**From:** sumitra
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** City of Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:21:21 PM
**Attachments:** Community Letter PTC 20200127.pdf

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the City of Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission will be voting for its 2020 Chair and Vice Chair tomorrow (Wednesday) evening. I would appreciate it if the Commission would accept my endorsement of the attached letter which details key characteristics for the commissioners to consider in making your nominations and in casting your votes. The document lists over 50 endorsers across many neighborhoods and includes former council, board, and commission members.

Thank you.

Sumitra Joy
College Terrace Neighborhood

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| **From:** | Kathleen |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | webmaster@sensiblezoning.org; Council, City |
| **Subject:** | Community letter to Planning Commission |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 5:14:02 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Community Letter PTC 20200127.pdf |



Hi all,

I endorse the attached community letter to the Planning Commission regarding procedures for a more productive commission. There should be no place on the commission for someone who is rude to other commissioners and members of the public. Please keep this in mind when selecting new commission members.

Kathleen Goldfein
Resident of Palo Alto since 1989
Homeowner and landlord since 1995
Alma Street, Palo Alto 94306

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**From:** Allen Akin
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Characteristics of Nominees for Chair and Vice Chair
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:49:35 PM

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I'd like to add my endorsement to the letter that has already been sent to your attention.

Best regards,

Allen Akin
Professorville

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| **From:** | martha stevenson |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan; Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park Cell phone towers |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:48:20 PM |



Dear Planning Director Lait,

I am writing to you to ask you to deny Vinculums' request that their entitlement for the Vinculums/Verizon Barron Park cell towers (Project Number 17PLN-00170) be extended.

Vinculums has failed to show good reason why they should receive this extension.

The City of Palo Alto now has a new set of standards for cell tower installations, standards such as prioritized placement outside of residential areas and a 600 foot set back from schools. Vinculums is should be complying with the new standards.

Please let Vinculums' entitlement for the Barron Park cell towers expire as scheduled on February 4, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Martha Stevenson

800 Matadero Ave

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| **From:** | jay whaley |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Palo Alto for Sensible Zoning letter |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:07:45 PM |

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Dear members of the Planning Commission,
I endorse the 9 characteristics listed in the letter of Jan 25, 2020 that addressed the characteristics to consider when nominating and voting for this year's chair and vice chair of the committee.
Sincerely,
R. Jay Whaley
Crescent Park Neighborhood member

**From:** Stuart Hansen
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** PASZ Letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:38:22 PM

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I wish to register complete support for the community letter regarding the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Stuart Hansen, Palo Alto

**From:** Eugene Zukowsky
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Addition to letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3:29:44 PM

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Please add my name to the letter titled "We the Undersigned Residents of Palo Alto".

Zita Zukowsky
Green Acres II

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Jeanne Fleming
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Another endorsement of the Community Letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 2:56:24 PM

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Dear Members of the Planning and Transportation Commission,

I am writing to tell you that I endorse the Community Letter that Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning has submitted to you.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

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| **From:** | Ursula Moore |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Re- Barron Park Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 2:50:01 PM |



Dear Planning Director Lait,

I am writing to you to ask you to deny Vinculums' request that their entitlement for the Vinculums/Verizon Barron Park cell towers (Project Number 17PLN-00170) be extended.

First, Vinculums has failed to show good reason why they should receive this extension.

Second, the City of Palo Alto now has a new set of standards for cell tower installations, standards such as prioritized placement outside of residential areas and a 600 foot set back from schools. Vinculums is well aware of these new standards. They should be complying with them, not asking to be allowed to disregard them.

Please let Vinculums' entitlement for the Barron Park cell towers expire as scheduled on February 4, 2020. The residents of Barron Park deserve no less.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Ursula S. Moore
731 Josina Ave.
Palo Alto

**From:** Ann Balin
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** I endorse the community letter addressed to the commission
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 2:46:22 PM

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Commissioners,

Kindly give the letter your serious consideration.

Ann Lafargue Balin

College Terrace

**From:** Alice Smith
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Civility and Community letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 1:42:00 PM

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I concur with the community letter on process and demeanor for the Planning Commission election and process.

Alice Schaffer Smith
University Ave South

**From:** Beth Rosenthal
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Letter Endorsement
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:37:16 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to let you know that I endorse the community letter sent to the PTC regarding the qualities and qualifications for PTC Commissioners. It is my hope that in nominating the next Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission, you will consider these characteristics in your selection of the individuals who will fill these roles.

Sincerely,

Beth Rosenthal, PhD

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| **From:** | Karlette Warner |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Endorsement of Community Letter PTC 20200127 |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:30:12 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Community Letter PTC 20200127.pdf |



To the Palo Alto Planning Commission--

Dear Planning Commission members:

I am writing to lend my support to the attached Community Letter regarding criteria for selecting new Planning Commission members.

Sincerely,

Karlette Warner
981 College Ave.
Palo Alto 94306

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| **From:** | Mary Sylvester |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Endorsement of "We the undersigned..." Letter |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:05:42 PM |



Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to endorse the letter ("We the undersigned...") setting forth ethical and behavioral standards for nominating and voting for Chair and Vice Chair of the Planning and Transportation Commission (PTC).

It is both an honor and an act of public service to be appointed to a commission such as the PTC. To do justice to the trust and public faith placed in you by the Council and, by extension the public, I request you to honor the standards for nominations and elections of PTC leadership that are set forth in the "We the undersigned..." Letter, which is endorsed by a broad cross-section of Palo Alto residents.

Appreciatively,
Mary Sylvester

**From:** Ping Wan
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** About vote for a Chair and Vice Chair of the PTC
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 11:54:48 AM



Dear PTC,

I am in full support of the letter contained in the link below, outlining key characteristics that should be considered as you appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the PTC.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1O39Q--Ujur_Mwv-tkAKEktoZLZdOsnum/view

Yours truly,

Ping

**From:** Andie Reed
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Doria Summa for Chair
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:49:21 AM

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Dear Commissioners:

With her experience and seniority, consistent preparedness and hard work, Ms. Summa would make an excellent Chairperson.

Thank you,
Andie Reed

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Andie Reed CPA
160 Melville Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301
530-401-3809

**From:** Pat Marriott
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** commission best practices from PASZ
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:40:04 AM
**Attachments:** 1-27-20 PA Community Letter to PTC.pdf

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Dear Commissioners,

I strongly endorse the attached letter from PASZ.

Pat Marriott  Midtown property owner

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**From:** slevy@ccsce.com
**To:** Steve Levy
**Subject:** Bay Area Economic Update
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:35:53 AM



This is my latest update for the Bay Area Council Economic Institute. Link at the bottom.

The region continues to outpace the state and nation in job growth BUt

most of the growth occurred in the first half of 2019 with slowing monthly gains after July.

This is not so much about the stories of firms leaving (many large firms like Facebook and Google are planning major expansions) as it is about the shortage of housing and particularly housing that is affordable to low and middle income residents.

It is also about an increasingly unwelcoming immigration policy.

Of these two challenges, we have much more ability to address housing, which has important equity and environmental benefits as well as supporting the economy.

Steve

http://www.bayareaeconomy.org/bay-area-job-watch-45/

**From:** Rafael Oliveira
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** A Community Letter to the Planning &Transportation Commission
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:18:51 AM

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Dear PTC,

I am in full support of the letter contained in the link below, outlining key characteristics that should be considered as you appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the PTC.

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Yours truly,
Rafael Oliveira

**From:** Mark Hastings
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** I endorse the PASZ community letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 10:04:55 AM

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Greetings,

Fred Balin and others have created a list of key characteristics for the commissioners to consider while voting for their 2020 Chair and Vice Chair.

I endorse these important priorities and encourage the commission to follow them.

Thanks,

Mark Hastings
3316 Kenneth Dr, Palo Alto, 94303

**From:** Joyce Schmid
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Nomination, election of chair and vice-chair
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:59:49 AM
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Planning
Commission:

I am in support
of this letter.
Please take it
to heart.

Thank you,
Joyce Schmid
3428 Janice Wy
Palo Alto
94303

**From:** Dick Heermance
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Appointing a Chair and Vice Chair of the PTC
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:24:56 AM

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Yours truly,

Richard Heermance
208 N. California Ave.

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| **From:** | Kathryn Hug |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Characteristics for Commission Chairs |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:12:36 AM |



To: Planning and Transportation Commission

From: Kathryn H. Hug

Re: Considerations for Commission Chairs

Please make your choices for the 2020 Chair and Vice Chair based on the characteristics outlined in the community letter penned by Fred Balin and endorsed by representatives from many Palo Alto neighborhoods. The decorum and civility set forth in Balin's document should be common practice by all leaders. As you select your chairs tonight, set your expectations high for all who serve Palo Alto.

**From:** Karen Damian
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Community letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 9:04:37 AM

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Dear Planning Commission members
i am writing in support of the community letter which delineates the key characteristics to consider in your nominations and votes.

Thank you
Karen (and Richard G.) Damain
870 college Avenue
Palo Alto, 94306

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| **From:** | Leonor Delgado |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | Leonor Delgado |
| **Subject:** | Community Letter |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:56:58 AM |



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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Palo Alto (Barron Park) and support the community letter regarding nominations and voting for this year's chair and vice-chair of the Planning Commission.

Respectfully,
Lenore R. Delgado

**From:** Michael Eager
**To:** Planning Commission
**Cc:** Fred Balin
**Subject:** Community letter re Planning & Transportation Commission
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:03:54 AM

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I support and endorse the community letter regarding Planning and Transportation appointment of Chair and Vice Chair.

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Michael Eager eager@eagercon.com
1960 Park Blvd., Palo Alto, CA 94306

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| **From:** | Christian Pease |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | Christian Pease |
| **Subject:** | I Endorse the Community Letter to the PTC Regarding Selection of its Chair and Vice Chair |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 29, 2020 6:01:45 AM |



Dear Members of the Palo Alto Planning and Transportation Commission,

I write you to express my strong support for and endorsement for the contents and message encompassed in the community letter addressed to you on the characteristics you should consider in the selection of the commissions next chair and vice chair.

I urge you to carefully consider these characteristics as you make this important leadership decision this evening.

Sincerely,

Christian Pease (Evergreen Park)

**From:** Tina Peak
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:11:55 AM

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Dear Planning Commission,

I agree with the letter, copied below, that has been submitted to you.

Regards,
Tina Peak, Palo Alto

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**From:** Lenore Cymes
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Endorcement of Letter
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 12:01:33 AM

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I want to endorse the letter for the expected behavior and cooperation of Planning Commission members

Lenore Cymes
DSFNA

**From:** Janet Dafoe
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Community letter
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:52:58 PM

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We endorse the community letter enumerating characteristics that should be kept in mind when choosing the President and Vice President of the Planning Commission.

Ronald W Davis
Janet L Dafoe
Professorville
Kingsley Ave

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Janet L. Dafoe, PhD

"Let us put our minds together and see what world we can make for our children."---Sitting Bull.

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| **From:** | Ding Erin |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan; Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Re: deny Vinculums' request please |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:03:28 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I understand that this Monday, January 27th, you will be deciding whether to uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Mr. Lait's decision was the right one. These cell towers are badly designed and badly located. No one thinks they're acceptable for our city—not Planning Director Lait, not the Architectural Review Board, and not the public. Indeed, City Manager Ed Shikada writes in the Staff Report he submitted to you in preparation for Monday's meeting that "Staff recommends that the City Council deny the appeal from Crown Castle and uphold [Planning Director Lait's] decision. …There is substantial evidence in the record that the proposed [cell towers] are not compatible with the Downtown North neighborhood; and for … aesthetic and safety reasons…."

Please uphold Planning Director Lait's decision. In the year since the Architectural Review Board hearing on this cluster of cell towers, the City has been more than generous in allowing Crown Castle/Verizon every opportunity to return with what would be acceptable designs. But the applicants have chosen to do nothing. It's time to deny the cell towers they have proposed and tell them to go back to the drawing board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ding Erin <erinding9@gmail.com> 于2020年1月28日周二 下午10:59写道:

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| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan; Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | deny Vinculums' request please |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:59:27 PM |



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| **From:** | joy ding |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan; Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | deny Vinculums' request |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:57:23 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Joy

**From:** Keith Bennett
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Endorsement of Community Letter
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:55:58 PM

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To the Honorable Members of the Palo Alto Planning Commission

I endorse the Community Letter regarding the key characteristics for nominating and voting for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

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Keith Bennett
http://savepaloaltosgroundwater.org

**From:** Robert Phillips
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Endorsing Community Letter
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:50:06 PM

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Madams and Sirs:

I am a resident of Palo Alto and I endorse the community letter circulated by Fred Balin.

Best regards,

Robert Phillips

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| **From:** | Alexis Moiseyev |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Fred Balin"s letter |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:28:06 PM |



We , the undersigned support and approve the letter that Fred Balin has sent for your consideration as criteria for selecting a chair and vice chair for your commission.

Alexis Moiseyev and Margharita Moiseyev, 2302 Columbia street, Palo Alto CA 94306

**From:** Millie Chethik
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Endorsement of Community Letter
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:27:08 PM

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Dear Commissioners,
Please note that I endorse the 1 Page Community Letter of key characteristics for selecting a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson.
We have many fine people in our community and anything less than the characteristics listed should not be acceptable.
Sincerely,
Millie Chethik
Mayfield Area

**From:** Arthur Keller
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Planning and Transportation Commission leadership
**Date:** Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:19:18 PM

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Arthur Keller, former Planning and Transportation Commissioner and Vice Chair, current Chair, Environmental and Water Resources Committee, Santa Clara Valley Water District.

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| **From:** | WRL |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | please deny Vinculumns" request for entitlement extension |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 12:01:08 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Whitney Leeman

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| **From:** | Jackie Schneider |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park Cell Tower |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:28:30 AM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jackie Schneider

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| **From:** | Eugene Spevakov |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | New cell towers next to Barron Park school |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:19:18 AM |



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Please let Vinculums' entitlement for the Barron Park cell towers expire as scheduled on February 4, 2020. The residents and children of Barron Park deserve no less.

