Commission strongly opposed this location and said it was the worst location for this type of facility.

There are already two of these facilities within a block's area and we don't want a third at the corner of Trigo Road and Camino Majorca in Isla Vista. We don't want to set a precedent that the west end of Isla Vista can be littered with these facilities within 20 feet of our bedroom windows. Please ask Verizon to choose a location for this facility that is at least a street width away from our very small non-conforming lot lines. Aesthetically there are many other less intrusive locations. Please follow the lead of many other cities and counties across the nation that have stood up for their residents and created design guidelines for these facilities that prevent them from being located so close to residential living space. Please also follow the lead of many other cities and counties and request that the telecom providers prove there is a need for these services.

Respectfully,
Dinah Fisher
6890 Sabado Tarde

Sarah Mayer

From: Hal Kopeikin <h@drhal.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:07 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Ann Marie Kopeikin; Sara Erickson
Subject: RE: Not Another Cell Facility at 6897 Trigo Road

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing about the proposed new cell tower at 6897 Trigo Road. It matters to me because I live immediately across Trigo RD and am I Verizon Wireless customer.

Unfortunately, the proposed tower is planned on the wrong pole, with unnecessary esthetic and safety risks, rather than much better nearby locations. My neighbors and I have proposed two alternatives. One is immediately across Camino Majorca Road (although the addresses are Trigo Road, the proposed site is actually on the East side of Camino Majorca Road and it should be on the West side instead) on an existing pole, away from otherwise adjacent housing. Another preferable options is two blocks North, on a pole on Fortuna Road, which again is not immediately adjacent to a home. That is what would be required in the City of Santa Barbara and many other municipalities.

Experts remain uncertain about how much EMF radiation at cell tower frequencies is dangerous. They agree risks increase with the strength and duration of exposure. People who sleep very close to one are in more danger since they get more radiation for longer. Also, these towers have caught fire and burned things nearby. Therefore, it's safer to place towers across the street from bedrooms when possible.

Every resident in my neighborhood, young and old, supports my request. We've suggested it directly to Verizon and at many hearings over the past 4 years. Verizon has ignored our neighborhood's unanimous, repeated requests without much explanation. They seem unwilling to spend a little more money, that's all. As a customer, I am more than willing to pay trivially more for community safety and beauty.

Please ask Verizon Wireless to move their proposed sites at least across a street from residences when feasible. Safety alone makes this advisable. It's also much less visually intrusive. Santa Barbara City guidelines require this. I do not know of a single issue everyone in my neighborhood agrees upon other than this! I assume you would too, if you lived here, so please vote as if you do, setting a decent precedents for your neighborhood as well.

Cordially,
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Sarah Mayer

From: Hal Kopeikin <h@drhal.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:30 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Sara Erickson; Ann Marie Kopeikin
Subject: The Proposed Verizon Cell Facility at 6897 Trigo Road

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing about the proposed new cell tower at 6897 Trigo Road. It matters to me because I live immediately across Trigo RD and am a Verizon Wireless customer. Although all of my neighbors and I oppose the current proposal, I would happily support it with a minor modification.

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