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Re: Proposed Cell Phone Tower at 1000 Iron Springs Road, Fairfax, CA

Dear Ms. Jackson:

The Fairfax Open Space Committee has requested that this letter be written to express concern and raise certain issues with respect to a proposed cell phone tower to be installed on a ridge above the town of Fairfax. This concern is shared by the members of the Fairfax Town Council and many citizens in the community.

Although the County's Telecommunications Policy Document and the County's General Plan both require that such towers be installed near existing structures, we understand that the proposed location for this cell phone tower is not near an existing structure but in the middle of undeveloped open space lands on a stretch of the ridge that is visible from a number of areas within the town of Fairfax.

We also share the Open Space Committee's concerns that the proposed location of the tower may not conform to the Fairfax General Plan, which identifies the ridges that surround Fairfax as "visually distinctive areas" in need of protection. Although the Fairfax General Plan is in the process of being updated, the proposed revised General Plan would also call for the protection of the visual resources within the Fairfax Planning Area, such as the ridges.

The Fairfax Town Council therefore requests that the Current Planning Division evaluate alternative locations for the proposed cell phone tower that conform to the County's own requirements for installation near existing structures and that do not pose the potential to mar the visual beauty of the ridges surrounding Fairfax.

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

Lew Tremaine, Mayor

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