Thanks,
Eugene Spevakov

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| **From:** | Barbara Kelly |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:18:21 AM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Barbara Kelly
444 Washington Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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| **From:** | Ann Protter |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park cell towers |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 11:00:39 AM |



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| **From:** | promiserani |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell tower installations in Barron Park |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:44:21 AM |



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Yours truly,

Prerana Jayakumar

Palo Alto

*Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The*

*broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you. - L.R.Knost*

http://www.karnatik.com
http://www.okachiko.com
http://www.transitionpaloalto.org

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| **From:** | Ardan Michael Blum |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City; Lait, Jonathan; JFLEMING@metricus.net |
| **Subject:** | Planning Director Lait Was Right and City Council Did The Right Thing |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:43:42 AM |



**Warm greetings,**

**I want to thank our City Council that voted last night to uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny the approval to the six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon had applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood. A logical and needed vote! Bravo!!**

**Now: I want you to imagine a large canvas ready to be re-painted. This canvas has been retouched in each generation since this town was founded. It is a living view of our Palo Alto. The artist has the option to use mixed media and stick silver forks onto the canvas for every cell tower that will be set up. After a while the forks will look like prison bars. And the painting will in no way match the beauty of previous versions. Palo Alto is not "asking to be decorated with forks". We are in charge of our canvas! Let them know! I remain hopeful that now that we have stood our ground in Downtown North, the residents of Barron Park ** and other sections of our extended canvas be painted on with great care.**

**Best regards,**

**Ardan Michael**

** Please let Vinculums' entitlement for the Barron Park cell towers expire as scheduled on February 4, 2020.

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| **From:** | Phil Coulson |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | re: Barron Park cell towers |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:30:02 AM |

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
-Phil Coulson

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| **From:** | Henny N Halim Bhushan |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park / Cell Tower Extension |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:26:21 AM |



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Yours truly,

**Henny Bhushan**

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| **From:** | Francesca Kautz |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 10:01:51 AM |



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Yours truly,

Francesca Kautz

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| **From:** | Sam Brain |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park cell towers |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:58:32 AM |



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Yours truly,

Samuel W Brain, Ph.D.
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Sam Brain, Ph.D., Stanford Cancer Center, 875 Blake Wilbur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305-5847. P:650-723-6967 & C:650-850-2127

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| **From:** | Sam Brain |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
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Samuel W Brain, Ph.D.
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Sam Brain, Ph.D., Stanford Cancer Center, 875 Blake Wilbur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305-5847. P:650-723-6967 & C:650-850-2127

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| **From:** | Chris Robell |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Clerk, City; Council, City; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Architectural Review Board |
| **Subject:** | Barron Park cell towers |
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Yours truly,

Chris Robell
Old Palo Alto resident

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| **From:** | Alice Holmes |
| **To:** | Lait, Jonathan |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Verizon Request for Extension - DENY |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 28, 2020 9:50:29 AM |



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Yours truly,

**Alice Holmes**

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| **From:** | Rebecca Sanders |
| **To:** | Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | 1/29 PTC Item 4: Election of Chair and Vice Chir |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 4:43:05 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Community Letter PTC 20200127.pdf.pdf |



Dear Planning and Transportation Commissioners:

In your deliberations as to who will best serve as Chair and Vice Chair in 2020, please give serious consideration to the key characteristics detailed in the attached document, which includes the endorsements of over 50 residents across Palo Alto.

Thank you.

Becky Sanders
369 Margarita Avenue
Palo Alto

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January 25, 2020
List of endorsers begins on the following page.

**Endorsers**

Adobe Meadow
Ceci Kettendorf
Peter Taskovich

**Barron Park**
Beth Charlesworth
Maury Green
Suzanne Keehn
Art Liberman
Richard Placone

**Charleston Gardens**
Jean Wilcox

**College Terrace**
Fred Balin
Stewart Carl
Margaret Heath
Annette Ross
William Ross

**Crescent Park**
Norm Beamer
John Guislin
Karen Holman, former Planning and Transportation Commissioner and two-term Chair and former City Council Member and Mayor
Enid Pearson, former City Council Member
Emily Renzel, former Planning Commissioner and Chair and former City Council Member
Beth Rosenthal
Greg Welch
Rita Vhrel

**Downtown North**
Neilson Buchanan

**Duveneck/St. Francis**
Hamilton Hitchings
Steve Mullen

**Embarcadero Oaks/Leland**
Jo Ann Mandich

**Evergreen Park**
Paul Machado
David Schrom
Carol Scott

**Fairmeadow**
Len Filppu

**Green Acres**
Jim Colton
Joe Hirsch, former Planning Commissioner and Chair

**Mayfield**
Terry Holzmer
Shannon McEntee

**Midtown**
Sheri Furman
Annette Glanckopf
Jennifer Hetterly, former Parks and Recreation Commissioner and Chair
Jeff Hoel
Debbie Mytels
Greer Stone, former Human Relations Commissioner and Chair

**Old Palo Alto**
Chris Robell

**Palo Alto Hills**
Mark Nadim

**Palo Verde**
Ben Lerner
Greg Schmid, former City Council Member
Vijay Varma

**Professorville**
Mary Gallagher
Yoriko Kishimoto, former City Council Member and Mayor

**St. Claire Gardens**
Barbara and Steve Smith

**University South**
Roberta Ahlquist
Elaine Meyer

**Ventura**
Lissy Bland
Susan Kemp
T. Ranganath
Rebecca Sanders

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| **From:** | Kathleen Martin |
| **To:** | Clerk, City; Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board |
| **Subject:** | Opposition to cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 2:06:16 PM |



Hello to the Palo Alto City Council:  I express my opposition to the placement of cell phone towers in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Thank you,

Kathleen Martin

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| **From:** | Dan Adams |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Downtown North cell towers - please deny Crown Castle/Verizon approval |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 8:24:36 AM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I fully agree with the letter below, drafted by United Neighbors, imploring the city to deny Crown Castle/Verizon permission to install cell towers in Downtown North. The radiated RF emissions, acoustic noise, and ugliness of these installations are unacceptable for hanging above our houses and sidewalks.

I understand that this Monday, January 27th, you will be deciding whether to uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Mr. Lait's decision was the right one. These cell towers are badly designed and badly located. No one thinks they're acceptable for our city—not Planning Director Lait, not the Architectural Review Board, and not the public. Indeed, City Manager Ed Shikada writes in the Staff Report he submitted to you in preparation for Monday's meeting that "Staff recommends that the City Council deny the appeal from Crown Castle and uphold [Planning Director Lait's] decision. …There is substantial evidence in the record that the proposed [cell towers] are not compatible with the Downtown North neighborhood; and for … aesthetic and safety reasons…."

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Dan Adams

3550 Whitsell Ave

Palo Alto

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| **From:** | Anne Lum |
| **To:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City; Council, City |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: Cell Tower Update: City Council acts on Monday |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 7:18:16 AM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

**Anne Lum**

Homeowner at 781 Barron Avenue

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| **From:** | Mary Dimit |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | 1/27/2020 Council Mtg: Item 3 related to Wireless Communication Facilities |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 3:46:12 AM |



Dear City Council,

Please approve Item 3 on the Consent Calendar to deny approval to Crown Castle's proposed cell towers in Downtown North.

Last October, Planning Director Jonathan Lait, based on the recommendations of Palo Alto's Architectural Review Board, denied approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle (for lease to Verizon) are asking to install in Downtown North. These facilities are badly designed and located and don't belong in our city.

Sincerely,
Mary Dimit
Palo Alto owner and resident

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| **From:** | Leo Povolotsky |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City; Jeanne Fleming |
| **Subject:** | For Monday, January 27th Council meeting Wireless Towers update |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 27, 2020 12:41:45 AM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

L. Povolotsky

Palo Alto resident of 28 years

For United Neighbors

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| **From:** | Annette Fazzino |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Deny approval to 6 cell towers in Downtown North neighborhood |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 26, 2020 9:07:26 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou, and Tanaka

On Monday, January 27th, I understand that you will be deciding whether to uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Please support Mr. Lait's decision.

Over the year or two that I have been writing letters and attending council meetings on this topic, it has been made clear that no one thinks that the towers are acceptable. The list is long: Planning Director Lait, the Architectural Review Board, and the public. In this specific appeal, City Manager Ed Shikada also recommends that City Council deny the appeal from Crown Castle.

Keep Palo Alto beautiful. Support residents. No one wants these unattractive, poorly designed, noisy, and potentially unsafe towers next to homes. Don't allow them in Downtown North. Support Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to the six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon aims to install in Downtown North.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Annette Evans Fazzino

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| **From:** | Christine SELBERG |
| **To:** | Council, City; ARB@citypaloalto.org; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Feinstein Op-Ed. On 5G & Cities |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 26, 2020 7:27:57 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Feinstein Op-Ed.jpg |

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I am attaching this Op-Ed Senator Feinstein wrote for the Mercury News on January 16, 2020. Senator Feinstein writes that municipalities—not the FCC, not the telecom companies should decide where cell towers should go and what they should look like.

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> Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | Heypalermo |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | deny approval to Crown Castle's proposed cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 26, 2020 5:43:56 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Karen and Amol Saxena

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| **From:** | April Eiler |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 26, 2020 5:33:34 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

Please uphold Planning Director Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood. These cell towers are not compatible with the Downtown North neighborhood for safety and aesthetic reasons.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
April Eiler

**From:** Sharon Espar
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Cell towers
**Date:** Saturday, January 25, 2020 7:24:16 PM

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Please honor Director Lait's decision

Thank you
Sharon Espar
Palo Akto resident for 50 years

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| **From:** | Samuel W Brain PhD |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Please uphold Planning Director Lait's decision to deny Crown Castle/Verizon"s application |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 4:38:26 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Samuel W. Brain, Ph.D.

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Sam Brain, Ph.D., Stanford Cancer Center, 875 Blake Wilbur Drive, Stanford, CA 94305-5847.
P:650-723-6967 & C:650-850-2127

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| **From:** | Barbara Kelly |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:42:49 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Kelly
444 Washington Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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| **From:** | Cathy Berwaldt |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell towers |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:42:26 PM |



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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

**Cathy Berwaldt**

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| **From:** | Phil Coulson |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | re: City Council acts on this Monday 1/27/20 |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:23:39 PM |



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Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Council members Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
-Phil Coulson

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| **From:** | Ardan Michael Blum |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | It's time to deny the cell towers! |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:22:44 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ardan Michael Blum

- 345 Forest Avenue.

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| **From:** | Jeanette Bahn |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | I am a Downtown North Resident, voicing my concern |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:16:55 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jeanette Bahn

432 Ruthven Ave

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| **From:** | Chris Robell |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell towers in Downtown North |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 25, 2020 3:10:56 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Chris Robell
Old Palo Alto resident

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| **From:** | Francesca Kautz |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Uphold the Planning Director's decision to deny approval to Crown Castle's proposed cell towers in Downtown North |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 9:49:54 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Francesca Kautz

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| **From:** | Christine Selberg |
| **To:** | Council, City; ARB@citypaloalto.org; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Tower Concerns |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 3:26:26 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I submitted a letter prior to the 12/16/2019 Council Meeting, spoke at the meeting about my concerns and plan to attend the meeting on Monday, January 27th about my concerns of cell towers in the Downtown North neighborhood of Palo Alto.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Christine Selberg

281 Everett Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301

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| **From:** | Magic |
| **To:** | Council, City; Clerk, City; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board |
| **Subject:** | Crown Castle / Cell towers |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 2:37:31 PM |



Dear Councilmembers,

Please uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in Downtown North.

Rather than work to accommodate resident, ARB, and staff concerns, Crown Castle/Verizon has stonewalled.

Your, your staff's, and your constituents' lives are too valuable to squander on a hearing. Crown Castle/Verizon knows what we're asking of them, and they've means to provide it.

Thank you for considering this request.

David Schrom

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| **From:** | Jeanne Fleming |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | Downtown North cell towers |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 12:19:54 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jeanne Fleming

Jeanne Fleming, PhD
JFleming@Metricus.net
650-325-5151

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| **From:** | Eugene Spevakov |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Crown Castle/Verizon cell towers |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 11:16:48 AM |



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Sincerely,

Eugene Spevakov

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| **From:** | Devony Sofia Taylor |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Tower Application in Downtown North |
| **Date:** | Friday, January 24, 2020 7:56:24 AM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I understand that on Monday, January 27th, you will be making a decision regarding Crown Castle/Verizon's application to install six cell towers in the Downtown North Neighborhood.

I urge you to support and uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny the application. The decision to deny is in the best interest of the city and residents. Let Crown Castle/Verizon reapply with a design that meets their needs and is compatible with the neighborhood's needs for safety and design.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

**Devony Taylor**

Sent from my iPhone

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| **From:** | jason dong |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | deny approval please |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 10:01:03 PM |



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Yours truly,

Jason

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| **From:** | Janet Gu |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | deny approval please |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:59:18 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

**[janet]**

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| **From:** | Celia Boyle |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City; Jay Hopkins |
| **Subject:** | Please uphold Planning Director Lait's decision regarding denying approval of Verizon cell towers |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:23:16 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Celia Boyle and Jay Hopkins
Barron Park, Palo Alto

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| **From:** | Melody Song |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Council Meeting on 01/27 Regarding Crown Castle/Verizon |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 9:19:24 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Jing Song

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| **From:** | Ronald Wilensky |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Re: Consent Calendar-January 27th. Please uphold the Planning Director"s Decision about the Verizon Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 6:45:36 PM |



Dear Mayor Fine, Vice-Mayor DuBois, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I understand that this Monday, January 27th, you will be deciding whether to uphold Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to deny approval to six cell towers that Crown Castle/Verizon have applied to install in the Downtown North neighborhood.

Mr. Lait made the correct decision so please uphold his decision. These cell towers are badly designed and badly located.

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Thank you for considering my request.

Best regards,
Ron Wilensky
Palo Alto, CA 94301

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| **From:** | slevy@ccsce.com |
| **To:** | Steve Levy |
| **Subject:** | Where did the Workers Come From to Fill Recent Job Growth |
| **Date:** | Thursday, January 23, 2020 10:28:46 AM |
| **Attachments:** | Numbers-Jan2020_Job-and-Population-Growth-Paradox.pdf |



The short answer is I can explain a lot but not nearly all of where the workers came from. There is an unexplained gap in the state and ALL major regions.

Workers came from increases in the labor force, driven in large part by more existing residents returning to the workforce and finding jobs.

Workers came from a strong statewide reduction in unemployment as previously unemployed resident found jobs.

Other potential sources of workers are in commuting (not much if any of a factor in the state data) and more multiple job holding. But gig workers are not included in the job estimates--if they were the job growth would be larger and the unexplained gap larger.

So I am still left with a mystery.

Yes some Bay Area jobs are filled by commuters from the Sacramento and adjacent Valley counties. But that only shifts the gap between regions with the unexplained gap in the adjacent regions growing larger.

I am interested in feedback.

The recent job estimates may be reduced by a little.

Is it possible we are under counting the population?

Am I missing something.

I included data for the Bay Area, SoCal and the state but have data for othe regions.

