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Subject: Cell tower project review August 18, 2016

Attention: Amy Wolfson
City Planner

Dear Amy,

Thank you for your time and directions to include my concerns for the meeting August 18, 2016, regarding the proposal for a cell tower project within the historical district of Nevada City. I am not able to attend the meeting due to my work schedule.

I have not been able to review the project description and/or attend the prior meeting. It is my understanding that the proposal is to put 1, maybe 2 ??, cell towers on top of what is known as the "Frair Tuck Building" and/or 104 South Pine Street, Nevada City.

I moved here in 1985 & was involved with the review of the Nevada Woods project, since my property borders this development. I became interested in the workings of the process of review, and have sat in on various other reviews across the years for signage, trees, businesses, etc in the historical district, as well as Nevada City in general.

The local people who have chosen to make this area their home -- those of us who have our property within the city limits -- have been amused, exasperated with, and in the end, appreciative for this diligence & stewardship of the town for its historical district & greater surrounding areas.

People from out of the area come here for an experience back-in-time, for the natural beauty, and the unique heart & soul of the people of this community. I don't imagine a cell tower would be on anyone's list.

Where is the diligence of the planning commission to allow one - or is it 2 cell towers ? into this mix? **Into the historical district of one of the top 10 small towns of America?**

I attended the fire town hall meeting in Nevada City, Monday, August 8, 2016.

This was put together following a recent fire in the South Yuba River Canyon, I believe just upstream from Edwards Crossing. A major concern expressed was the lack of communication via cell phones in this area to alert for fires, medical, search & recovery operations. The moderator of the meeting stated that two cell companies had been approached re getting cell communication within this area - I believe one of them was Verizon, the other I can't recall -- **they were not interested because it would not be profitable for them to do so.**

Prior to the meeting, in an interview on local radio station KVMR, it was stated, that if a fire got hold in the canyon, it would take 13 minutes for it to reach Cement Hill Road. It would take 30 minutes to reach the Rood Center. This is why I went to the town hall meeting. I was here for

the 49er fire. I brought groceries & listened to the checker say her home was burning in Lake Wildwood. I saw the helicopters dumping water & retardant & was told to prepare to evacuate - that the town could be involved while I was working in Grass Valley.

If the companies are not interested in assisting the town/county because it is not profitable to do so, I ask why we would consider them to put up cell towers in the town to make a further profit off the citizens, who are at risk of losing their homes, property **AND** town should a fire take hold?

If project is approved, I would hope that regional, local companies, who would provide service, protection & employment, would be considered as our first line of defense for consultation and possible choice. This is an opportunity to consider and negotiate for the best outcome for our town and county.

I strongly object to a cell tower/s in the historical district -- let alone on top of a building. Will it be disguised as a pine tree? And then, will we have the distinction of being the "Lone Pine" of the Western Sierras?

Best regards,

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I limit my time on the cell phone, so I m not listing it.