

From: [Linnea WICKSTROM](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Linnea WICKSTROM](#)
Subject: Encouraging ADUs as affordable housing
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 4:01:12 PM

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Commissioners,

I must be missing something. Though I applaud efforts to encourage ADUs, I see nothing in this proposal that would help me build an ADU on my property as long-term affordable housing for my disabled son.

Deed restriction and strict affordability and selection/certification of tenants by a third party won't work for the case of parents building an ADU for a child, or even for themselves. There are just too many circumstances that could make the elimination of flexibility and control of tenancy unworkable.

It's hard to imagine that the City will achieve much affordable housing through this proposal. To increase affordability, a better step would be to reduce or eliminate the development fees that can add 10% to the cost of building even a one-bedroom ADU.

Linnea Wickstrom
Monroe Drive
Palo Alto

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To: [Gail Price](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [Planning Commission](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [Rebecca Eisenberg](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Council, City](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [Raj](#); [Jeff Moore](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Jonsen, Robert](#); [Betsy Nash](#); [Cecilia](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#); [GRP-City Council](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org](#); [supervisor.ellenberg@bos.sccgov.org](#)
Subject: U.N Commission on human rights calls for sweeping action to root out systemic racism
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 9:41:14 PM

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/28/world/united-nations-human-rights.amp.html>

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From: [Mary Beth Train](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Pat Burt](#); [Cormack, Alison](#); [Burt, Patrick](#)
Subject: Supporting increasing number of ADU's on single family house lots
Date: Monday, June 28, 2021 6:15:10 PM

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I am writing in support of allowing up to 4 dwellings on a current single-family lot. I own an Eichler on Middlefield between Loma Verde and Ames. I had considered adding a second story on the house, but in an attempt to preserve the Eichler look of the neighborhood, I signed a petition for a single story overlay. It didn't retain the Eichler look of the neighborhood, because a new "Mediterranean" house filling its lot has been built in the tract.

Instead of larger houses crammed onto R-1 lots, a well-designed multi-unit structure(s) would help keep young and aging residents in Palo Alto. The main residential streets, like Middlefield and Louis Road, are logical places for such arrangements. In areas like Downtown Palo Alto, there is already a mix of multi-family and single-family housing, and it looks OK. I live in such a multi-dwelling now, as I've aged, and I find the surrounding neighborhood quiet pleasant.

This is the time for Palo Alto to encourage several dwellings on a single family lot, so the city can control where they go, instead of having the state decide, or a court-ruling decide in favor of a pushy developer. As fewer children are born per household now, and as Palo Alto ages, smaller units on family property make sense.

Thanks! -- Mary Beth Train

Mary Beth Train - Home office phone 650-324-7346 *voice only, not text*
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Subject: San Jose Police Try To Rein In Violent Encounters | The Marshall Project
Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021 3:10:30 PM

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FYI:
<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/23/violent-encounters-with-police-send-thousands-of-people-to-the-er-every-year>

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Subject: Sf Crisis intervention teams -why not reallocated police funds in Palo Alto for several crisis intervention teams
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<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/heres-how-sfs-crisis-team-responds-to-mental-health-calls>

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Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2021 5:31 PM
To: WILPF Peninsula Palo Alto; chuck jagoda; Mary Gallagher; rebecca; Angie, Palo Alto Renters Association; Council, City; Planning Commission
Subject: Fwd: 📊 Poll shows a majority of registered voters in San Jose support Opportunity Housing

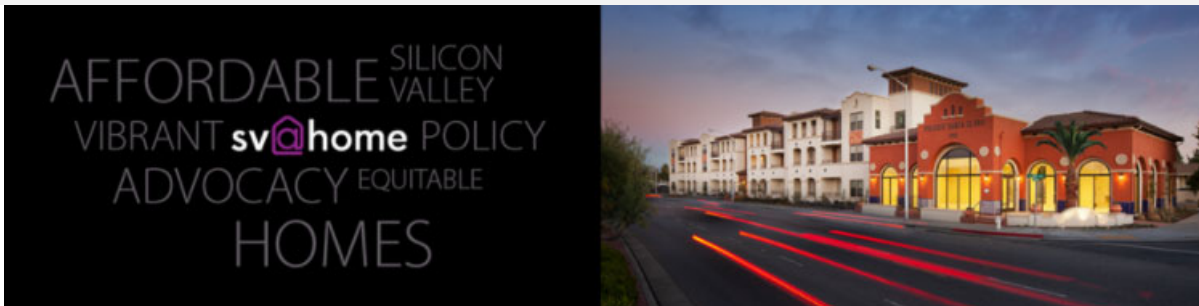
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From: Leslye Corsiglia <leslye@siliconvalleyathome.org>
Date: Thu, Jun 24, 2021 at 3:50 PM
Subject: 📊 Poll shows a majority of registered voters in San Jose support Opportunity Housing
To: roberta ahlquist <Roberta.Ahlquist@sjsu.edu>

Dozens of local organizations endorse growing campaign!

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Poll shows a majority of registered voters in San Jose support Opportunity Housing as dozens of local organizations endorse growing campaign*

A recent poll of registered voters in San Jose found that a majority (56%) support changing the zoning to allow duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in single family neighborhoods - known in San Jose as “Opportunity Housing”.

Attention to the issue is picking up locally as cities around the country and the northern California region, the California Legislature, and the [Biden Administration](#) all take steps to reconsider restrictive single-family zoning laws.

The poll results come as over [two dozen major housing advocacy, environmental, and social and racial justice organizations](#) (logos below) have signed on to the endorsement statement ([see here](#)) of the growing [San Jose Neighborhoods for All](#) campaign* to expand housing opportunity through zoning reform in the City.