Steve

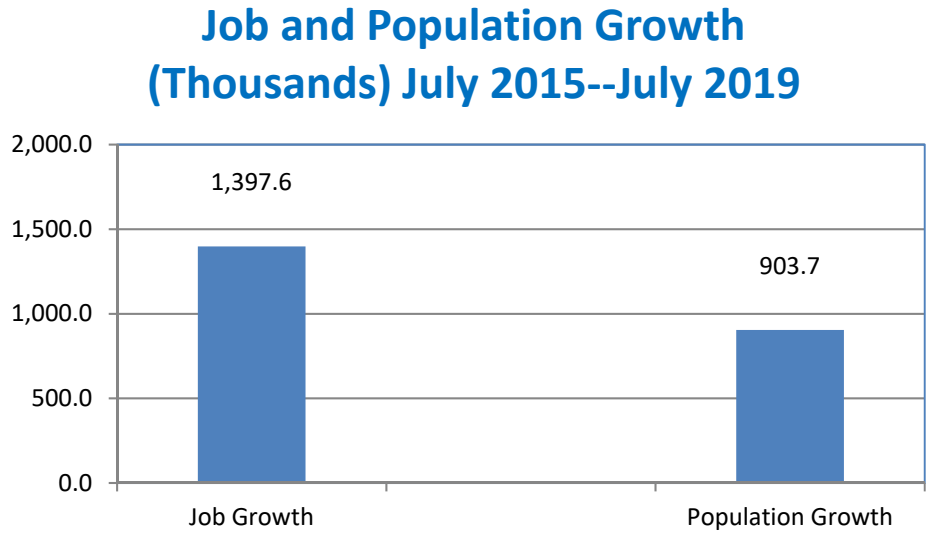
January 2020

## The Job and Population Growth Paradox—Is there an Explanation?

The California Department of Finance (DOF) released new population growth estimates for the state and counties in December 2019. The estimates show a sharp slowdown in population growth driven by increasing domestic out migration and falling birth levels. At the same time the state Employment Development Department (EDD) job estimates show continuing job growth throughout most of the state.

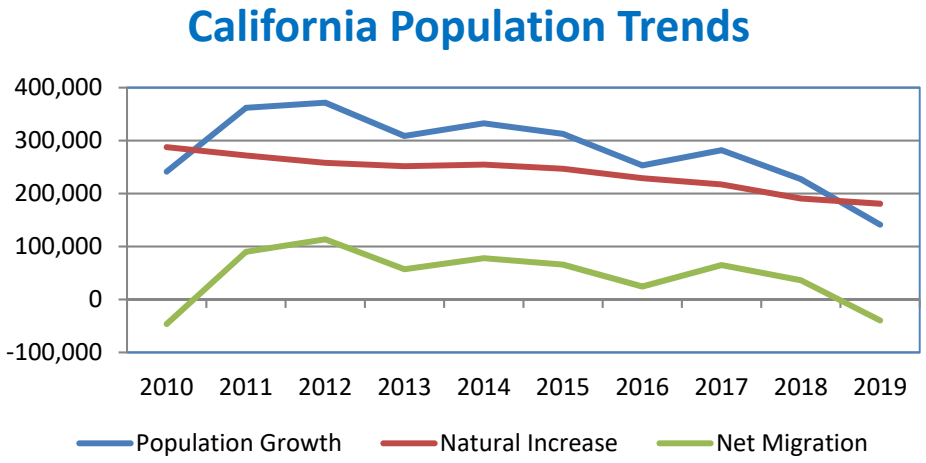
These two sets of estimates show a paradox and raise questions as to how these data could be consistent.

In California in 2019 there are just over 2 residents for every job. Yet in the past four years (July 2015—July 2019) job growth has far outpaced population growth as shown below. The state added approximately 1.4 million jobs and 900,000 residents or just over 1.5 jobs for every added resident. The just released Census Bureau estimates show an even lower population growth of 594,000 for this period.

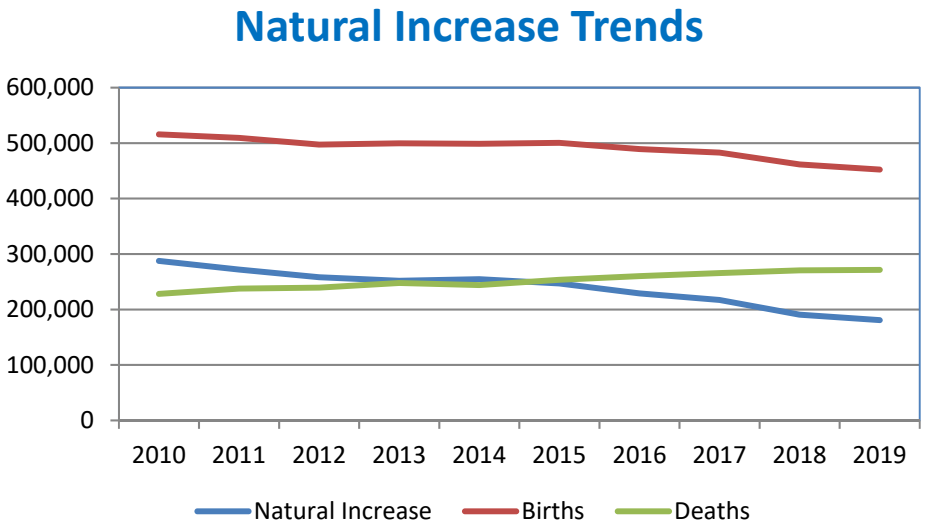



This Numbers in the News explores whether there is a consistent and credible explanation for these recent job and population growth trends.

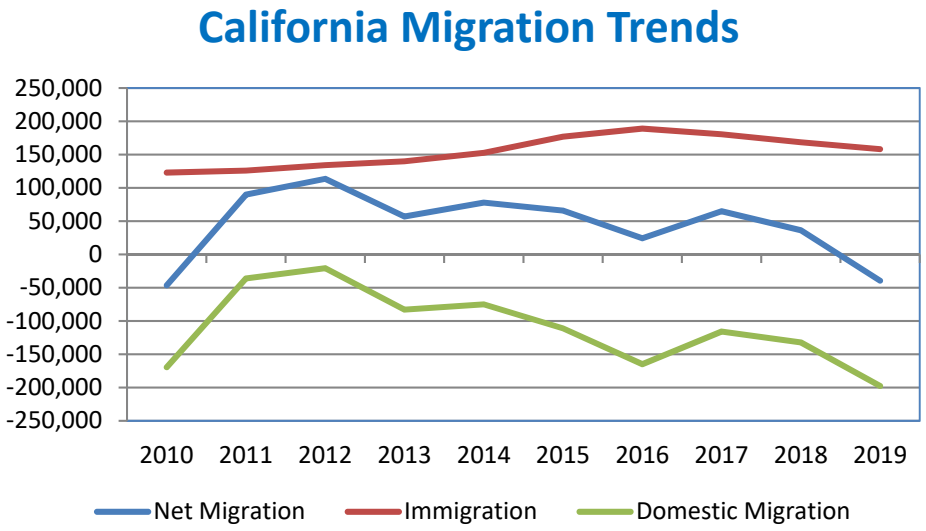
First, though, the memo reviews the recent DOF population estimates. Annual population growth fell from over 350,000 in the early years of the decade to under 150,000 between July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019. Natural increase (births minus deaths) fell from near 300,000 a year to under 200,000 in the 2018-19 estimate. And net migration has gone from positive to negative for the first time since the 2007-2010 recession.




The annual contribution of natural increase declined as births fell and deaths rose throughout the decade. This trend is expected to continue as birth rates have fallen and the population is aging.




The DOF estimates show a slow decline in immigration in recent years (the Census Bureau estimates show even lower immigration levels in California. And domestic migration estimates show growing net out migration.



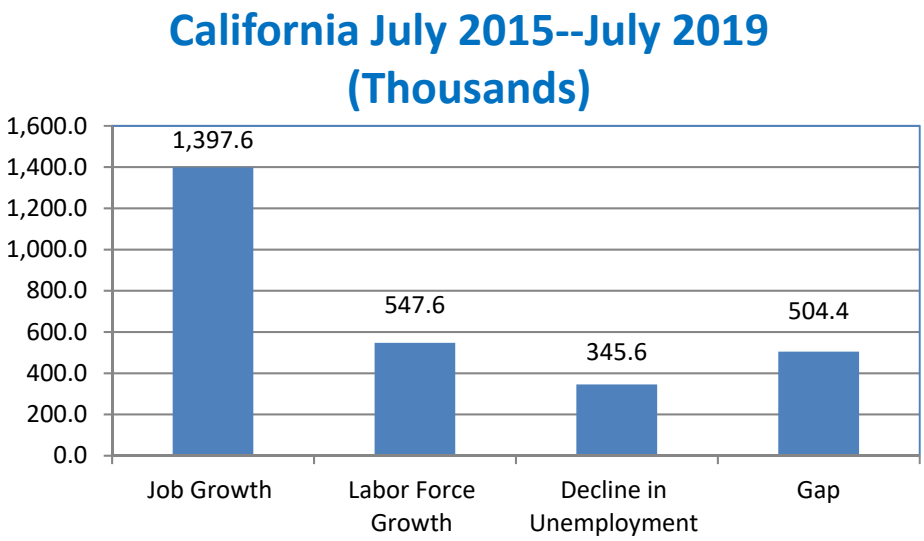

**The Paradox of High Job Growth and Low Population Growth**

If jobs are growing rapidly and population growth is slowing, where did the workers come from? For the state there are three sources of added jobs—labor force growth, declining unemployment and an increase in workers with more than one job. There is no evidence of an increase in the number of multiple job holders though there could be undercounting of gig workers. However the job data cited below exclude self employment so growth here, for example in gig workers, would make the job growth even higher and the paradox more difficult to explain. And there is no substantial in commuting into the state except perhaps from Tijuana into San Diego County.

During this period the state added nearly 1.4 million jobs (not counting gains in self employment). The labor force increased by 547,600 from population growth and higher labor force participation rates as more people needed to and more people could find jobs and come back into the workforce. And the number of unemployed residents declined by 345,500. These are both positive trends but there is still an unexplained gap of more than 500,000 workers.

Where did they come from? Is there any explanation for the gap or are there errors in the job and population estimates. While job estimates may come down a bit for the recent year, the overall growth is solidly based in employer tax returns. And both DOF and the Census Bureau agree that the state's population growth is slowing.

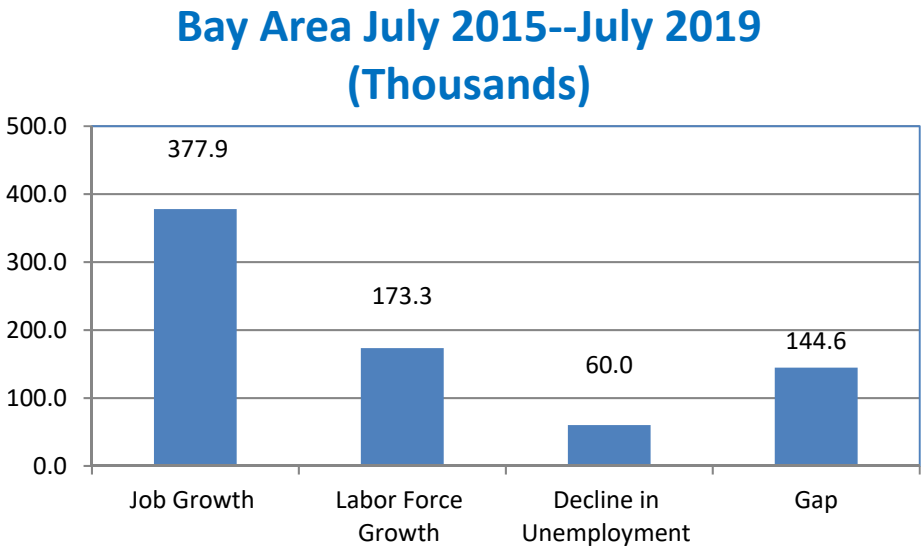
I am interested in whether readers have an explanation and also interested if staffs at DOF and EDD have looked at their data this way and have thoughts on the apparent paradox.



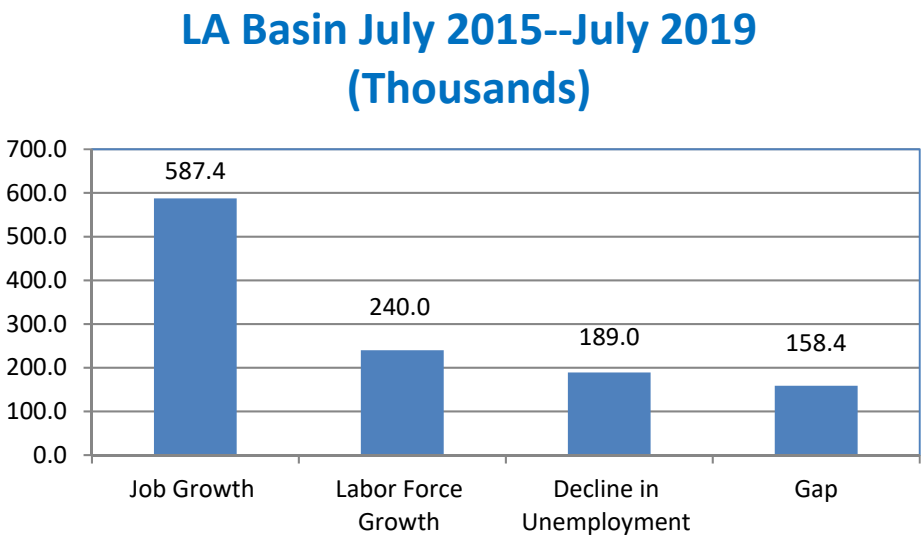

Let's now look at the state's largest two regions—Southern California and the Bay Area. The same trends show up in the relationship of job and population growth.

The Bay Area added 377,900 jobs between July 2015 and July 2019. Labor force growth of 173,300 driven by increasing participation from existing residents and a decrease in unemployment of 60,000 during this period accounted for much but not nearly all of the job growth. There is an unexplained gap of 144,600 jobs. Where did these workers come from?

Increased commuting from adjacent counties could fill part of the gap but the Bay Area to the Sacramento region and nearby Valley counties is a small fraction of 144,600. So there is still a large unexplained gap.



In Southern California there was a large (189,000) decrease in unemployment as the region joined the state job recovery. The labor force grew by 240,000. But jobs grew even more totaling 587,400 added jobs during this period. This leaves an unexplained gap of 158,400 and it is not likely that many people commuted into the region though some in southern Riverside County may commute out to San Diego County.




I am interested to hear from readers if they see additional explanations that make the job and population growth estimates consistent.

One thing is true going forward. With unemployment rates low and a limited scope for bringing additional residents into the workforce, future job growth now projected in most regions will require new residents and that, in turn, will require policies (immigration and housing come to mind) that will welcome new residents and workers to the state.

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| **From:** | Jeanne Fleming |
| **To:** | French, Amy |
| **Cc:** | Clerk, City; Council, City; Shikada, Ed; Lait, Jonathan; Atkinson, Rebecca; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; UAC; board@pausd.org; health@paloaltopta.org |
| **Subject:** | RE: Request for information on wireless |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:34:34 PM |

Dear Amy,

Thank you for this update.

Am I correct that if, on January 27th, three or more Councilmembers vote to remove Item 3 from the Consent Calendar, then Crown Castle's appeal of the Director's decision to deny approval to the Downtown North cluster will be heard as an Action Item on that date (i.e, on January 27th)?

