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**Subject:** Reject Wireless Communication Facility

Dear Planning Committee,

As a concerned citizen, I am writing to request that you *please reject the proposal to put a Wireless Communication Facility near Pine Mountain.*

There is a host of issues with cell towers ranging from the impact on property values, health, and environmental issues.

There should be an adequate process in place to permit cell infrastructure that includes zoning, aesthetic and health considerations.

I just purchased 5200 Ridgewood Road, Willits, Ca in May 2019 & have a 5-month-old baby. We invested our life savings in buying this property because it's in a remote, beautiful area and will not stand for that to be altered with the addition of a neighboring cell tower.

I do everything I can to limit wifi & cell exposure for my family, including turning off in-home wifi when it's not being used and at night. I am genuinely concerned about the impacts of exposure on health. While proponents that stand to benefit financially will cite that there is not enough evidence proving a correlation between cell towers and health issues, I urge you to consider that there is not enough data to prove that health issues don't arise from proximity to cell towers - the data is inconsistent at best.

How would you respond to this unsightly tower going up in your neighbor's property?

As the team elected to protect the community, I ask that Mendocino County do what others like Whitefish, Montana have done and limit it based on the basis of it being an aesthetic issue that negatively impacts surrounding property values.

In April 2019, what could be a precedent-setting decision, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that the aesthetic argument alone can be enough to justify the rejection of new 5G infrastructure. The decision came in response to a lawsuit filed by T-Mobile against the city and county, challenging a 2011 city ordinance limiting telecommunications companies from installing 5G lines and equipment on utility poles. T-Mobile argued that the local law was preempted by state law. Now, a judge has determined it wasn't, and agreed with San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera's argument that putting 5G equipment up on San Francisco's utility poles could take away from the city's allure as a tourist destination, by "diminish[ing] the City's beauty." ([Source](#))

Please consider the health, safety, and ability for residential areas to thrive and reject the proposal to put a Wireless Communication Facility near Pine Mountain.

Thank you,  
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