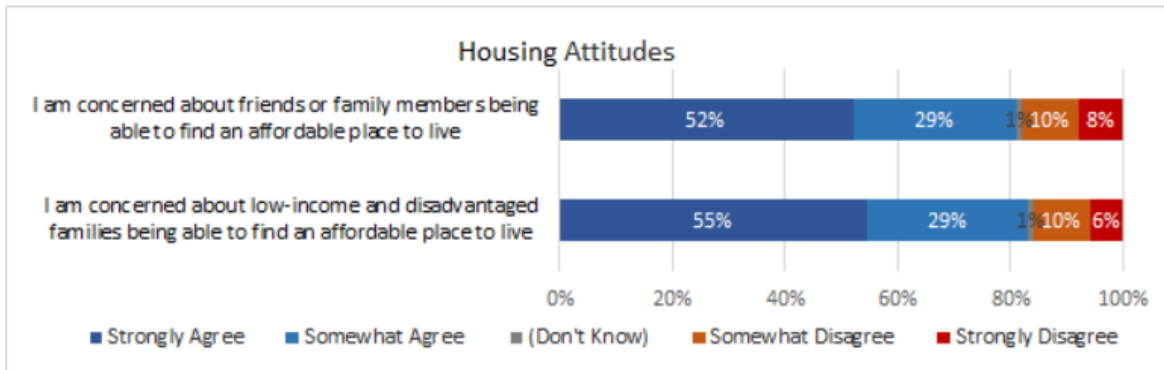
The survey found that 81% of respondents said they were concerned about friends and family being able to find an affordable place to live. “Allowing a greater variety of housing in our neighborhoods can help ensure our children and the next generation can afford to stay and live in San Jose where they were raised,” said Fred Buzo, San Jose Director, SPUR. “Citywide Opportunity Housing is an important tool, along with high density development in transit areas, in our response to the multidimensional housing crisis,”

Currently, [94% of San Jose’s residential land](#) is zoned only for single-family housing, and does not allow duplexes, triplexes, or fourplexes. According to the US Census Bureau, only [50% of San Jose residents live in a single-family home](#), meaning that roughly 50% of the city’s residents are concentrated in 6% of the available land.

“Home prices are making most of the city out of reach to most people,” commented Aaron Eckhouse of California YIMBY, a pro-housing organization. “When less than a third of your city’s population can afford a home in these neighborhoods -- most of the city -- you are pushing people out. Opportunity Housing means access to more affordable homes in more places, where young families and first time homebuyers can get a foot in the door and start building intergenerational wealth.”

Housing Attitudes -

Over 80% of respondents expressed concern about low-income families, and their own friends and family members being able to find an affordable place to live.



* EMC Research - commissioned by Silicon Valley at Home.

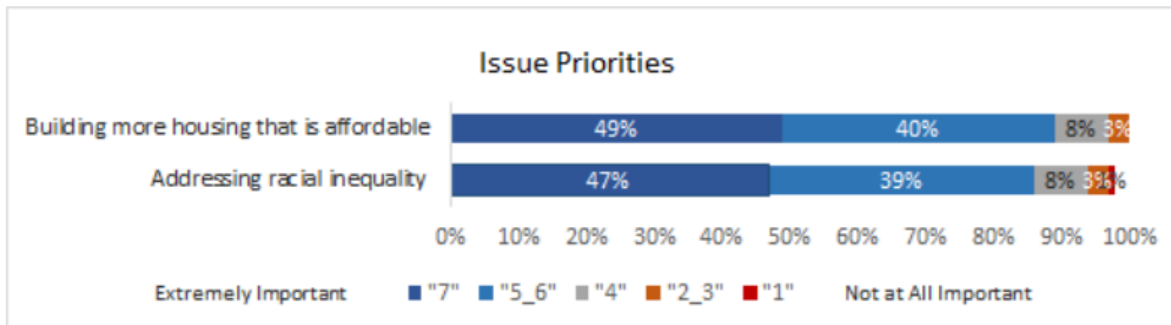
Survey of registered voters in selected Silicon Valley cities. Mixed mode live telephone and email and text to web methodology. Survey conducted March 29 - April 1, 2021. Oversample to achieve 412 interviews in San Jose; margin of error 4.83 percentage points. Interviews were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese by trained, professional interviewers; landlines and mobile phones included.

Many endorsing the campaign for zoning reform point to the fact that restrictive single family zoning is exclusionary by design. "Every day, we hear from residents who face displacement from San Jose," shared Alison Brunner, CEO, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. "We are proud to support citywide opportunity housing as a means to uphold the Fair Housing Act, by dismantling systemic inequities that segregate and divide our community."

"Increasing density within the existing development footprint of the city — where housing already exists," explains Justin Wang, Advocacy Manager, of Greenbelt Alliance, "means that San José can protect nearby open spaces like Coyote Valley, which are crucial for our region's climate resilience, biodiversity, and water supply, and limit the massive emissions of mega commuters from sprawling development outside the Bay Area."

Priorities -

Asked about issues facing the Bay Area nearly 90% of respondents felt building more housing that is affordable and addressing racial inequality were important priorities, with just under half feeling that these were extremely important issues.



"Our housing should reflect, accommodate, and support the diverse communities that make up our incredible region. Opportunity Housing allows us to move away from the legacy of racist housing policies that undermined economic equity and instead, create a Bay Area that is open to all." Kevin Zwick, Board Chair, SV@Home & CEO, United Way Bay Area.

In October the San Jose City Council will consider a recommendation from The General Plan Four-Year Review Task Force to explore “opportunity housing” city wide beginning with robust community outreach, and including ways of protecting historic homes, mitigating risks of displacement, considering incentives to make more homes affordable to lower income residents, and a thorough environmental review.