Also, regarding the Barron Park Vinculums/Verizon cluster, I would appreciate it if you would tell me 1) what an "entitlement" is in this context, and 2) what it would mean if Vinculum/Verizon's request to extend the entitlement were to be denied by Planning Director Lait.

As always, I appreciate your help.

Jeanne

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**From:** French, Amy <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 22, 2020 6:03 PM
**To:** Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
**Cc:** City Mgr <CityMgr@cityofpaloalto.org>; Atkinson, Rebecca <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Lait, Jonathan <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>
**Subject:** Request for information on wireless
**Importance:** High

Ms. Fleming,
As you may be aware, Council adopted updates to the objective wireless administrative standards. Attached please find a signed copy of the December 16, 2019 Council Resolution. This resolution will be found on the City Manager's Wireless Hot Topic website. Two other updates may interest you:

1. Vinculums submitted an entitlement extension request on 1/16/19 for Vinculums/Verizon

Cluster 2 (17PLN-00170). The entitlement would expire February 4, 2020, unless the Director of Planning and Development Services issues the extension. The Director is reviewing the request. The process is outlined in Palo Alto Municipal Code Section 18.77.090.

2. Crown Castle appealed the Director's Decisions on Cluster 3 (17PLN-00450). The 1/27 Council meeting consent agenda has this:
   - 1/27 Council Agenda: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=51396.56&BlobID=74839
   - Item 3 Consent Calendar – Crown Castle Appeal City Managers Report: https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/blobdload.aspx?t=61012.71&BlobID=74856
     QUASI-JUDICIAL: Deny Appeal by Crown Castle and Uphold the Director's Decisions to Deny Wireless Communication Facilities on Wood Utility Poles in the Public Right of Way (For Lease to Verizon, Known as Crown Castle Cluster 3) in Six Locations Within the Downtown North Neighborhood [File 17PLN-00450], Zoned Public Facilities. Locations are Adjacent to These Zones/Addresses: RM-30 (205 Everett/251 Emerson, 243 Hawthorne and 258 Waverley); RM-D (NP) (482 Everett and 301 Bryant); RM15 (201 High). The Project is Exempt From the Provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in Accordance With Public Resources Code Section 21080.

Amy French| Chief Planning Official
250 Hamilton Avenue | Palo Alto, CA 94301
D: 650.329.2336| E: amy.french@cityofpaloalto.org
*Please think of the environment before printing this email – Thank you!*

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**From:** Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2020 3:46 PM
**To:** French, Amy <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Atkinson, Rebecca <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>
**Cc:** Council, City <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>; Clerk, City <city.clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>; Shikada, Ed <Ed.Shikada@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Lait, Jonathan <Jonathan.Lait@CityofPaloAlto.org>; Architectural Review Board <arb@cityofpaloalto.org>; Planning Commission <Planning.Commission@cityofpaloalto.org>; UAC <UAC@cityofpaloalto.org>; board@pausd.org; health@paloaltopta.org
**Subject:** Updates to residents regarding wireless applications



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Dear Amy and Rebecca,

With the thought that perhaps you never received it, I am re-sending the email I sent th

you on December 6 , 2019. This email asked whether, going forward, the City's Wireless Hot Topics Webpage would be systematically updated.

I would be most appreciative of a response to my question. As you are aware from the volume of email Council receives from residents and from our presence at Council meetings, the wireless issue remains of great interest to many Palo Altans.

If City Staff is not going to keep the Hot Topics page systematically updated, please consider this my formal request for information regarding all cell tower application submissions, resubmissions, reviews, approvals, appeals, hearings (or any type of consideration by Council, the Architectural Review Board, the Planning Commission or any other body), permits, scheduled installations, completed installations, compliance reports, tolling agreements, shot clock extensions and the like since November 1, 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jeanne

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**From:** Jeanne Fleming <jfleming@metricus.net>
**Sent:** Friday, December 6, 2019 4:05 PM
**To:** 'French, Amy' <Amy.French@CityofPaloAlto.org>; 'Atkinson, Rebecca' <Rebecca.Atkinson@CityofPaloAlto.org>
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**Subject:** Wireless Hot Topic Page Updated

Dear Amy and Rebecca,

Thank you for letting me know that the Wireless Hot Topics Webpage has been updated and that, other than the upcoming consideration of the revised Wireless Resolution by Council, there is no additional wireless-related news. I was glad to see the Update.

Will you now be updating the page as you did in the past, that is, will you now be systematically reporting on cell tower application submissions, resubmissions, reviews, approvals, appeals, hearings, permits, installations, compliance reports, tolling agreements, shot clock extensions and the like?

As always, thank you for your help.

Jeanne

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| **From:** | Rebecca Sanders |
| **To:** | Shikada, Ed; Lait, Jonathan; Tanner, Rachael |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; North Ventura Coordinated Area Plan; Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | PLEASE CANCEL NVCAP TONIGHT or TAKE IT OFF COUNCIL AGENDA |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 21, 2020 11:38:53 AM |



Dear Rachael, Jonathan and Ed:

City staff is presenting tonight on proposed changes to the housing work plan at the same time that a
NVCAP meeting is taking place. The proposed changes appear to have the MOST impact on and will be absorbed by NVCAP.
So why is the meeting happening concurrent with the NVCAP meeting?

I would like to attend both meetings but will be forced to choose, and if working group members want to attend the Council meeting to find out what is being discussed about THEIR project, they will be in dereliction of their duty to the working group. Reading a report is not enough. When you miss discussion, you miss out on what is decided, what directions are being discussed.

Also the latest staff report for NVCAP was delivered this past Friday night, the first night of a three day weekend. So I am just getting around to familiarizing myself with the staff report now and the presentation. I have perused it and have not read it word for word, will do that, but as of now, I am alarmed to see for the first time ever thousands of housing units proposed in NVCAP rather than the 350+ slated by the housing element of the comp plan.

NVCAP is of the utmost importance and to have such major changes proposed without first having it reviewed, let alone vetted by the NVCAP working group seems outrageous to me. And what about the PTC? I thought the Planning and Transportation Commission was supposed to get a bead on this kind of thing BEFORE going to Council because that is the PTC's job, to save Council time by first going over projects and proposals like this.

The way this is being handled is irregular and inconsiderate of the hours of time that my neighbors have devoted to the NVCAP process.

I urge Staff to either cancel the NVCAP meeting or take the presentation off the agenda for tonight. Please help us.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Becky Sanders
Ventura Neighborhood

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| **From:** | L. David Baron |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Lait, Jonathan; Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | housing work plan |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, January 21, 2020 10:12:34 AM |

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Honorable city council:

When you consider tonight's item on the housing work plan (https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/civicax/filebank/documents/74851) I would encourage you to make progress on changes that will lead to the construction of more housing in Palo Alto, and on changes that will lead to shifts in land use in our region that make us depend less on private cars for transportation. I hope that some of these changes will also lead to downtown and perhaps other core areas becoming denser, with more housing, office, and retail.

Regarding items mentioned in the staff report, I would specifically encourage you to:

* end the suspension of in-lieu parking for uses above the ground floor (item #4),

* support incentives for the use of TDRs for residential development (item #24), and

* allow in-lieu parking for residential uses (item #25).

In addition to the items mentioned in the staff report, I would also encourage work on changes to the zoning code to allow for denser housing, particularly near Downtown and Cal Ave (and perhaps also along El Camino Real and San Antonio). Many of the current rules including parking requirements and limits on Floor Area Ratio, lot coverage, unit density, and setbacks, are stricter than they should be (particularly for areas close to downtown and California Avenue), and prevent the creation of much-needed homes. It is most important to focus on the rule changes that will actually lead to more homes being built.

In order for California to have a chance of digging out of its massive housing shortage, Palo Alto needs to have much more ambitious targets for housing construction than it does today. The state needs 3.5 million new homes. Palo Alto's fair share of that, given its location close to transportation and strong economic activity, is probably around 15,000-20,000 homes. Yes, that's a large number. But if we want to have a path out of this housing crisis, we need to think seriously about how to accommodate that level of growth (the sort of growth rate that California had in the 1940s and 1950s, and about 50% more than the growth rate California had in the 1960s and 1980s).

-David

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L. David Baron
https://dbaron.org/

**From:** Peninsula Division, League of CA Cities
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** News Impacting Local Government
**Date:** Monday, January 20, 2020 10:35:24 AM



January 2020

# Peninsula Division

## Message from the President

How do you celebrate and teach the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.? How do his words resonate today?

The Peninsula Division is committed to exploring these questions at City Council Meetings but also on a personal level. Engaging in honest conversations on difficult topics like housing, transportation, mental health and schools, and resilience/renewable energy is one way we can continue to honor MLK's legacy of service.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Division events soon and engaging in an honest conversation with you about how our communities are changing over time.

Yours in Service,

Marico Sayoc, Division President
Council Member, Los Gatos

## Housing Outlook 2020
***Division Luncheon in Mountain View***

The 6th cycle of Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) poses opportunity and challenge to local cities. Experts from ABAG/MTC, the Bay Area's legislative delegation, and the League of California Cities will lead an interactive discussion about housing policy in 2020.

The Peninsula Division relies on input from members to create an action plan for the upcoming year.

Registration is required and seating is limited so sign up today!

**Division HOUSING**
**Luncheon 1/29/2020 Register HERE**

## Governor Newsom's 2020 Budget --
***A League Perspective***

In his three-hour presentation, Gov. Gavin Newsom released his $222 billion state budget for FY 2020-21. The budget includes significant funding to address homelessness and wildfires, two priority issues for the League. Here is the League's executive summary for cities on the Governor's budget and our official response to the proposal.

## Support CitiPAC in 2020!!

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Bocce/CitiPAC Event! This year's event will take place at Filoli in Woodside. The election in November will see an large number of ballot measures that will directly impact local government. Get engaged in the effort to ensure your voice is heard and that cities continue to play a pivotal role in governing local communities.

Please remember to use your personal email for communication related to CitiPAC activities.

## What are you reading??

Andrew McAfee's new book *More From Less: The Surprising Story of How We Learned to Prosper Using Fewer Resources–And What Happens Next* charts the decoupling of human well-being and environmental impacts in food production, material extraction, water use, emissions, and more. it is possible for all of us to thrive while limiting human impacts on the environment.

More from Less

## SAVE THE DATE
### *Upcoming Division and League Events*

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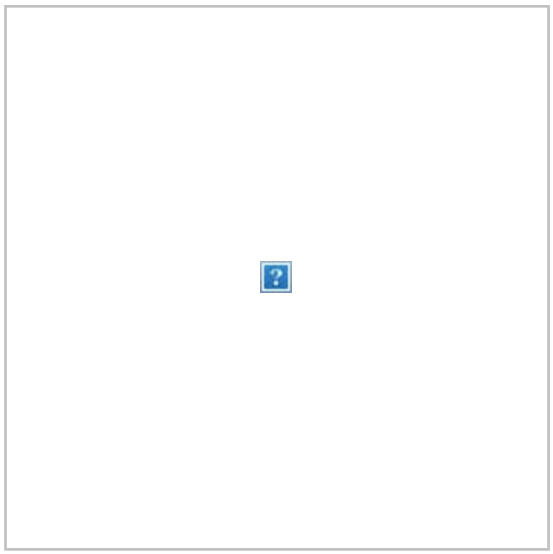



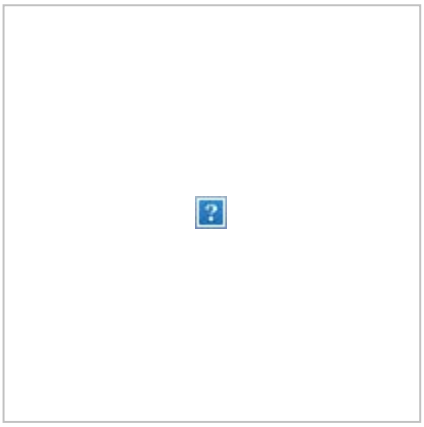

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| **From:** | Liz Kniss |
| **To:** | slevy@ccsce.com |
| **Cc:** | Council, City; Planning Commission; Lait, Jonathan; Shikada, Ed |
| **Subject:** | Re: housing work plan |
| **Date:** | Monday, January 20, 2020 8:55:53 AM |

Thx Steve. Good reminder re past intentions.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 19, 2020, at 7:14 PM, slevy@ccsce.com wrote:



Dear Mayor Fine and council members,

Please expand the programs in the housing work plan and provide funding for staff support on the many items not yet started. And then reinstate housing as a priority at the Retreat.

As the staff memo notes, despite positive council action with regard to ADUs and incentives adopted last year, these measures alone will not come close to meeting the housing targets in the adopted Comp Plan and will leave the city unprepared for the higher RHNA targets we will receive as HCD has added substantial targets to relieve overcrowding and cost burdens for existing residents.

Staff has provided a long list of potential additional policies.

Those that come to the top of my list include:

--planning for low rise 204 unit complexes and row houses in neighborhoods--originally scheduled as part of the 2019 housing work plan

--additional height limits when paired with commitments for more subsidized units

--lowering or eliminating retail requirements in new housing developments

--exploring coops and community land trusts

--working with Stanford for housing on their city properties

--developing additional funding sources for projects like Wilton that are 100% BMR--like a bond or parcel tax and including a substantial commitment of business tax revenues

--further streamlining the approval process.

In addition I would ask the state legislature to develop legislation to backfill some or all of the impact fees so the city can retain the funds but the cost of projects can

come down.

Finally I would have council remind the NVCAP committee of the importance of substantial new housing in that area for the reasons outlined in the staff report as to the importance of North Ventura if we are to meet our goals and simultaneously avoid being sued by the state for violating our Housing Element.

Stephen Levy

365 Forest Avenue ( a wonderful home for 17 families in downtown that would be illegal to construct today

Palo Alto

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| **From:** | slevy@ccsce.com |
| **To:** | Steve Levy |
| **Subject:** | GDP and income updates |
| **Date:** | Saturday, January 18, 2020 1:19:02 PM |
| **Attachments:** | Numbers-Jan2020_2018-California-Regional-Economy-Rankings.pdf |



The Bay Area as expected led he state and nation in GDP and per capita income growth in 2018. California also led the nation.

This Numbers in the News covers GDP and per capita income estimates released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis late last year.

These data do support the new effort Regions Rise Together as they clearly document the large income disparities among regions and counties in California.

https://cafwd.org/reporting/c-new/regions-rise-together

High income counties are mainly in the Bay Area and low income counties are primarily in the inland parts of California. While these income disparities are partly offset by differences in housing prices, they remain large after any adjustment and they have persisted for decades.

Policy solutions have proved elusive. Ideas that have promise but will require effort and funding include

--non car commute connections between inland counties and the job rich coastal regions

--a focus on expanded education and workforce efforts

--support for industry growth in sectors where, for example, the Central Valley has advantages--though the job growth goal has proven the most difficult after decades of trying.

