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Subject: Cell tower proposal , Pine Mt - postpone or cancel hearing

Mendocino County Planning Commission members:

I've lived on Pine Mountain for over 20 years now. I bought my property after a busy lifetime of raising a family (mostly as a single mother) while working fulltime. I saved up for many years with the intention of moving to a peaceful place in the country when I retired, away from the pollution of air and water, where I could easily spend time in the beauty of nature.

The quality of life here is very important to me, and the quiet and beauty are necessary to that. Visitors who come look forward to getting away from the noise and non-stop pace of life in other areas and especially knowing they can be outside, breathing in fresh clean air, and being able to see the sky and trees without a tangle of electrical wires and other lines overhead.

I'm sure this quality of life is also a major reason why so many tourists come through Mendocino County and help support our local communities like Willits, and why many decide to buy property and stay as I did. Naturally, it's especially attractive to retirees like myself.

I'm very concerned that putting a very tall cell tower up here with its 12 antennas will drastically change the environment, destroying the beauty of our neighborhood, and will cause the value of my property to go down. I understand there's a large generator that would come with it, and since I live up the hill from the proposed site, I'm afraid that the sound will come directly up to my place. Along with destroying the peace and quiet, this would disrupt the many kinds of wildlife I enjoy seeing here.

My goal has always been to maintain and improve the condition of this property, which I intend to leave to my 2 children (and several grandchildren) when I pass on. Each year I've increased the material value here in many ways: by adding to and renovating the main house, installing an emergency backup system for the power outages and water supply, and keeping up with all the kinds of maintenance needed for rural life, especially now with the fire danger each year.

My son moved on to the property with his wife before their first baby, and both of their daughters were born and lived in this healthy environment for about 8 years. When the family moved to San Jose for their father's new job, the girls still referred to my place as "home" for a long time. So the quality of life here is also part of my heritage to them. When it becomes their own, at the very least I trust that they would be able to sell it at a good price if that's what they choose to do.

The installation of this tower and all its equipment would be a drastic change that we can't undo, and it should not be rushed through. To hold a public hearing during these "shelter in place" orders is obviously the worst possible time. Please cancel or postpone the public hearing and reschedule it when the public can safely attend.

Sincerely,

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