Methodology:

The direct language presented in the survey was: “Thinking specifically about housing in the Bay Area, do you support or oppose changing the zoning in single family home neighborhoods to allow duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes?” 56% of those surveyed reported support, 42% of those surveyed reported opposition, and 3% reported that they didn’t know.

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Subject: NYTimes: Emory Apologizes to Medical School Applicant Rejected Because He Was Black (
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 8:56:35 PM

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California Public Records Act request.

PAPD: Dear assistant police chief Andrew Binder:

I'm told in 2021 Palo Alto PD now has only one active African American officer. Is this accurate?

Pursuant to the California Public Records Act please provide me with any and all public records reflecting the number of African American officers currently employed by your department. Thanks so very much.

Aram James

415-370-5056

Emory Apologizes to Medical School Applicant Rejected Because He Was Black
<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/18/us/emory-university-apology-marion-hood.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Subject: Police Dogs Can Be Trained to Be Anti-Black: a documentary
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 5:39:10 PM

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Hi Andrew et al:

Here is the 15 minute documentary re *Police Dogs Can Be Trained to Be Anti-Black*: a documentary excerpted and inspired from the 12 part police canine Mauling series which is linked to in the intro to this short film.

Best, Aram

p.s. The mauling series recently received the Pulitzer Prize.

https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/06/23/a-dog-can-be-trained-to-be-anti-black?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_source=opening-statement&utm_term=newsletter-20210623-2501

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Subject: Philly DA 8 part series review
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 5:16:11 PM

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<https://amp.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2021/jun/22/philly-da-breaking-the-law-review-a-deeply-thrilling-hopeful-show-to-devour>

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Subject: Overturn decision on Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 4:21:11 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

We **must** hold telecom companies accountable to meet the standards we thoughtfully established for our city.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Schmidt

A concerned resident and parent of young children

From: [Tina Chow](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please stand up for Palo Alto's wireless standards
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:20:57 PM

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From: Tina Chow <chow_tina@yahoo.com>
Subject: Please stand up for Palo Alto's wireless standards
Date: June 22, 2021 at 12:19:21 PM PDT
To: "City.Council@cityofpaloalto.org" <City.Council@CityofPaloAlto.org>
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com, PatBurt11@gmail.com, "Alison.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org" <Alison.Cormack@CityofPaloAlto.org>, EFilseth@gmail.com, Lydia Kou <LydiaKou@gmail.com>, GStone22@gmail.com, "greg@gregtanaka.org" <greg@GregTanaka.org>, "City.Clerk@cityofpaloalto.org" <City.Clerk@cityofpaloalto.org>, ARB@cityofpaloalto.org, planning.commission@cityofpaloalto.org

Dear City Council,

I am writing to ask you to carefully consider each of the arguments that will be presented tonight in our appeal of the decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Each of the arguments separately represents a serious concern about the cell tower approval process in Palo Alto. Put together, the arguments provide a strong case for overturning the current approval decision. This situation also points to the need for Palo Alto to stand strong regarding local municipal control and to continue to speak up about legislation regarding local authority for cell tower decisions.

Palo Alto's wireless ordinance requires resident participation in the decision process. In the Staff Report it says that "staff concurs with the appellant that the applicant failed to provide proper notice in accordance with the municipal code." In addition, the multiple-shroud design Verizon will use for these cell towers doesn't even conform with the approved designs in the objective wireless standards that Council approved in Dec. 2019.

We shouldn't be letting Verizon cut corners here under any circumstances. City Staff should not be helping them out, for example, to make up for their failure to notify. And letting residents know of a decision after it's been made, with no opportunity to attend a community meeting, and then expecting them to pay hefty fees to appeal the decision, is just not the way to do it.

Staff might argue that the final outcome won't change - that Verizon would just resubmit an application for the same thing - but they would face a delay of several months and they would have to do it right, including resident input and complying with all of Palo Alto's standards - learning the important lesson that they can't just ignore the city's ordinance or its residents.

If Council lets Verizon's sloppy application and this decision stand, it will be showing Verizon that Palo Alto is more lenient with big corporations who want to put up their profit-making and potentially hazardous equipment, than it is with residents who want to put up solar panels on their homes ([see article](#) from Palo Alto Online).

Please insist that Verizon comply with our city's wireless ordinance, and then please act quickly to strengthen this ordinance further (as Council directed way back in April 2019).

Thank you,

Tina Chow

Barron Park, Palo Alto resident

Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UC Berkeley

From: [Rebecca Patton](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
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Subject: Verizon's cell tower application
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:40:17 AM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Council members Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

I have learned that the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. Verizon neglected to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Rebecca Patton and Tom Goodrich

Forest Ave

From: [neva yarkin](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: from neva yarkin
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June 21, 2021

Dear Planning Commission,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

The Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Neva Yarkin

nevayarkin@gmail.com

From: [Jerry Fan](#)
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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Jerry Fan

From: [John Kelley](#)
To: [Council, City; UAC; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Exclusionary Zoning: Its Effect on Racial Discrimination in the Housing Market | The White House
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 4:02:55 PM

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<https://www.whitehouse.gov/cea/blog/2021/06/17/exclusionary-zoning-its-effect-on-racial-discrimination-in-the-housing-market>

OPINION

Police funding

Dear Editor: In your June 11 edition there were two related front-page articles. One was about the City of Menlo Park adding one additional police employee. Police Chief Dave Norris was requesting five additional police employees. In a 3-2 vote the Menlo Park City Council turned down the chief's request for the four additional officers.

In denying the request council members Betsy Nash, Cecilia Taylor and Jen Wolosin said they'd rather have discussions with each other and the community about re-imagining policing in Menlo Park before agreeing to add to the department. Taylor said the current proposals from the chief seem like the city is going down the same path when it comes to policing as it was before the cuts.

In the second piece, the city of Palo Alto is proposing that \$1.7 million of their proposed budget be allotted to adding six additional police officers to the ranks of the department.