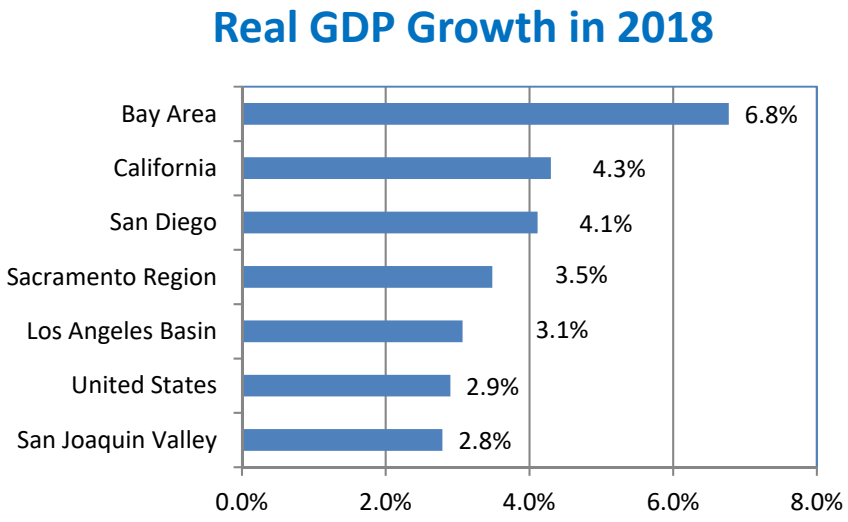
But these data emphasize that regions are not yer rising together.

Steve

January 2020

## The Bay Area Leads the State GDP and Income Growth in 2018

The Bay Area led California and the nation with a real (inflation adjusted) GDP gain of 6.8% in 2018, more than twice as fast as the national growth rate. California posted a 4.3% increase and all regions except the San Joaquin Valley (which was close) outpaced the national gain. Per capita income gains also outpaced the state and nation. Both sets of data are published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) in the U.S. Department of Commerce.



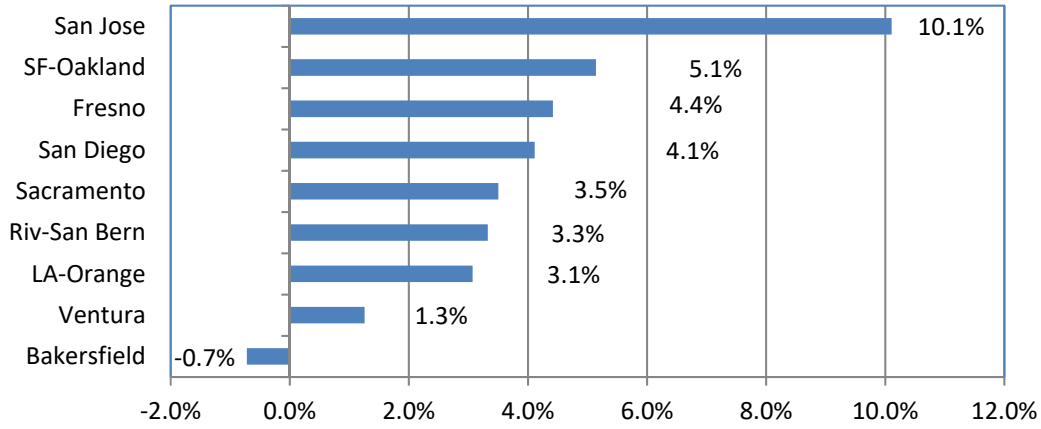

San Jose led all metro areas in California with a real GDP increase of 10.1% in 2018 led by gains in tech related sectors. The San Francisco-Oakland metro area was 2nd at 5.1% with gains in tech and finance.

2018 saw areas outside of the Bay Area with strong gains as these areas are now fully participating in the state's growth. Fresno GDP grew by 4.4% followed by San Diego County's 4.1% growth. Next with gains of 3.5%, 3.3% and 3.1% were the Sacramento, Riverside-San Bernardino and LA-Orange metro areas.

The Bakersfield metro lagged as the oil cutbacks restrained growth. The Ventura metro area was the only other metro area trailing the nation as job growth slowed during 2018.

The first half of 2019 brought slower GDP growth to the state and that should be reflected in lower metro area growth when those data become available.

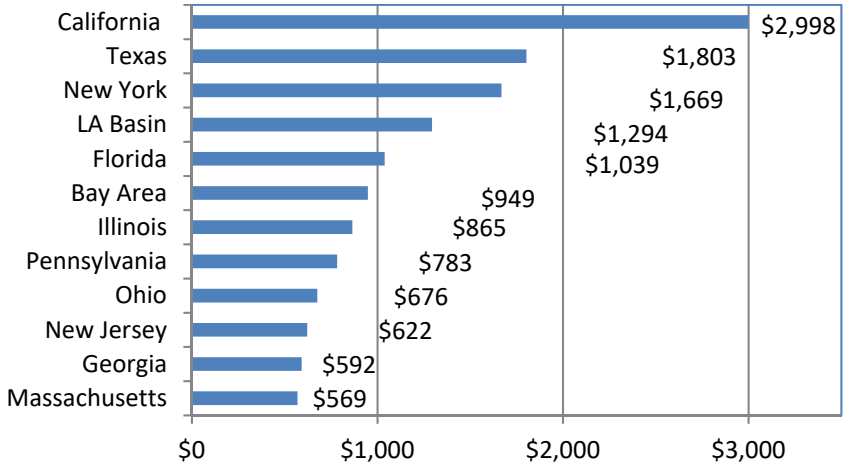
## GDP Growth in Major Metropolitan Areas in California in 2018




The LA Basin and Bay Area rank high in comparison to most states.

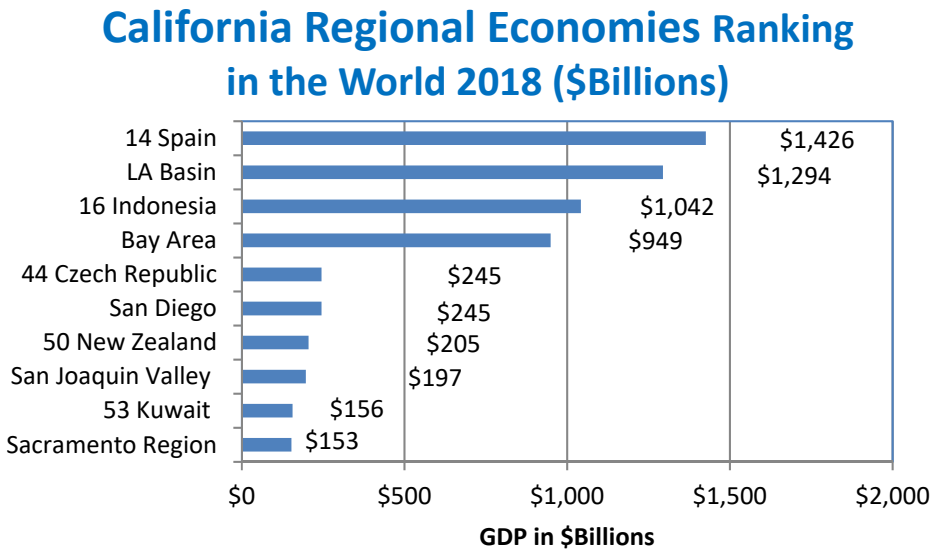
The five county LA Basin economy ranks behind only California, Texas and New York in 2018 with a $1.3 trillion dollar economy. The nine county Bay Area economy would rank 5th among all states with a $949 billion dollar economy measured by the value of goods and services produced in each area.

## LA Basin and Bay Area Among Top Ten States (2018 GDP $ Billions)



## Where do California Regions Rank Worldwide?

The LA Basin economy would rank 15th in terms of the output of goods and services behind Spain and ahead of Mexico. The Bay Area would rank 17th (up from 18th two years ago) behind Indonesia and ahead of the Netherlands. San Diego County would rank 45th behind the Czech Republic and ahead of Vietnam. The eight county San Joaquin Valley would rank 51st behind New Zealand and ahead of Qatar. And the six county Sacramento region would rank 54th behind Kuwait and ahead of Morocco. California and the regions were not counted as countries in these rankings.




## Per Capita Income in 2018

Ten Highest California Counties for Per Capita Income in 2018

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| Marin | $134,275 |
| San Francisco | $130,696 |
| San Mateo | $126,392 |
| Santa Clara | $107,877 |
| Contra Costa | $82,506 |
| Alameda | $76,644 |
| Napa | $74,984 |
| Alpine | $73,307 |
| Santa Cruz | $69,355 |
| Orange | $69,268 |
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| California | $63,557 |
| United States | $54,446 |

These estimates from BEA use a definition of income that goes beyond money income to include imputed rent for home owners and employer paid benefits like health insurance.

The top seven counties are in the Bay and number nine Santa Cruz County is adjacent to the Bay Area. The Bay Area strength is the result of large number of high paying tech jobs. Note that these estimates are for average per capita income, which is influenced by high paying jobs as opposed to median incomes, where half of residents are above and half below the median.

California's per capita income in 2018 ($63,557) is 16.7% above the national average.

The ten lowest counties for per capita income in 2018 are shown below. Five (Kings, Merced, Kern, Madera and Tulare) counties are in the San Joaquin Valley. Two (Riverside and San Bernardino) are in the inland portion of the southern California region. And there are three smaller counties (Imperial, Del Norte and Lassen). All of these counties have per capita incomes well below the state and national average.

Ten Lowest Counties for Per Capita Income in 2018

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| Kings | $35,306 |
| Imperial | $36,974 |
| Del Norte | $37,268 |
| Lassen | $37,844 |
| Merced | $38,519 |
| Kern | $39,703 |
| Madera | $39,897 |
| San Bernardino | $40,316 |
| Tulare | $40,420 |
| Riverside | $40,637 |
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| California | $63,557 |
| United States | $54,446 |

Eight of the ten fastest growing counties for per capita income growth for 2015-2018 were in the Bay Area and one, San Benito, was adjacent. The other top ten county was Mariposa. All of these counties grew fast than the nation. It is also true that per capita income in California grew slightly more slowly (14.0%) compared to the nation (14.4%) for these years.

Fastest Per Capita Income Growth in California
2015-2018

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| Santa Clara | 25.2% |
| San Mateo | 23.2% |
| San Francisco | 21.0% |
| Alameda | 20.0% |
| Contra Costa | 19.1% |
| Mariposa | 17.7% |
| Marin | 17.2% |
| Napa | 17.2% |
| San Benito | 16.4% |
| Sonoma | 16.2% |
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| California | 14.0% |
| United States | 14.4% |

California had several counties where per capita income grew at half or less of the national growth rate. Three (Kern, Merced and Stanislaus) are in the San Joaquin Valley, two (Yolo and Yuba) in the Sacramento region, Imperial an four smaller non metro area counties,

Slowest Per Capita Income Growth in California
2015-2018

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| Imperial | 4.2% |
| Colusa | 4.3% |
| Kern | 4.4% |
| Alpine | 4.4% |
| Modoc | 4.5% |
| Merced | 6.9% |
| Amador | 7.0% |
| Yolo | 7.2% |
| Yuba | 7.2% |
| Del Norte | 7.2% |
| Stanislaus | 7.6% |
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| California | 14.0% |
| United States | 14.4% |

**Comments**

State leaders are calling attention to the wide disparities in income and other measures of economic health among different regions in California. This has led to an initiative called Regions Rise Together https://cafwd.org/reporting/c-new/regions-rise-together. The income and GDP data above confirm that there are wide income disparities within California.

It is also true that the high and rising costs of housing in recent years have increased the economic pressure on many residents even in regions with strong job and income growth.

**Notes**

The estimates presented above are based on 2018 advance metropolitan area estimates published by BEA in December 2019.

GDP is referred to as output or the output of goods and services in the text. GDP is used instead of GSP (gross state product) although the meanings are similar).

The LA Basin includes Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. The Bay Area includes Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma counties. The San Diego region includes San Diego County. The San Joaquin Valley region includes Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare counties, The Sacramento region includes El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties.

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| **From:** | Neilson Buchanan |
| **To:** | Council, City; Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | Shikada, Ed; Stump, Molly; Kamhi, Philip; Dave Price; Jocelyn Dong; Gennady Sheyner; John Guislin; Holzemer/hernandez; Neva Yarkin; Andie Reed; Nelson Ng; Allen Akin; Greg Schmid (external); Joe Hirsch; Joe Baldwin; Marion Odell; David Kwoh; Ted Davids; Mary - SAVE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD; Rebecca Sanders; Sallyann Rudd; Malcolm Roy Beasley; Jerry Smith; Lora Smith; Furman, Sheri; Wolfgang Dueregger; Carol Scott; David Schrom; Lauren Burton; Fred Kohler; KJ Chang; Chris Robell; Kathy Jordan; Taylor Brady; Mary Gallagher |
| **Subject:** | time for caution: SPILLOVER PARKING |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, January 15, 2020 9:43:22 AM |



Please consider the impact of such decisions upon Palo Alto neighborhoods adjacent to commercial areas.

Valet parking from an ***unparked*** hotel would displace current permitted parking in the commercial core to neighborhoods.

Amid opposition, San Jose approves hotel's use of San Pedro Square garage - San José Spotlight

**Amid opposition, San Jose approves hotel's use of San Pedro Square garag...**

Despite opposition from neighbors and downtown businesses, San Jose lawmakers approved a plan to allow guests of...

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| **From:** | slevy@ccsce.com |
| **To:** | Council, City; Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | Lait, Jonathan; Shikada, Ed |
| **Subject:** | Some ideas for our 2020 housing work pLAN |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 12, 2020 12:03:06 PM |



from a mayor and city serious about making housing easier and less expensive to build.

We adopted some proposals in 2019.

It is time in 2020 to take some next steps.

https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/01/12/opinion-liccardo-housing/

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| **From:** | slevy@ccsce.com |
| **To:** | Council, City; Planning Commission |
| **Cc:** | Lait, Jonathan; Shikada, Ed |
| **Subject:** | a warning about backing away from housing committmenrts |
| **Date:** | Sunday, January 12, 2020 11:59:02 AM |



relevant to North Ventura and in general.

The legislature and HCD are getting more serious about foot dragging on housing.

https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/01/10/state-lawmaker-warns-lafayette-about-huge-apartment-project/

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| **From:** | Mary Dimit |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | 12/16/19 Public Hearing on Wireless Resolution (Action Item 14) |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 5:23:12 AM |



Dear City Council,

I am requesting that Council establish requirements for a mandatory setback for cell towers from homes of at least 100 feet.

