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Subject: Items 7 and 8

Chair Lavagnino and Members of the Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisor Lavagnino and fellow supervisors
Re: Items: 7 and 8- Crown Castle Appeal.

I wish to thank Crown Castle, for their recognition that Montecito is a unique community. What I view as still detrimental to the Montecito's Community Plan's goal to preserve its semi-rural ambience are the proposed backup units, both on poles and in cabinets. Verizon currently provides wireless service with backup in Montecito. Personal wire service is highly competitive. To boost their competitive edge, Verizon has contracted with Crown Castle to provide augmented capacity for its customers by installing a DAS along the character defining roadways of Montecito.

Following Hurricane Katrina, the FCC in 2007 proposed a backup power regulation requiring at least eight hours of power for all carriers in the event power failure, This FCC ruling was challenged by the industry is still on hold.

In light of no current FCC regulation and in recognition that backup is a marketing gimmick, would you kindly ask the Crown Castle representative to explain why the battery backup is necessary?

Elimination of backup cabinets and, pole battery units would make the proposed Crown Castle DAS more compatible with the Montecito General Plan. How does the general public benefit from a personal wireless service that benefits only Verizon customers?

Respectfully,

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