Given the PAPP's horrendous record of racially discriminatory policing, several outstanding lawsuits for extreme cases of police brutality, involving people of color, a lack of overall transparency, including encryption of police radio transmissions without adequate notice to the public or the press, the ongoing cover-up of the Zack Perron case, wouldn't it be wise for the council to follow the lead of the Menlo Park council and ask the hard questions of the PAPP about whether there has been any measurable reforms before rewarding the department by filling six positions cut during the Covid crisis?

Aram James
Palo Alto

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Subject: Appeal to overturn approval on cell tower application 20PLN-00118.
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 1:46:07 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone, and Tanaka,

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The Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with Palo Alto's design standards. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Renu Virdi

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Subject: June 22 Special Meeting, Action item 8, 3 Wireless Communication Facilities- Verizon Cluster 4
Date: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:46:59 AM

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Please OVERTURN Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established.

Our Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed.

But Verizon did not do so.

This comes no real surprise to our neighborhood where we have on past occasions we been forced to deal with various communications companies tiresome, arrogant, high-handed attitudes and unilateral projects.

Please deny Verizon's application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code and help us protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you,

Michael Maurier
Fairmede Ave

From: [anne](#)
To: [Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric \(external\); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone; greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Appeal Verizon cell tower application approval
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 8:01:44 PM

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Dear Representative of the People,

I am writing to ask that you over-turn the decision by Planning Director Jonathan Lait to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-0018.

It seems like once again it is disappointing to see the direction the city takes when important decisions are made, with little to no regard for community interests. It is extremely concerning when the city prioritizes profit interests over people's well being.

My husband and I have seen this far too often during the 42 years that we have lived in Palo Alto, basically a pass is given to big money at the expense of the community. I include the planning commission, city attorney and the city council in a pattern of bias and undue generosity given towards the interests of money. This points directly at the distrust many Palo Alto residents have of our local government,(also, government in general) that has been time and time corrupted by moneyed interests.

Now is the right time to build a trust between citizens and their government, show some principal and do the right thing, by overturning this poor decision.

Thank you,

Anne Husty

From: [Annette Fazzino](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Tom DuBois](#); PatBurt11@gmail.com; alisoncormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); LydiaKou@gmail.com; [Greer Stone](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Please overturn Planning Director Lait's approval of Verizon's cell tower
Date: Sunday, June 20, 2021 7:01:52 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone, and Tanaka:

I understand that Planning Director Jonathan Lait approved Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

This makes me cranky. It seems as though Planning Director Lait did not take appropriate care on this one. The equipment does NOT comply with the design standards that Palo Alto has established. Not only that, but everyone within 600 feet of the proposed tower was required to have been notified and a meeting held for community discussion. Those things didn't happen. It's a slippery slope when we allow something to pass through without following the rules. Especially with the negative impact that we face when things pass without the Municipal Code being followed.

I've been involved with the many Palo Alto residents who want to be careful about how cell towers are situated in Palo Alto. So many other Cities are working to get this technology right. Let's do the same. I know that I am far from alone in having grave concerns about a noisy, ugly cell tower proposed at the end of my short driveway. This particular project is not the one outside my son's window; however, we need to get ALL of these projects placed in the right areas in order to maintain residential quality of life. So, let's go through all of the proper steps on this particular application, 20PLN-00118.

Please overturn and deny the application and require that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. Keep Palo Alto beautiful and peaceful.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Annette Evans Fazzino
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From: [Aram James](#)
To: [Perron, Zachary](#); [Joe Simitian](#); [Council, City](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Binder, Andrew](#); [rebecca@winwithrebecca.com](#); [chuck jagoda](#); [Human Relations Commission](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [Jay Boyarsky](#); [Raj](#); [Jeff Rosen](#); [wilpf.peninsula.paloalto@gmail.com](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [city.council@menlopark.org](#); [Cecilia Taylor](#); [Tony Dixon](#); [cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org](#); [Roberta Ahlquist](#); [ParkRec Commission](#)
Subject: Police Credentials Help, a d Hurt, a Mayoral Bid
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From: [Gayle Brugler](#)
To: tomforcouncil@gmail.com; alisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); LydiaKou@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: United Neighbors Appeals New Cell Towers
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 1:23:18 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers
Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118 that is coming before you this next Tuesday.

This plan proposes oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Gayle Brugler

<United Neighbors Appeal Letter. 6.7.21.pdf>

From: [Amrutha Kattamuri](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#); [Jeanne Fleming](#)
Subject: Request to deny Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 12:48:54 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing this email to request and urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

First off, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

I would therefore kindly request you to please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Amrutha Kattamuri

From: [Sumitra](#)
To: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregetanaka.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Verizon Cell Tower Application 20PLN-00118
Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021 9:31:24 AM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

It has come to my attention that the Palo Alto City Planning Director, Jonathan Lait, has approved a Verizon cell tower application to install three cell towers at 3 locations: 850 Webster Street, 1221 Middlefield Road, and 853 Middlefield Road.

It appears that some of the equipment Verizon plans to install fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established and that Verizon has failed to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" per the City's Municipal Code.

Therefore, I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118 until such time that the aforementioned problems are corrected and adherence to the City's Municipal Code is under compliance.

Thank you.

Sumitra Joy
Princeton St.
Palo Alto , CA. 94306

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Subject: 'Philly D.A.' Subject Larry Krasner Talks "Transparency" & PBS Series – Deadline
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Subject: Overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's Decision to Approve Verizon's Cell Tower Application 20PLN-00118
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 7:25:40 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Annette Rahn

From: [kip](#)
To: [Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; AlisonLCormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric \(external\); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone; greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Addendum to my previous email re: cell phone tower appeal
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Hello,

I forgot to add one further statement to support my request that the City Council reject Director Lait's short-sighted and overly generous (we could say suspicious) approval of Verizon's incomplete and flawed application, 20PLN-008. I apologize for taking up more of your time.