- City Staff's request for a 20-foot setback for cell towers, with their potentially hazardous and noisy equipment, located so close to our homes is not acceptable to Palo Alto's residents.
- Although there is a provision that cell towers not be located in a residential zone, exceptions are permitted -- so residents still need to be protected in these cases.
- Requiring a 100-foot setback from homes is a reasonable accommodation for the telecommunications industry to make to Palo Alto residents.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Mary Dimit
Palo Alto owner and resident

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| **From:** | Ronald Wilensky |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | RB@cityofpaloalto.org; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | 20-foot setback distance for cell towers is too small |
| **Date:** | Thursday, December 12, 2019 10:47:38 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Council members Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I recently learned that City Staff are asking you to approve a 20 foot setback for cell towers from residences, a provision that is part of the revised Wireless Resolution you will be considering on 16 December 2019. That distance is too small, being only a few feet more than the length of a typical car.

In April, City Council specifically asked Staff to prepare this revised Wireless Resolution in order to update the City's wireless policy so that it provides greater protections for Palo Alto residents. But the proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests. It opens the door for the telecom industry to put ugly, noisy, and potentially hazardous equipment right next to our homes.

It is true that City Staff have prepared a revised Wireless Resolution that includes many important elements that residents want. One is the provision that cell towers may not be located in any residential zone unless the City grants the cell tower applicant an "exception." But since exceptions are permitted, when an exception is granted residents need to be protected from having a cell tower installed only a 20 feet from their homes.

Please establish instead a **no-exceptions set back of at least 100 feet** This set back is a more than reasonable accommodation that the telecommunications industry can make to meet the aesthetic standards of Palo Alto.

Thank you for considering my request.

Best regards,
Ron Wilensky

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| **From:** | Anna Wichansky |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | 100 ft setback needed for new cell phone towers in residential areas |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 12:17:51 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I live at 4234 Suzanne Drive. I have recently observed the sign for a new cell phone terminal on my block. Frankly the neighbors here and I don't want this on our block. This thing will buzz all the time, and emits energy that we are not sure is safe to humans. It is right in front of one of the neighbors' houses, several feet away from their door. This really can't be right.

Now I have learned that City Staff are asking you to approve a 20 foot setback for cell towers from residences, a provision that is part of the revised Wireless Resolution you will be considering on December 16th. Twenty feet is only three to four feet longer than the average car. How can that be an acceptable distance for a cell tower from a home? The proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests. It opens the door for the telecom industry to put their ugly, noisy, and potentially hazardous equipment right next to our homes.

Please do not establish a 20 foot setback. Please establish instead a **no-exceptions 100 foot setback**. One hundred feet is a more than reasonable accommodation to insist that the telecommunications industry make to the aesthetic standards of Palo Alto.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Anna Wichansky

**From:** Kirsten Flynn
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** 470 Olive
**Date:** Wednesday, December 11, 2019 3:48:34 PM

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Hello Planning commissioners,

First of all, thank you for your service to our city.

I would like to comment on the action item related to extending the non conforming use of 470 Olive as an office, despite it's R1 zoning.

I am a member of the NVCAP planning process, and am volunteering my time to create a well thought our vision for this area that: responds to the wishes of the citizens, provides housing, respects the historical aspects of the property, and does not displace Palo Alto Citizens. I know housing is a top priority in this site, and we are striving to meet this stated city priority.

In addition to the many volunteer hours we have spend in the meetings, we have spend additional hours poring over zoning maps, reading technical articles on best practices, and communicating with my neighbors to try and figure out the best solutions for the citizens of Palo Alto. I do not need to tell you how complex this planning process can be.

However it is made more difficult if projects and zoning changes are continuously approved with our knowing that these changes are planned or occurring within the study site. Existing conditions are hard to assess, we keep being confronted to changes of what we thought we know about the NVCAP site.

It seems counter productive to our process, and frankly, a little frustrating. Would it be possible to freeze new zoning changes until our plan is complete? At the very least, I think we should get information of any proposed projects and zoning changes in the NVCAP area, so that we can integrate them into our thinking, and comment on them if they run counter to the nascent conceptual plan. Please be aware of our process. I believe in it enough to donate my time, and I would like to think the Planning Commission is aware of and shares the NVCAP stated goals.

Best regards,
Kirsten Flynn

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| **From:** | Sherryl Casella |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; cityclerk@cityofpaloalto.org |
| **Subject:** | Cell Tower setback and above ground equipmwent boxes |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 1:10:18 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Also, in project file number 17PLN-00228, Verizon plans to build an equipment box above ground on Emerson, near Lowell. . It's proposed height is 4 1/2 feet and depth is 2 1/2 feet. Please do not allow such an ugly and large piece of equipment in our neighborhood. Surely they could be required to underground equipment in the neighborhoods!

Please do not establish a 20 foot setback. Please establish instead a **no-exceptions 100 foot setback**. One hundred feet is a more than reasonable accommodation to insist that the telecommunications industry make to the aesthetic standards of Palo Alto. Also, please require that such equipment boxes be placed underground.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Sherryl Casella

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| **From:** | Dave Shen |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Cc:** | dshenster@gmail.com |
| **Subject:** | Cell tower setback needs to be 100ft or more |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 6:24:43 AM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

David Shen

Old Palo Alto Resident

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| **From:** | Christine Selberg |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | ARB@citypaloalto.org; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | Cell Tower topic 12/16/2019 |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 4:25:35 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Christine Selberg

Downtown North Resident

281 Everett Ave., Palo Alto 94301

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| **From:** | Lisa Talbot |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | cell tower update |
| **Date:** | Thursday, December 12, 2019 6:54:11 PM |



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Yours truly,

Lisa Talbot

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| **From:** | Barbara Kelly |
| **To:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Wednesday, December 11, 2019 10:58:31 PM |



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Sincerely,

Barbara Kelly
Washington Avenue
Palo Alto 94301

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| **From:** | Melody Song |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Towers in Residential Areas |
| **Date:** | Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:48:28 PM |



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| **From:** | Nancy |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Cell Towers Setback |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 6:28:01 PM |



Dear Councilmembers Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I am concerned that our City Council is becoming more and more out of touch with the citizens you represent. Our neighborhood, Green Acres I, has already been denied keeping our underground transformers underground. Adding to that distress, it seems the Wireless providers are only all to eager to add to more above ground equipment near our homes. The Telecom providers want to install cell towers that have only a 20 foot setback from residences. This is very little protection from noisy and potentially hazardous equipment right next to our homes.

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Nancy Steinbach

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| **From:** | Sarah Feinberg |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | cell towers |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 3:11:29 PM |



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Sarah Walker

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| **From:** | wolfi99 |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Comments on proposed standards for WCF: Please increase distance limits. |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 11:09:28 AM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Council members Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

Dear City Council members:

From the staff report regarding the Wireless Resolution that you will be considering on December 16th
I learned that the set back requirement for WCFs from residences will only be twenty feet, and the distance
requirement between WCFs will only be 600ft.

As a Palo Alto resident I urge you to significantly increase these limits.

A distance of twenty feet is really still much too close to a residential building. This is barely more that three times
the height of a male adult.

Moreover, since Palo Alto is already cluttered with hundreds of unsightly wireless antennas on utility poles,
I urge you to increase the minimum distance between WCFs to 1500ft, as considered in the staff report.

Even though this may trigger more exception requests from wireless carriers, it will be well worth the effort
to protect the visual appeal and well-being of the community. Please keep in mind that these antennas
will remain in place for decades to come.

Other jurisdictions have implemented more stringent requirements for WCFs. I urge you to step up and
replicate these more stringent requirements for Palo Alto.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Wolfgang Himmelbauer

**From:** Suzanne Keehn
**To:** City Council; Planning Commission; Shikada, Ed
**Subject:** Diana say is ALL
**Date:** Thursday, December 12, 2019 11:33:48 AM

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Wow! Palo Alto's new Office of Transportation will have 15.5 employee...

https://www.paloaltoonline.com/blogs/p/2019/12/10/sure-the-traffic-mess-in-town-is-a-complicated-problem-but-i-want-a-solution?utm_source=express-2019-12-12&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=express

Doing something is not narrowing streets, making them more congested, or roundabouts. Please read, more people doing little things, are not the answer. What do you say in response to Diana?

Suzanne Keehn
4076 Orme St.
94306

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| **From:** | Cindy Russell |
| **To:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: December 16, 2019 PA City Council Meeting Cell Towers |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 11:55:10 AM |
| **Attachments:** | Palo Alto City Council Letter regarding revised ordinance Final Dec 15, 2019 PDF .pdf |



Forwarding this information to you about the cell tower issue on the agenda tonight.

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Thank you,
Dr. Russell

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Cindy Russell** <cindyleerussell@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Dec 16, 2019 at 6:54 AM
Subject: December 16, 2019 PA City Council Meeting Cell Towers
To: <city.council@cityofpaloalto.org>

Dear Palo Alto City Council Members:
Attached is a letter regarding upcoming agenda item on cell towers and distance from homes.
Many thanks for your consideration.
Cindy Russell ,MD

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Cindy Lee Russell, M.D.
Physicians for Safe Technology
WWW.MDSafeTech.org

*Our vision is a world where technology serves our needs without undermining our physical, psychosocial or environmental health.*

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| **From:** | Anne Lum |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: Stop City Council from passing a bad Wireless Resolution |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 3:51:15 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and council members Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

STOP THIS NONSENSE with the wireless policy and cell phone towers in residential neighborhoods and STOP wasting everybody's time by not listening to your constituents!

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Yours truly,

Anne Lum

Barron Park resident and Palo Alto homeowner for over 25 years.

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| **From:** | jason dong |
| **To:** | board@pausd.org; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board; Council, City |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: the proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 10:17:42 PM |



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Yours truly,

**Jason**

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| **From:** | Ding Erin |
| **To:** | board@pausd.org; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board; Council, City |
| **Subject:** | Fwd: the proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 10:14:47 PM |



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Yours truly,

**janet**

**From:** Suzanne Keehn
**To:** Council, City; Planning Commission; Clerk, City; Shikada, Ed
**Subject:** New Law on "Small Cells"
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2019 10:51:15 AM



To All City Officials,

It is very important to take this new law into account before making any decisions on cell towers tonight. Please click below on the yellow line to see a copy of the law. Of course they should be at least 100 ft. away from anywhere, but there needs to be an environmental study before any decisions are made. I know you supposedly can't take health concerns into account, but there is many studies about the negative effect on humans with 5G. Europe does not allow it. First do NO Harm.

Thank you for taking this new law into account.

Suzanne Keehn
4076 Orme St.
94306

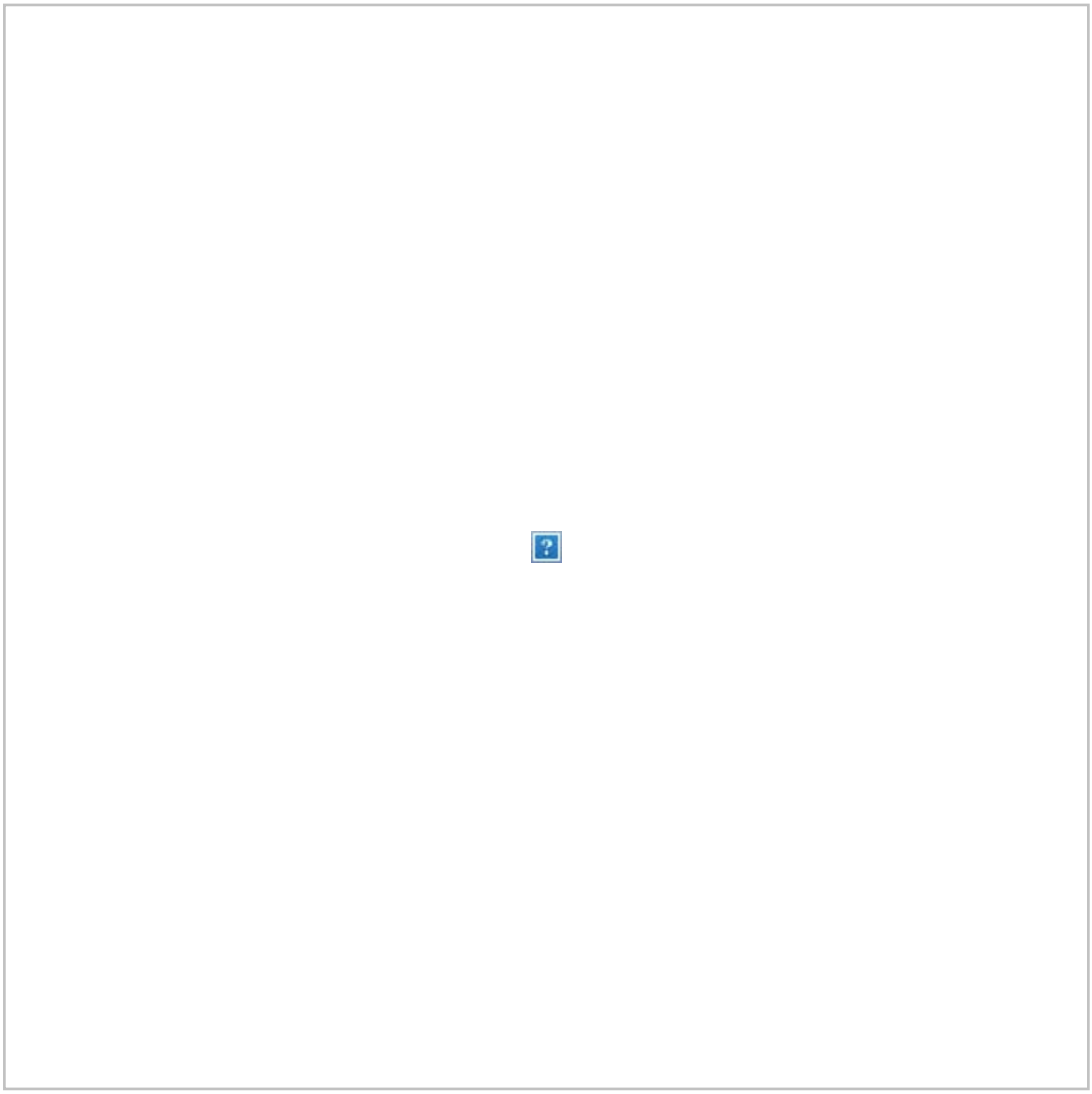
## *The FCC Gets It Wrong on "Small Cells"*

*(and why this may significantly set back the nationwide 5G rollout)*

Dear Friend,

Every once in a while we have **good news to share**, and this is one of those times!

The FCC has been reprimanded by the Washington DC Federal Court of Appeals for overstepping its authority, and now, **most pending applications for "small cell" antennas in your community will need to be revised and re-submitted for consideration.**



*Here's the story:*

There is a federal law called the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) which requires all federal agencies, like the FCC, to analyze and report on the environmental impact of any major action it takes.

Pretty much every application to install an antenna requires some type of environmental impact assessment. So the FCC delegates the responsibility of conducting an environmental assessment to the wireless companies and their contractors that install the antennas.

