

Caitlin Schafer - Letter regarding cell tower in Potter Valley

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Subject: Letter regarding cell tower in Potter Valley

Dear Mendocino Planning and Commission Board,

My name is Julie Dick and I am a resident of 18050 Van Arsdale Road in Potter Valley. I am writing to you in regard to the projected cell tower for my neighborhood. I am in complete support of the tower's location, as it's the perfect place to best serve this community.

As a mother of four children, my primary reason for supporting this tower is the safety it will bring to my family. Currently, we have no cell phone service in our area. If there was to be an accident or emergency anywhere on our property or down at the river, I would be unable to reach a landline quickly. My concern is that I would be unable to protect my children from harm or get the immediate help that I would need if there was an accident. The safety the cell tower would bring is of vital importance to me.

Secondly, my children are enrolled in an online public charter school, but the only internet service available to my family is poor and inconsistent and very expensive. The education of my children is limited by this slow internet. If there was reliable faster internet service in my neighborhood, I could school my children much more efficiently.

Thirdly, there have been several instances where strangers have knocked on my door to get directions, ask for gas, or to use my phone. Many of these instances have happened in the middle of the night and have frightened my children and gave them bad dreams. This could have been easily avoided if these strangers had access to cell service and GPS directions. My house has also been confused for someone else's house. There have been many drug related incidences out here. (i.e. The Fairbairn hostage situation that was all over the news, a couple years ago, where some tweaker was holding Jan hostage and Wes had to drive to the top of the Mountain to use his cell phone and call for help, this happened right down the street from me) It makes me nervous, that my home could be mistakenly the target of criminal activity.

Lastly, I have driven pasts many people who have broken down on the side of the road and were unable to call for help. Just recently, a women's truck was broken down with a group of young girls that she was taking to go on horseback rides. I felt so bad for the horses and the girls and for the women because she couldn't leave them to go and get help. We had to take her

number and call her husband to go help her. Thank God I stopped, but once again it became evident that cell service is much needed in this area.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion on how to keep my neighborhood safer.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone
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