It has been my experience that the City Attorney, through many of it's changing faces, has looked for ways to support the interest of profit over the interests of residents (sure, they may resort to the twisted argument that the business interests are providing for the interests of residents, but in a case of safety and health, this is a dangerous and anti-democratic sophistry). I urge you to look at the legal requirements strictly (as City's attorneys often do in arguing for the interests of Verizon and others) and apply the principles that you are here to represent the interests of the residents and citizens of Palo Alto (the living, breathing persons, not the perversion that grants corporations personhood - the two are not the same in a real governance aspect). It is time for the living people to be given their full value and not short-changed through legalistic servitude to moneyed interests. The cynicism directed toward government these days owes much to such transparent maneuvering. I know as dedicated representatives of the living people of Palo Alto, you want to build a trust between citizens and their governments.

Thank you,

Kip Husty

From: [kip](#)
To: [Council, City; Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@CityofPaloAlto.org; Filseth, Eric \(external\); LydiaKou@gmail.com; Greer Stone; greg@GregTanaka.org; Clerk, City; Architectural Review Board; Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Appeal of Verizon cell tower application approval
Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 12:12:23 PM

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Dear Representative of the People,

I am writing to ask that you over-turn the deficient and disturbing decision by Planning Director Jonathan Lait's to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-0018.

The appeal filed by United Neighbors discusses the deficiencies of the application and Director Lait's failure to uphold the legal requirements for any such application. There is a great deal of talk these days about the break-down of the 'rule of law' and that should not be only directed against disgruntled citizens who break the law, but should be first and foremost applied to the decisions by the State. Further, the rule of law must be there to protect the people first and foremost, without contortions to benefit the interests of profit making under whatever tortured rationale. It is disturbing that we have to appeal a decision by City officials and agents that once again favors multi-national corporations that are merely here for profit, not because it is their community where they live their lives.

Director Lait has side-stepped legal requirements for the interests of a corporation that hires lawyers and PR reps to further their interests in profit. This kind of leniency given to moneyed interests has a suspicious appearance. To strengthen the rule of law for the people it emanates from and for, and, additionally, to make it clear that favoritism based upon profit interests will not be tolerated in a City that represents its people first and foremost, this appeal should be granted. Not only would it meet legal requirements, it would send a message to the citizens of Palo Alto that their interests, as residents whose lives are directly affected by City decisions, are the primary concern of their government. Otherwise, cynicism creeps in as it appears that outside money takes precedence over locally lived interests.

For all the short-comings of the applications and the approval, the application should be denied. As a statement re-affirming the value of community and the people, it ought to be denied.

Thank you for your time,

Kip Husty

From: [Leonard Schwarz](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); [Kou, Lydia](#); ["Greg Tanaka"](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Verizon Cell Tower Application
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 5:57:15 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I strongly urge you to overturn Planning Director Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118 allowing cell towers at 850 Webster Street, 1221 Middlefield Road and 853 Middlefield Road.

In filing their application, Verizon simply ignored the requirement in Palo Alto's Municipal Code that residents living within 600 feet of any proposed site are to be notified of a meeting at which the applicant is to explain the project and answer residents' questions. One example: Channing House is within 600 feet of one of these sites, yet none of its residents were notified.

Moreover, Planning Director Lait has approved a design that is disallowed by our City's Code.

Please do not turn your back on the residents and allow a project to go forward that has been and remains in violation of the Palo Alto's Municipal Code. Why our City's Planning Director has decided to ignore the Code is a question for another day. But now is the moment for City Council to insist that our Municipal Code is not to be so casually disregarded.

Thank you,

Leonard Schwarz
Webster St., Palo Alto

From: [Kelly Germa](#)
To: tomforcouncil@gmail.com; patburt11@gmail.com; alisoncormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); lydiakou@gmail.com; gstone22@gmail.com; [Greg Tanaka](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Appeal to City Council to Overturn Recent Verizon Cell Tower Application Approval
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 5:06:50 PM

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Hi All,

Please overturn Jonathan Lait's May 25th approval of Verizon's application 20PLN-00118 to install their cell towers at 850 Webster Street, 1221 Middlefield Road, and 853 Middlefield Road. Please help us!

Verizon is being brazen by proposing much bigger equipment than was approved, by not notifying all residents within 600 feet of the installations as required, by giving out misleading info to the few residents they did inform, by not going through the ARB, by not having any site consultation, by not trying to come up with good ways to hide the installations and shroud them in one shroud at the top of poles, etc, etc, etc, by locating them near macro towers, and too close to a house, etc, etc, etc.

This irresponsible approval by Mr. Lait, has flouted and ignored resident wishes and city government regulations. This is not good government! You, as City Council members, were elected to protect the citizens of Palo Alto. Having one person be able to unilaterally without consultation or adherence to prior voted and collective decisions approve things on behalf of the people of Palo Alto is wrong.

Please have the good sense we elected you for and disapprove this application! Enough is enough. Palo Altoans want thoughtful, protective government. Big companies should not be able to come in and network with one individual, throw their weight around, and get things pushed through that benefit them at the expense of homeowners in Palo Alto.

We want quiet enjoyment of our beautiful neighborhoods. There are several much better, less intrusive ways to install towers. Let's take our time and look at these alternatives. Maybe some of them can be proposed by Verizon to show they care about the well-being of our citizens, not just their own profit.

Thanks for listening and acting to help us not be overrun by ugly cell towers wherever Verizon wants them.