In 2017, wireless companies complained that the NEPA process was expensive, time-consuming, and unnecessary. So the FCC decided to release wireless companies from submitting the environmental analyses required under NEPA in March of 2018.

*"Not so fast,"* said the Judges in Federal Court in Washington DC. The court ruled that the tremendous deployment of "small cell" antennas could have major environmental impacts. Now, the wireless companies *have* to do NEPA analyses for "small cells" whether they like it or not. You can read the final court decision here.

Lawyers are still scratching their heads about whether or not "small cells" that were

approved and/or installed without the proper NEPA paperwork need to be redone. We will keep you informed as events unfold.

**So as of right now, what's the bottom-line? All *pending* applications for "small cell" antenna permits may need to be redone and re-submitted with the proper environmental assessments.**

Take Action:

Today we're asking that you please spread the news about the recent NEPA court decision by calling or emailing any of your local officials who may be considering applications for "small cells."

Sample Email to Your Local Officials:

Dear _City Council, Planning Commission, City Clerk, City Manager_____,

I wanted to bring to your attention a recent court decision by the Washington DC Circuit Court of Appeals that vacates a recent FCC order to exempt "small cell" wireless installations from the environmental review process required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

As per the August 2019 ruling, any application for a "small cell" installation is incomplete if it does not include the required NEPA assessment.

*In your email, include *this link* to the court order.

Thank you for you consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely, ___Suzanne Keehn_____

Thanks for all you do!

- The 5G Crisis team

**Donate**



Contact us:
Email report@5gcrisis.com
Call 516-883-0887

Posted by: Pamela Lau <wapf.siliconvalley2@gmail.com>

**From:** Ken Poulton
**To:** Council, City
**Subject:** No on 100' wireless setback
**Date:** Friday, December 13, 2019 9:58:36 AM

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Please do not pass a 100 foot setback rule for wireless basestations. This would simply prevent any improvement in cell service in the city.

Furthermore, the highest fields we get exposed to are from our own mobile phones, because they are much closer to us than any basestation. And our phones **reduce** their output power (to save battery life) when the basestation is closer.

Thanks,
Ken Poulton
Los Robles Ave

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| **From:** | Jeffrey S. Glenn |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 9:15:27 AM |



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Sincerely,
Jeffrey

Jeffrey S. Glenn, M.D., Ph.D.

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| **From:** | Francesca |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | No to the 20 foot setback |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 4:30:16 PM |



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Francesca L. Kautz

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| **From:** | Jerry Fan |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Objection to inadequate setback from cell towers |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 10:53:10 AM |



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Jerry Fan

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| **From:** | Tina Chow |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Clerk, City; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | please create meaningful wireless objective standards |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 2:40:38 PM |



Dear City Council,

I am very thankful for all the hard work the Planning Department has put into creating a wireless standard that tries to address resident concerns. The spirit of the proposed updates is good, but the proposed standards ultimately allow cell towers to be installed 20 ft from someone's bedroom. This is not what we want.

Please ask for something more meaningful here, like a 100 ft setback (with no exceptions) of cell towers from residences. Otherwise, the whole resolution with objective standards can be sidestepped by wireless companies simply asking for exceptions and having them granted. We also need a 1500 ft setback from schools as requested by the June 2019 PAUSD School Board resolution.

We also need a very robust exceptions process. Please keep this in mind, as Staff have not yet prepared an accompanying update to the wireless ordinance with updated exceptions language. Other cities have very strict exceptions language to make sure this 'exceptions' pathway is not exploited by wireless providers to their own advantage.

Also, the staff report mentions effects on staff time devoted to wireless compared to other important issues. All applications in a residential zone will require exceptions, and whether the exceptions are related to 1 or 5 requirements doesn't matter. Furthermore, all staff time is fully compensated by the wireless providers on a cost-recovery basis, so staff can hire extra help when they need it. Staff have also worked and will continue to work to create a robust, streamlined process to handle applications and minimize time spent processing them.

I therefore hope that our policy decisions will be based not on staff time but rather what we want to achieve as a community. The cell tower issue is very important to residents in Palo Alto, as you've seen over the last 2 years with residents emailing, calling, and coming to city meetings, plus all the coverage in the local media. As you know, aesthetics is one aspect but there are so many others that are important to residents, like health effects, fire safety, property values, and ADA issues.

Thank you for all you do to support residents and keep Palo Alto a beautiful and safe place to live!

-Tina Chow, Ph.D.
Barron Park
Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley

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| **From:** | Kathleen Martin |
| **To:** | Council, City; Filseth, Eric (Internal); DuBois, Tom; DuBois, Tom |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; addrian.fine@cityofpaloalto.org; addrian.fine@cityofpaloalto.org |
| **Subject:** | Please do not approve a 20 foot setback for cell phone towers. This is much too close to a home. |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 4:39:46 PM |



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Yours truly,

Kathleen Martin

Sevyson Court, Palo Alto

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| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Please do not establish a 20 foot setback. Please establish instead a no-exceptions 100 foot setback. |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 12:42:15 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ardan Michael Blum

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| **From:** | WRL |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Please oppose 20" setbacks in revised Wireless Resolution |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 8:24:56 AM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Whitney Leeman

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| **From:** | Phil Coulson |
| **To:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | re: Revised Wireless resolution |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 10:23:14 AM |

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Thank you for your consideration.
-Phil Coulson

Yours truly,

**From:** michellekraus@yahoo.com
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** Tech Talk and the DNC with their New CTO - December 17th, 6pm Palo Alto
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2019 1:17:51 PM



Greetings!

Tomorrow evening the new Chief Technology Officer of the Democratic National Committee – Nellwyn Thomas will be in Palo Alto to talk tech and 2020 Election.

**Tech Conversation with DNC's CTO Nellwyn Thomas**
Tuesday, December 17
6:00 p.m. PST
Palo Alto, CA
*Please contact Michelle Kraus with questions at MichelleKraus@yahoo.comPS*
RSVP: https://fundraising.democrats.org/onlineactions/s_q1hdxIg0GfW64fytdtig2?attr=123498271

PS. Apologize for the late notice, but please let me know if you can make it!

Michelle Kraus, PhD
Tech & Politics
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| **From:** | Janet Gu |
| **To:** | Council, City; Architectural Review Board |
| **Cc:** | Planning Commission; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | the proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 10:12:01 PM |



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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

**janet**

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| **From:** | Randy Fung |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board |
| **Subject:** | Wireless Cell Towers and OUR homes |
| **Date:** | Saturday, December 14, 2019 10:10:15 AM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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telecommunications industry make to the aesthetic standards of Palo Alto.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Randy Fung
Palo Alto

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| **From:** | Jyotsna Nimkar |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Clerk, City; Planning Commission |
| **Subject:** | Wireless Resolution - establishing a 100 foot setback |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 9:42:42 AM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jyo Nimkar

Barron Park

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| **From:** | Robert Lum |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Wireless Resolution Changes |
| **Date:** | Thursday, December 12, 2019 2:05:43 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I have recently learned that City Staff are asking you to approve a 20 foot setback for cell towers from residences, a provision that is part of the revised Wireless Resolution you will be considering on December 16th. This is absurd, why even bother having a setback? Twenty feet is only three to four feet longer than the average car. How can that be an acceptable distance for a cell tower from a home?

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Thank you,

Robert Lum

Barron Park

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| **From:** | Dan Adams |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; Clerk, City; board@pausd.org |
| **Subject:** | Wireless Resolution: Cell Equipment fan noise pollution is a problem |
| **Date:** | Sunday, December 15, 2019 11:03:29 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice Mayor Fine, Council Members Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kuo and Tanaka,

Fan noise from the pole-mounted wireless systems in our neighborhood pollutes the peace and quiet within 40 or 50 feet of each installation. I understand there is a revision in-process for the Wireless Resolution. The new resolution must address noise pollution and should require installations to be inaudible in anyone's yard, home or other occupied space. I believe a no-exception minimum set-back of 40 feet from a property line would be the minimum required distance to achieve this.

If you have never walked by one of the pole-mounted wireless equipment installations on a quiet morning or evening, I implore you to do so before finalizing no-exception setback distance requirements. The installations in Barron Park have fans which run continuously and which can easily be heard from 40 feet when it is quiet on the street. If an installation is 20 feet from a house, this will likely be on the corner of someone's yard, so would be very audible in the yard adjacent to the pole. It's very likely the fan could be heard in the house when windows are open. If you were told you would never again be able to be in your front yard without hearing white noise from a fan, would you be content to let this infrastructure be installed by your home? Imagine kids growing up without ever hearing the periods of quiet stillness while enjoying a warm spring or summer evening sitting in the yard.

I commute by bike from Palo Alto to Redwood City five days a week and in Atherton I pass by several pole-mounted wireless installations. None that I have seen have fans. Instead, they seem to have some passive cooling of some sort. These installations make no noise. Why is this not required in Palo Alto?

In the revised Wireless Resolution, please require all companies who own wireless infrastructure equipment to install systems which emit no noise (passive rather than active cooling) or require at least a 40 foot setback to any residential property, school, park or other occupied space.

(Alternately, perhaps some sort of eminent domain process should be required if the city will force certain property owners to have a sudden change in noise-pollution on their property. Perhaps some property owners will be willing to have cash compensation equivalent to the property value they have lost by having a noisy, ugly, RF-emitting system installed on the corner of their lot. (Would you buy a house with such an installation on the corner of the front yard if there was a similar property for sale without one?)

Regards,

Dan Adams, Star Teachout and family.
3550 Whitsell Ave.

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| **From:** | kip |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Wireless Resoultion |
| **Date:** | Friday, December 13, 2019 11:57:39 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

It has come to my attention, thanks to tireless neighborhood activists, that the City Staff will recommend your approval of the revised Wireless Resolution which has a mere 20 ft. set-back from homes. I am alarmed by the City's attitude toward public concerns about safety, health, and welfare of residents. There has been little, if any, fair and thorough public investigation and discussion of the health and the safety issues involved in the amplification of EMF, yet the City is once again caving to corporate pressure (I will assume, contrary to a reasonable conclusion drawn by some, some of you do not have a deep-seated bias of corporatism).

How is it possible that health concerns addressed to the relatively recent phenomena of EMF are seemingly shrugged off in favor of new technologies that, frankly, are not as indispensable as they are hyped by providers and their fans. The same can be said for safety issues, although from a risk factor, while still significant, this pales compared to the potential health issues. Finally, even if the ultimate health concerns are not as devastating as, say, cigarette smoke, the negative consequences for human and animal well-being are also numerous (e.g., the effects on brain waves and the effects on insect, animal, bird reproduction are two potential problem areas that come to mind).

The 20 ft. set-back is inadequate safety precaution - in fact it is no safety precaution at all. I ask that you do not approve a resolution that does not more distinctly protect citizens.

Thank you,

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| **From:** | Katherine Warner |
| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Clerk, City; board@pausd.org; Planning Commission; Architectural Review Board |
| **Subject:** | Concerns re: Wireless Resolution |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, December 17, 2019 1:43:45 PM |

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Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

I would have been at the meeting yesterday, December 16th to express my concerns in person, but was without childcare. I am writing in lieu of attending to express my deepest concerns.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Please also take time to educate yourselves on the dangers of 5G. Countless countries have halted roll out of 5G to first gather more research and data as scientists urgently share and warn us about the many health related dangers.

Yours truly,

Katherine Warner, M.A., LMFT
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| **From:** | Suzanne Keehn |
| **To:** | Council, City; Planning Commission; Clerk, City; Shikada, Ed |
| **Subject:** | Fw: [WAPF-SouthBay] Fwd: [WAPF-SF] 5G - Not just the bad news but what works better, and how to heal from EMF exposure |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 3:11:08 PM |



Please listen to the 15 minute interview with Dr. Sharon Goldberg below. The health effects of these technologies has been known for years.

She also discusses 5G, this is from peer review doctors and scientists.

Thank you,

Suzanne Keehn
4076 Orme St.
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From: **Stephanie Vargo swalker@craterdiver.com [WAPF-SouthBay]** <WAPF-SouthBay@yahoogroups.com>
Date: Tue, Nov 19, 2019 at 11:29 AM
Subject: Re: [WAPF-SouthBay] Fwd: [WAPF-SF] 5G - Not just the bad news but what works better, and how to heal from EMF exposure
To: <WAPF-SouthBay@yahoogroups.com>

SafeG is the initiative for fiber optic to the home. You can check it out at: https://safeg.net/home/

ATT Fiber is the service we subscribed to for fiber optic connectivity to the home.

https://www.att.com/internet/fiber/

Some people think the only way to get fiber optic is for cable to be laid underground, but this is not true.

NOTE, THE VIDEO OF SHARON GOLDBERG TESTIMONY IS SHORT AND NEEDS TO BE SENT TO CITY COUNCIL ASAP
SHE IS A LEADING RESEARCHER, THE YOU TUBE LINK IS BELOW WHICH YOU CAN CUT AND PASTE

> Hello WAPF Friends,
>
> Have you heard about the hazards of 5G? This reliable information, with citations, may be worse than you thought, but there's helpful, positive info at the end of this video about how you can protect your family.

Also, I've attached my notes from the video, so people can scan for points that matter to them, and some other good citations, both in PDF form because PDFs don't have viruses..

24:30 — **Dr. Martin Pall** paints a big picture of what independent research has found about EMF harm.

54:35 — **Dr. Timothy Schoechle** explains why fiber optics are better than 5G

1:18:00 — **Eric Windheim** describes how to make one's home and office safe from EMFs

We need to get the word out. County supervisors need to know about the problems with 5G, since they are likely to be the ones who will say yes or no when Telecom comes asking permission to put 5G antennas on every fourth or fifth house. School board members need to know, parents and grandparents too. Corporate profit motive has coopted our regulatory agencies, so there has been no research on safety for decades.

Anyway, as Dr. Schoechle explains, there is another, a better, way to connect with the world. Instead of WiFi in schools, computers could be connected to the world wide web by ethernet cords. Fiber optics are fast and carry more data.

Here's the 2-hour video (too much for most people, so scroll down for other ways to learn more):
https://livestream.com/SAVP/5thGen/videos/183717189

Comments to the FCC, **Susan Foster** MSW, February 2, 2013 – on firefighter study

https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/7022117660.pdf **Dr. Sharon Goldberg** Testifies at Michigan's 5G Small Cell Tower, Senate Bill 637 15 minutes https://youtu.be/CK0AliMe-KA

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Posted by: Stephanie Vargo <stephanie.vargo@gmail.com>

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Sincerely,
Christine

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| **From:** | Suzanne Keehn |
| **To:** | Council, City; Planning Commission; Clerk, City; Shikada, Ed |
| **Subject:** | Fw: Former President Of Microsoft Canada, Frank Clegg: 5G Wireless IS NOT SAFE |
| **Date:** | Tuesday, December 17, 2019 9:11:52 AM |



More info on the dangers of 5G.

