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Chair Salud Carbajal,  
Supervisors Doreen Farr, Janet Wolf  
Peter Adam, and Vice-Chair Steve Lavagnino  
Board of Supervisors  
Santa Barbara County  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Re: Appeal Case No. 12APL-00000-00011  
Verizon Wireless Stealth Communications Facility  
512 Santa Angela Lane, Montecito  
Board of Supervisors Agenda March 12, 2013

Dear Supervisors:

My sister Mary Goolsby and I are the appellants of the Montecito Planning Commission (MPC) approval of May 23, 2012 which granted Verizon Wireless' application to allow installation and operation of a new commercial wireless telecommunications facility on the rooftop of the Verizon switch-station at 512 Santa Angela Lane.

We are asking your Board to grant our appeal, and approve the alternative faux mono-pine tree on the same property, as is proposed by Verizon as an Alternative. We would also ask that it be conditioned to match the colors of the existing dark green vegetation and that there be some requirement for long term maintenance of the faux tree.

Throughout our appeal, we have had the support of residents on and around Santa Angela Lane, and parishioners and staff and parents of the nearby Preschool at El Montecito Presbyterian Church.

We have worked diligently with Verizon Wireless over the past six months and researched a total of 18 sites, to try to find a more appropriate location for the cell tower installation away from the preschool, with little success.

In late August, Verizon Wireless proposed the alternative of a faux tree for our consideration. After careful consideration, the majority of residents and neighbors on and near Santa Angela Lane agree that a faux tree of 75' height is a better alternative to the proposed 21' tall rooftop installation site. We based this conclusion on the reduced health concerns at the preschool, and note that the 75' high tree-pole also provides improved reception to Montecito. This proposal becomes even more attractive if AT&T

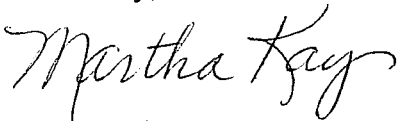
will also place their antennas on the tree-pole, thus removing them from the existing rooftop site.

The Montecito Board of Architectural Review has considered the faux tree at the Santa Angela site, behind the existing switch-station and has given it unanimous conceptual approval. They and the neighbors would like to see that the tree that is installed is as realistic as possible, resembling the care taken with the new installation we have all visited in on Overpass Road in Goleta.

Again, we ask that your Board to grant our appeal, and approve the alternative faux mono-pine tree on the same property, as is proposed by Verizon as an Alternative, and that the approval be conditioned so that there be some type of long term maintenance of the faux tree.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Kay".

Martha Kay  
Appellant

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