Sincerely,

Kelly Germa
Homeowner, Midtown Palo Alto
650-544-5711

From: [Jeffrey S. Glenn](mailto:Jeffrey.S.Glenn)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; greg@gregtanaka.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Appealing New Cell Towers
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 4:48:58 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey

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From: [James VanHorne](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); [Kou, Lydia](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Verizon Cell Tower Application
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:55:43 PM

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I have lived in Palo Alto for over 50 years, and have become increasingly concerned about the heavy cell tower equipment to be installed on our telephone poles. I have written to you about this concern in the past.

In that regard, I urge you to reject and overturn Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon cell tower application 20PLN-00118. This strikes me as a reversal of some of previous words he has said about paying attention to the opinions of citizens and to the ARB. Rather autocratic it strikes me.

Lait has now approved oversize equipment that does not comply with design standards established by Palo Alto. Residents and property owners within 600 feet of the projects approved, three as I understand it, have not been notified by Verizon. You cannot expect Verizon to do anything other than pressure city officials to yield to their agenda -- that is what they have implied to their stockholders.

Please deny their application and insist they comply with Palo Alto's Municipal Code. We as residents deserve better. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, James C. Van Horne, 2000 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

From: [Ruthellen Dickinson](mailto:RuthellenDickinson@gmail.com)
To: Tomforcouncil@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](mailto:Filseth.Eric@cityofpaloalto.org); LydiaKou@gmail.com; GStone22@gmail.com; [Greg Tanaka](mailto:Greg.Tanaka@cityofpaloalto.org); [Clerk, City](mailto:Clerk.City@cityofpaloalto.org); [Architectural Review Board](mailto:ArchitecturalReviewBoard@cityofpaloalto.org); [Planning Commission](mailto:PlanningCommission@cityofpaloalto.org)
Subject: Verizon cell tower application 20PLN-00118
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:49:20 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I'm writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's recent decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

I'm particularly concerned that:

- the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established;
- our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed, but Verizon simply failed to do so.

This is unacceptable. Our community deserves more respect from vendors who want to do business in our city. If Verizon is allowed to ignore the established rules this time, we're effectively sending them a message that they can do this over and over again.

Please deny Verizon's application and insist that they comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ruthellen Dickinson

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From: [Francesca Kautz](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: AlisonLCormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Architectural Review Board](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); greg@gregtanaka.org; GStone22@gmail.com; LydiaKou@gmail.com; PatBurt11@gmail.com; [Planning Commission](#); tomforcouncil@gmail.com
Subject: Please deny Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 3:26:49 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Francesca Kautz

From: [Shannon Rose](#)
To: [Tom DuBois for City Council 2014](#); PatBurt11@gmail.com; AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org; [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); [Lydia Kou](#); [Greer Stone](#); greg@gregtanaka.org; [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Proposed Verizon Cell Towers on Middlefield and Webster
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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

The Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Shannon Rose McEntee
410 Sheridan Avenue #216
Palo Alto, CA

From: [Barbara Kelly](#)
To: [Council, City](#)
Cc: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Jonathan Lait & Verizon Cell Towers Application
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 2:30:43 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone, and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Barbara Kelly, resident of Palo Alto

From: [Alice Holmes](#)
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Subject: New Cell Towers
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:52:27 AM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

As a thirty five year resident of Palo Alto, I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Mr. Lait has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so. Why?

I have written concerning this matter in the past. I am very concerned that our city employees uphold the design standards and the Municipal Code. Why are you allowing Mr. Lait to override these two very important areas? Why is the City Manager allowing his employees to go around the rules? I continue to express concern about the power and control of the City Manager, who is not elected, and the interaction with City Council members. Please hold the Planning Director and the City Manager accountable to follow the design standards and insist that the Municipal Code is followed.

Please vote to deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code.

As a resident of Palo Alto, I am counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

With appreciation for your service to our community,

Alice Holmes
Resident of Palo Alto since 1986

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Subject: Overturn Approval of Verizon cell tower application 20PLN-00118
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 11:06:47 AM

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Dear Palo Alto City Council members,

Please overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

First, due to Verizon's failure to comply with our City's Municipal Code, the application must be denied.

- The Planning Director approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with Palo Alto design standards;

- The Palo Alto Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. Verizon failed to do so.

Second - just a reminder - when considering ANY proposed cell tower, please comply with the PAUSD school board resolution recommending 1500 foot setbacks of cell towers from PAUSD schools. Several PAUSD PTAs also passed resolutions supporting these cell tower setbacks from our schools.

Thank you for making the time to read my email.

Nancy Krop
Barron Park resident

From: [Magic](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [Tom DuBois](#); [PatBurt11@gmail.com](#); [AlisonL.Cormack@cityofpaloalto.org](#); [Filseth, Eric \(external\)](#); [Lydia Kou](#); [Greer Stone](#); [Greg Tanaka](#); [Clerk, City](#); [Architectural Review Board](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Appeal of approval of Verizon cell tower application
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 10:27:15 AM

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Dear Councilmembers,

Please overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's approval of Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118. Lait has allowed equipment that violates Palo Alto's design standards and has approved the application despite Verizon's failure to provide legally required notice to residents.

Please deny Verizon's application and warn them that you will continue to deny this and subsequent applications if they continue to violate the law.

Thank you for considering these views.

David Schrom

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Subject: Use of force policies written by Lexipol at play in police shootings
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<https://www.usatoday.com/in-depth/news/nation/2021/06/15/lexipol-policies-aim-to-limit-legal-liability-in-police-shootings/5173324001/>

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Subject: Got one of these towers to be set up (possibly) 600 feet from your house and you remain silent? No! I do not think so!
Date: Thursday, June 17, 2021 9:50:50 AM

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Dear Mayor DuBois, Vice-Mayor Burt, and Councilmembers Cormack, Filseth, Kou, Stone and Tanaka,

I am writing to urge you to overturn Planning Director Jonathan Lait's decision to approve Verizon's cell tower application 20PLN-00118.