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**From:** Suzanne Keehn
**To:** Council, City; Planning Commission; Clerk, City; Shikada, Ed
**Subject:** Latest Research on EMF exposure
**Date:** Monday, December 16, 2019 6:07:08 PM



**This is the latest information from solid scientific research about the biological effects of EMF exposure on the human body.**

Please read and look at the videos that will be sent separately as soon as you can.

We don't need to rush into a human experiment.

Thank You,

Suzanne Keehn
4076 Orme St.
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# General EMF Scientific Research

The argument most commonly used is that the power levels used are too low-level to cause a measurable heating effect and therefore they can't harm you.

There is no heating effect but thousands of studies show there are **many serious adverse biological effects** from these exposures on our biology, including:

- DNA single and double strand breaks and altered gene expression
- oxidative damage to mitochondrial DNA
- increased blood brain barrier permeability, the BBB is what protects your brain from toxins
- increased brain glucose metabolism
- generation of stress proteins
- changes in cellular free radical activity (known to be a precursor to disease) from exposure to EMFs as found on household wiring
- heating of DNA (even though there is not sufficient energy to heat tissue)
- alteration of heart rhythm (Russian research)
- altered stem cell development , important because of their ability to regenerate and repair damaged tissue
- damage to endocrine system

This 9 minute presentation by Prof. Martin Blank formerly Special Lecturer in the department of physiology and cellular biophysics at Columbia University explains some of the important biological effects of EMFs:

The adverse biological effects of EMFs have been known about for nearly 50 years as confirmed by a Naval Medical Research Institute Report dated 1971 listing 2300 studies.

A Congressional Staff Briefing in 2001 revealed that there are adverse biological effects to EMFs at levels 76000 times lower than the safety standards, you can see the full presentation here

In 2010 the results of the $25 million Interphone study, the most far reaching study of its kind run across 13 countries, found:

> *"regular use of a cell phone by adults can significantly increase the risk of gliomas by 40% with 1640 hours or more of use (this is about one half hour per day over ten years)."*

In 2011 the WHO's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) concluded that cell phone radiation and WIFI, and other RF frequencies in the band 30 kHz – 300 GHz are possibly carcinogenic to humans (Group 2B).

The BioInitiative Report 2012 references over 1,800 studies showing adverse biological effects from low-level EMF exposures. Subsequent updates reference thousands more studies showing evidence of adverse biological effects.

In 2016 the **U.S National Toxicology Program (NTP) $30 million study found incidences of malignant gliomas (brain cancer) and Schwannomas (also known as Neuromas)** in the heart of rats exposed to cell phone radiation.

## EMF Scientific Research – Links With Disease

EMFs first impact the body in a myriad of subtle ways, the adverse biological effects discussed above, over time studies show these exposures are linked to numerous diseases, including:

- cancer, this Swedish study group has published many high quality studies on this
- brain and heart tumors (animal studies)
- cardiovascular disease in a review of 242 studies
- memory and learning deficits
- alzheimer's disease, over a dozen studies
- chronic fatigue, through oxidative stress and effects on the antioxidant defense system

Ground breaking EMF scientific research by Dr Martin Pall has found the mechanism for the non-thermal effects, via disruption of the voltage gated calcium channels (VGCC) in cells. In other words, now have an understanding as to how EMFs at even very low power levels can cause disease.

## Research On How EMFs Impact Your Reproductive Health

A 2019 review paper found that Wi-Fi radiation impacts the male reproductive system, analysis of sperm following exposure to WIFI found “degenerative changes, reduced testosterone level, increased apoptotic cells, and DNA damage”.

EMF research also points to:

- Decrease in reproductive capacity
- Apoptotic cell death caused by electromagnetic radiation exposures
- Induces reactive oxygen species production and DNA damage in human sperm
- Effect of mobile phones on sperm quality
- Ovarian apoptotic cell death and fecundity decrease induced by nonionizing radiation

You might also be interested in my extensive articles on how your cell phone may be killing your sperm and how cell phones cause female infertility.

## Studies On How EMFs Impact On Our Children

In 1996, Prof. Gandhi from Utah University was the first to publish a study showing that children are more exposed to radio frequency radiation than adults. His research showed that 5-year-old and 10-year-old children have higher absorption rates than adults because their skulls and bones are thinner, their brains and bodies contain more fluid so they naturally absorb more cell phone radiation than adults.

Image courtesy of Dr. Om Gandhi, University of Utah, 1996, IEEE Publication

Other research shows a 10 year old child absorbs 153% more cell phone radiation than an adult.

Research links EMF exposures to autism, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and asthma.

You might also be interested in my article on why children are more at risk from cell phone radiation.

## 5G Radiation Research

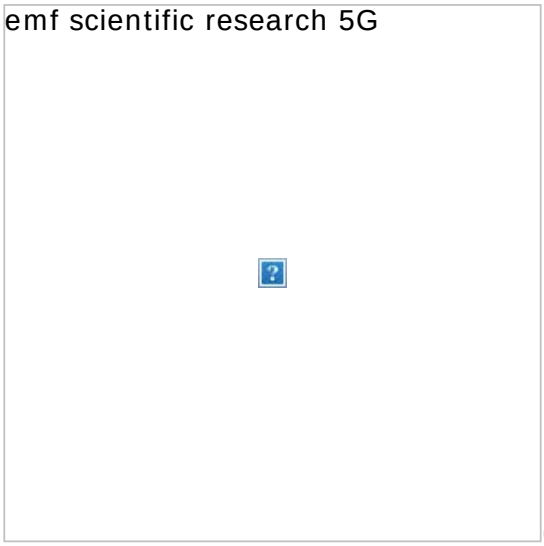
5G is the latest generation of cellular technology. Yes you are going to be able to do even more amazing things with your cell phone but independent scientists are ringing the alarm bell as to the health effects of 5G radiation.

In this video former president of Microsoft Canada Frank Clegg explains the dangers of 5G:

In 2017, 180 doctors and scientists from 35 countries signed a petition calling upon the European Union to enact a moratorium on the rollout of 5G until potential hazards for human health and the environment have been fully investigated by independent scientists.

Interestingly Swiss Re, one of the world's leading insurance providers, rated 5G as a "high impact" risk for the insurance industry that may affect property and casualty claims.

**Studies on millimeter wave show that 5G is going to use show that these exposures can impact the skin**, several Russian studies have shown this:



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**Other studies have found effects on the eyes.** An study conducted by the Medical Research Institute of Kanazawa Medical University found that 60GHz "*millimeter-wave antennas can cause thermal injuries of varying types of levels. The thermal effects induced by millimeterwaves can apparently penetrate below the surface of the eye.*"

You might also want to read my detailed article on 5G radiation dangers.

5G has been used as a directed-energy weapon: the ADS (active denial system)

In the video below Barrie Trower former Royal Navy microwave weapons expert, explains how 5G has been used as a crowd control weapon.

This page gives a quick overview of the EMF scientific research, I have also written many other articles which delve into the science on specific aspects of EMFs, for instance EMFs form cell phones, electrical wiring, dirty electricity. Use the search box at the top of this page to explore these topics.

Posted in EMF research

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**From:** Peninsula Division, League of CA Cities
**To:** Planning Commission
**Subject:** News Impacting Local Government
**Date:** Thursday, December 19, 2019 2:25:13 PM



December 2019

# Peninsula Division

## Message from the President

It is my pleasure to serve the Peninsula Division for the upcoming year! We had a successful inaugural event in Long Beach in early October and have been hard at work designing a series of workshops throughout 2020 to help elected officials address critical needs in our communities.

The Division has adopted four goals for the upcoming year that align with the League's statewide priorities: housing, transportation, shared priorities between cities and schools, and resilience/renewable energy.

Also new this year is the location of the Annual Bocce Tournament which will take place at Filoli in Woodside on April 29th. You will not want to miss out so mark your calendars now!

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Division events soon.

Happy Holidays!!

Marico Sayoc, Division President
Council Member, Los Gatos

## Housing Outlook 2020
### *Division Luncheon in Mountain View*

Join colleagues from throughout the Silicon Valley for an expert panel and small group discussion on the future of housing in the Bay Area.

Representatives from ABAG/MTC, the Bay Area's legislative delegation, and the Institute for Local Government will join local leaders in a session designed to better understand new housing laws/ Tips on how to access state bond dollars will be shared! The Division's Legislative Action Committee will use input from the session to create an action plan for the upcoming year. Participate and have a voice in the future of the region!

A detailed agenda will be circulated early in the new year.

**Division HOUSING**
**Luncheon 1/29/2020 Register HERE**

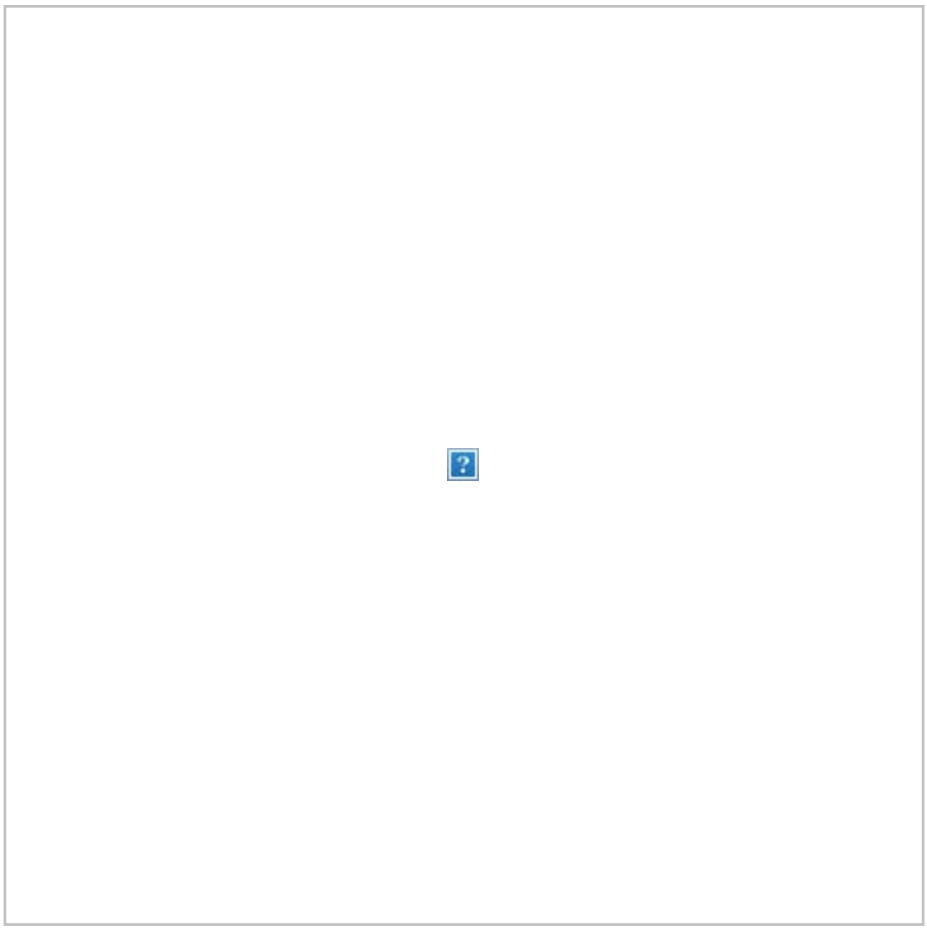
Registration is required and seating is limited so sign up today!

## Support CitiPAC in 2020!!

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Bocce/CitiPAC Event! This year's event will take place at Filoli in Woodside. The election in November will see an large number of ballot measures that will directly impact local government. Get engaged in the effort to ensure your voice is heard and that cities continue to play a pivotal role in governing local communities.

Please remember to use your personal email for communication related to CitiPAC activities.

## SAVE THE DATE
## *Upcoming Division and League Events*



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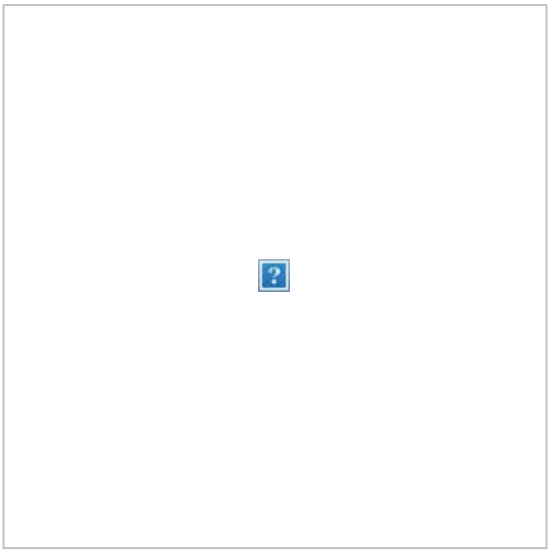

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| **To:** | Council, City |
| **Cc:** | Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission; board@pausd.org; Clerk, City |
| **Subject:** | Please stop the proliferation of Cell Towers throughout Palo Alto |
| **Date:** | Monday, December 16, 2019 6:37:31 PM |



Dear Mayor Filseth, Vice-Mayor Fine, and Councilmembers Cormack, DuBois, Kniss, Kou and Tanaka,

Cell phone towers are radiation emitting devices and when installed they will emit radiation 24 hours a day 7 days a week for decades.

It is very concerning that City Staff are asking you to approve a 20 foot setback for cell towers from residences, a provision that is part of the revised Wireless Resolution you will be considering on December 16th. Twenty feet is only three to four feet longer than the average car. How can that be an acceptable distance for a cell tower from a home? This is shorter than the distance from the street to my front door. We live next to Alma so we have the trains and the road traffic all day and night and also are in an airline flight path. Please we cannot take another assault on our health and well-being.

I am concerned about the many different companies who are asking to put cell towers in Palo Alto and whether the City Staff really care about the wishes of Palo Alto residents

In April, City Council specifically asked Staff to prepare this revised Wireless Resolution in order to update the City's wireless policy so that it provides greater protections for Palo Alto residents. But the proposed 20 foot setback does the opposite of serving residents' interests. It opens the door for the telecom industry to put their ugly, noisy, and potentially hazardous equipment right next to our homes.

It is true that City Staff have prepared a revised Wireless Resolution that includes many important elements that residents want. One is the provision that cell towers may not be located in any residential zone unless the City grants the cell tower applicant an "exception." But since exceptions are permitted, residents need to be protected when an exception is granted—protected from having a cell tower installed only a little more than a car length away from their homes. We do not want any exception to a 100-foot setback.

Please do not establish a 20 foot setback. Please establish instead a **no-exceptions 100 foot setback**. One hundred feet is a more than reasonable accommodation to insist that the telecommunications industry make to the aesthetic and healthy living standards of Palo Alto.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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**Subject:** Watch these videos for detailed information
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