

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ACCESS TO INTERNET AND CELL SERVICE ON PINE MOUNTAIN, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION RIGHT AWAY. THEIR EMAIL IS PBS@MENDOCINOCOUNTY.ORG THIS SERVICE IS SUPPORTED BY A FEDERAL PROGRAM TO GET SERVICE INTO UNDERSERVED AREAS. THE FEDERAL PROGRAMS REQUIRES INTERNET TO BE COMPARABLE TO SERVICE AVAILABLE IN URBAN AREAS. MEANING CHEAPER, FASTER AND MORE BANDWIDTH THEN SATELITE. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP. RIGHT NOW, IT IS IN JEOPARDY OF BEING REJECTED BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED SO MANY LETTERS FROM OUT OF THE AREA.

ATTACHED IS A COPY OF THE EMAIL I SENT IN.

THANK YOU, TED GELLER

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Planning & Building Services

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Department of Planning and Building Services Commission Staff
860 North Bush St.
Ukiah, Ca. 95482

Regarding Case# U_2019-0011

Date Filed: 7/3/2019

Owner Bette Nixon

Applicant: AT&T Mobility

Agent: EPIC Wireless LLC

Dear Planning and Building Services Commission Staff,

I am writing this letter in response to meeting on 5-21-20.

I have the following questions that should be foremost on your mind when making this decision.

1. How many students are you willing to leave behind?
 - a. With the situation we currently have, students as well as teachers are dependent on sufficient internet to continue their studies.
 - b. Look at the current and near future plans for students in California. Our State colleges and Universities are planning remote learning over internet for the foreseeable future. Our schools within the county will be using internet.
2. How many jobs are you willing to lose and how many families are you willing to sacrifice?
 - a. We feel very fortunate that all of our kids are able to work from home. Without decent phone and internet, this would not be possible. After the recent experiences, Fortunately, they live in communities that are forward looking and growing at a great rate.
 - b. Could any of you perform your job duties without the services you are denying us?
 - c. Mendocino County needs to do a better job of creating jobs rather than discouraging them.
 - d. Many businesses have already announced that working remotely is working so well that they plan to continue that even after the pandemic is over.
3. How many people are you willing to let die because of the lack of communication?
 - a. We need to be able to summon the fire department, ambulance, sheriff as needed. I personally have had to go to the emergency room by ambulance three times in the last few years.
 - b. If someone dies up here because of lack of communications services you denied, you will be responsible.
4. Why would you ask a caller opposed to the tower how many comments or household were in favor and how many were opposed?

- a. Did you really expect to get a reliable answer? I have attached a breakdown of all the comments expressing an opinion one way or another. I am not trying to mislead you like the caller did. I have referenced the comment number or numbers in many cases. No reason for you not to be able to tell where they live. I did my best to identify those living in Pine Mountains Estates as well as the tower service area. Many if not most of them opposed to tower, referenced the dangers of the Possible health issues involved mainly with 5G. 5G is not planned for this tower. That technology is not designed for rural applications. It is my understanding that Federal Guidelines indicate you are not to decide the health issues of this if they are below federal guidelines.
5. Do you find it hypocritical that people are using the internet to communicate with you to ask you to deny us access to the internet?
- a. How many of them do you think use a cell phone? Many are stating there is not dead zone up here. That is a plain outright lie. I would be happy to take you through the area with your cell phones.

We have had many instances of power being shut off the last couple of years. Our land lines are never reliable anymore. It can take 3-4 weeks to get them repaired. AT&T tells us to get a hot spot for service as they have no plans to upgrade the old wires as everything is going cellular. When the power goes out, our cell boosters go dead and we lose telephone service. It took three days to get an official notice to evacuate when we had the fires come up from Redwood Valley. We are fortunate our neighbor was alerted and let us know what happened.

In summary, at your last meeting you declared you were planning to deny the permit based on the false fact that you were told the local neighborhood was against the tower. I have laid it out in a very easy format to follow that this is not the case. I have asked you some very important questions that you should consider. Based on your discussion, I question if you all even read the comments and paid attention to where they came from. For the most part, the people living in Pine Mountain Estates are the older generation. Many have lived here most of their adult lives. They are quiet and have better things to do than to butt into other's business. Most of the comments that were sent in, were organized by the Willits Environmental Center. I liken them to a pack of wolves. They have their own agenda that they want to force on everyone else. They form a pack, and attack anything anywhere that doesn't fit their desires. You are now aware that their agenda does not reflect the wishes of most people living in Pine Mountain Estates.

Thank you for your time and Consideration.

Roy and Carolyn Geller

We have lived in the Estates since 1968 and we value this neighborhood as much if not more than anyone. If you would like any clarification regarding this matter, please email me at tedgeller@att.net. You can give me your phone number and I will call you back or answer your email.