Just for starters, the Planning Director has approved oversized equipment that fails to comply with the design standards Palo Alto has established. Moreover, our city's Municipal Code required Verizon to notify "all residents and property owners within 600 feet of the project site" of a community meeting at which the proposed project would be discussed. But Verizon simply failed to do so.

Please deny their application and insist that Verizon comply with our City's Municipal Code. The residents of Palo Alto are counting on you to protect the quality of life in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Ardan Michael Blum

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Subject: Auditor to review incidents where members of the PAPD point a gun at an individual -after a request by best police practices advocate, Aram James suggests such reviews
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:11:44 PM

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Subject: [SZAC] Vancouver Action Blocks Israeli Cargo Ship
Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 11:47:32 PM

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Vancouver Action Blocks Israeli Cargo Ship

In the News, June 12, 2021

<https://cpcml.ca/210612-vancouver-action-blocks-israeli-cargo-ship/>

On the afternoon of June 8 in Vancouver several hundred people marched from Woodland Park to the entrance of Vancouver Harbour demanding that the harbour refuse to offload cargo of Israeli goods from any Zim cargo ships. The organizers in their call to “STAND WITH PALESTINE! BOYCOTT ZIM!” pointed out that “The Israeli Zim Shipping company profits from the military occupation of Palestinian communities and an apartheid system that treats Palestinian workers and families as second-class citizens, living under Jim Crow-type conditions. The Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions has asked for our support to bring an end to Israeli apartheid and to hold apartheid-profiting businesses accountable.”

The Zim ship, the *Volans*, was scheduled to dock and unload in Oakland, California in May but that was prevented by

massive demonstrations and the refusal of longshore workers to unload the ship. When news was received that the ship would try to dock and unload in Vancouver on June 8 activists issued a call for action to make sure that did not happen. In their call to action they said, “We are calling on the Port of Vancouver to reject Israeli Apartheid ships and shipping lines and stop enabling them to profiteer from the occupation and colonization of Palestinian land.”

Hundreds of people blocked the entrance to the port of Vancouver for over four hours while representatives of different organizations spoke, including the Canada Palestine Association, Samidoun Palestinian Solidarity Network and several Filipino anti-imperialist organizations. The procession to the port was led by a banner that read BLOCK THE BOAT: BOYCOTT ISRAELI APARTHEID! DEFEND PALESTINE! The participants included large contingents of youth from the South Asian, Filipino and Palestinian communities and organizations including the Palestinian Youth Movement, Youth for Palestine Vancouver, Independent Jewish Voices Vancouver, the Communist Party of Canada, BDS: Boycott, Divest, Sanction, Queers Against Israeli Apartheid-Vancouver, Sulong BC, BAYAN Canada, Falastiniyat, and the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist). Statements of different organizations were warmly received as they were distributed to passers-by and drivers that were stopped by the protesters and police barricades.

The action was a success, with the ship having to bypass Vancouver and head for Prince Rupert instead. The organizers pointed out that “Every hour that ZIM cargo ships remain undocked and unloaded is a huge victory, as it means that the apartheid state of Israel is losing enormous amounts of money.”

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To view this discussion on the web visit <https://groups.google.com/d/msgid/stop-zim-action-committee/569385DE-0CC0-4165-9C94-FBF3DEFC4E76%40igc.org>.

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"Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people who were oppressing them."

Assata Shakur

Free Palestine!
Right of Return to Palestine for all Palestinians!

Free all political prisoners!

Leonard Peltier www.WhoIsLeonardPeltier.info

Mumia Abu-Jamal www.FreeMumia.com

Ruchell Cinque Magee <http://denverabc.wordpress.com/prisoners-dabc-supports/political-prisoners-database/ruchell-cinque-magee/>

Russell Maroon Shoatz <https://russellmaroonshoatz.wordpress.com/>

Mutulu Shakur <http://mutulushakur.com/site/>

The Holy Land Five:

Shukri Abu Baker

Ghassan Elashi

Mufid Abdulqader

Abdulrahman Odeh

Mohammad Elmezain

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/the-trial-and-conviction-of-the-holy-land-foundation-five/237440/>

and thousands more

End Solitary Confinement

<https://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com>

California Prison Focus http://newest.prisons.org/our_story

End United States of Amerikkka invasions and occupations

U.S. Government and UN Occupation Force Soldiers - Hands off Haiti!

<http://www.haitisolidarity.net/>

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2 books you must read:

"Against Our Better Judgement: The hidden history of how the U.S. was used to create Israel" by Alison Weir

<http://www.againstourbetterjudgment.com/>

"State of Terror: How Terrorism Created Modern Israel" by Thomas Suarez

<http://thomassuarez.com/SoT.html>

Other important websites to visit

<http://www.ifamericansknew.org>

<http://www.councilforthenationalinterest.org/new/>

<https://wearenotnumbers.org/>

End the Blockade/Siege on Gaza!

Tear down the Apartheid Walls in West Bank & Gaza!

End the War Criminal Israeli collective punishment on the Palestinian people!

End the illegal Apartheid Israeli Occupation of all of Palestine!

Right to Return to their homes and land in Palestine for all Palestinians!

End all U.S. aid to Israel

Free Palestine! Long Live Palestine!

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<http://www.bdsmovement.net>

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<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://freedomflotilla.org/>

<https://sgf.freedomflotilla.org/category/we-are-not-numbers>

Support ISM volunteers in West Bank and Gaza Strip!

<http://www.palsolidarity.org>

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Subject: Marshall Project wins Pulitzer Price (with other media outlets) for series on canine attacks
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From: [Amie Ashton](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 1:18:23 PM

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Honorable Planning & Transportation Commission members,

You are formally invited to join your neighbors at City Hall at 5:30 p.m. on 6/17 for a casual talk about biking and bike infrastructure with [TikTok star Vignesh Swaminathan](#) and Pat Burt (moderated by Amie Ashton, that's me).

Vignesh (aka. Mr Barricade) makes infrastructure FUN, I know - who thought that was possible. In addition to being a TikTok sensation with a half-million followers, he is CEO and President of Crossroad Lab. In addition, he is a Citizen Advisory Committee Member and Citizen Watchdog Committee Member for the VTA. Vignesh also serves as a Sustainability Commissioner for the City of Cupertino. He is most well-known for his TikTok account, Mr Barricade, which makes planning and infrastructure accessible to his nearly half a million followers!

You all know Vice Mayor Pat Burt, so no introduction needed there.

This event will be outdoor and socially distanced. Attendance capped at 50. I will be leading a bike ride in from the Cal Ave Caltrain station beginning at 5:00 p.m. if anyone would like to join.

Register here, we hope to see all your smiling faces there:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/happy-hour-biking-with-mr-barricade-tickets-157699235659>

Amie Ashton
Board Chair, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition

From: slevy@ccsce.com
To: [Council, City; Planning Commission](#)
Cc: [Lait, Jonathan; Shikada, Ed](#)
Subject: NVCAP alternatives
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:33:10 AM

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Dear Mayor DuBois and council members,

The North Ventura planning area checks all the boxes as a great site for housing.

--close to services, shopping and restaurants

--close to thousands of jobs

--close to CalTrain and VTA ECR routes

--Provides multiple opportunities for reducing car use including for residents who own cars

Our PTC has recommended alternative 3B for your approval. Among the alternatives considered

--3B has the most housing

--3B has the most units reserved for low/moderate income residents

--3B has the most open space\

--And 3B is financially feasible without public subsidy

Even if council is successful in a RHNA appeal, we will still face 5,000+ units as a goal when have been unable to meet our current 2,000 unit goal. Alternative 3B would be one giant step forward. If I were voting, I would vote to make modest increases in height and density and add other incentives to increase the number of units even more but I am glad to the support the PTC recommendation.

Alternative 3B follows the example of successful efforts to expand housing and housing affordability in neighboring cities and has been applied with great success by [SV@Home](#), our leading advocate for housing affordability. Projects that bring hundreds and thousands of units for low and moderate income residents have been approved as part of large feasible mixed use projects that include commercial development in Mountain View, San Jose and Redwood City. It is a practical and effective model.

My understanding under our state housing laws is that local control means that Palo Alto gets to choose the best way to meet our housing goals and does not mean we get to ignore them without serious consequences. Donald Trump has excited many of his voters by telling them what they want to hear and believe despite that it is in conflict with reality and the law.

I hope council does not follow that example with regard to housing in Palo Alto.

Stephen Levy

From: [Palo Alto Forward](#)
To: [Council, City](#); [DuBois, Tom](#); [Burt, Patrick](#); [Kou, Lydia](#); [Tanaka, Greg](#); [Stone, Greer](#); [Filseth, Eric \(Internal\)](#); [Cormack, Alison](#); [Planning Commission](#); [HeUpdate](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #9: Preferred Alternative for NVCAP
Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 9:43:31 PM

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Dear Mayor DuBois and Palo Alto City Council Members:

Palo Alto Forward is a non-profit organization focused on innovating and expanding housing choices and transportation mobility for a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable Palo Alto. We are a broad coalition with a multi-generational membership, including new and longtime residents.

We strongly support, at a minimum, staff and the Planning and Transportation Commission's recommendation: Alternative 3B. NVCAP is perhaps the best site in Palo Alto for a walkable, multi-use neighborhood with new housing. Alternative 3B illustrates both economic and financial feasibility and creates the greatest potential for addressing current and future housing and mobility demands. It is a unique opportunity to build homes close to services, shopping, transit, and jobs, which would set new families and low-income residents up for success.

Palo Alto Forward supports expanding Alternative 3B because this option will:

- 1) Demonstrate the broadest vision for an inclusive neighborhood at all incomes and requires the least public funding for financial feasibility
- 2) Address climate change goals (S/CAP) by incentivizing public transit use over single occupancy vehicles by reducing parking requirements and strongly emphasizing "best practices " drought tolerant landscaping. It also utilizes infill development to address climate change, reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions and promote safe bike-able spaces.
- 3) Utilize varied design and infill with multiple building heights and densities, promoting the potential for partnerships with private and public funders and includes the greatest amount of open space
- 4) Recognize that this area and neighborhood have a greater potential for diversity, equity, and inclusion if more lots support varying types of homes

Through the RHNA process, Palo Alto is responsible for identifying policies and feasible sites for an additional 6,086 units of housing in our opportunity-rich city. Reaching this level would enable more economic diversity in our community, shorter commutes for essential workers (especially for sites adjacent to transit and jobs), support sustainability goals, and help the region reduce homelessness and overcrowding in existing units.

If we fail to meet our goals by our site selection and lackluster policies, the State of California can levy fines, disqualify us from designated funding, appoint an agent to oversee our Housing Element, remove insufficient housing policies and even approve

housing proposals irrespective of our local zoning policies.

Failure to exercise local control by selecting enough feasible sites to support the number of housing units needed will likely result in state intervention. NVCAP should be utilized as an opportunity to equitably meet our housing needs and regional goals.

In order to ensure this happens, we must adjust our height limits, parking policies, fees, and FAR to accommodate for more homes and make it economically feasible to build. Unless Palo Alto is willing to create incentives that enable appropriate development, the property owners will not be inclined to create bolder and imaginative solutions and will largely retreat to what is feasible under the current development standards.

Gail A. Price
President, Palo Alto Forward