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## RE Zoning permit hearing: PLN 2018-00071 and PLN 2018-00079

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Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 7:44 PM

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**County Service Area Number One Community Associations  
THE SAN MATEO HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
San Mateo, CA 94402**

December 3, 2018

Hon Supervisor Dave Pine, President  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors  
400 County Government Center  
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE Zoning permit hearing: PLN 2018-00071 and PLN 2018-00079

Dear President Pine,

We need your help in regard to the request to the County in the email exchange below.

We know there is a whole lot more at stake here for San Mateo County than just the 2 cell phone towers being applied for to date in County Service Area Number One. We do not want CSA Number One area communities to be used as a Cell phone tower farm. Other San Mateo County communities, Town of Hillsborough and City of Burlingame are working on the same issue. Our communities cannot make comments within this short time period imposed by County Planning, Ms. Richstone. We need information and help to make informed comments on this project that Verizon has had years to work on. We have asked to have a meeting with the applicant to look at reasonable alternative locations for these towers. We need your help to make that happen.

Major Safety Issue not addressed in the above referenced applications. After four separate fires on PG&E equipment, we have serious concerns over safety that have not been addressed here. We are concerned about the age and health of the very infrastructure that the applicant, Verizon wants to pile new hardware on.

The Highlands neighborhood is in the Very High Risk for Fire hazard zone, and recently had 4 separate PG&E electrical fires on the tops of PG&E's telephone poles this summer from June-August 2018. There has been a history of PG&E electrical fires on the tops of the poles in our community. Parrott Drive has had numerous fires on the tops of their telephone poles, also. We have already requested investigations into the fires of this summer with PG&E and the PUC. Where is the certification from 1.) The Applicant, Verizon and 2.) PG&E that the poles will not cause a hazard to property and will not catch fire with the additional equipment?

We must rely on San Mateo County to certify safety of any proposed installations on PG&E equipment. There have been many recent PG&E induced fires that have burned down complete communities, thus we must object to this application as so far presented to the communities. There is no certification in writing that PG&E will verify the equipment will cause no hazard to the location and surrounding and PG&E will be fully responsible for public safety with additional equipment on their poles.

The City of Burlingame and 20 other cities and County of LA have filed two Petitions for Review, challenging the constitutionality and legality of the recent FCC Order which preempts local government authority over the

deployment of small cells in communities' rights-of-way.

Here's what we need from you:

1. We have asked to have a meeting with the applicant to look as reasonable alternative locations for these towers.
2. What is San Mateo County doing about the recent FFC order to preempt local government authority over the deployment of small cells in communities' rights-of-way?

What can we do to help facilitate these requests to you and our requests to County Planning?

Thank you,  
Liesje Nicolas, President  
Highlands Community Association

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From: **Liesje Nicolas** <[liesjenicolas@gmail.com](mailto:liesjenicolas@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 6:01 PM

Subject: Re: 11/15/18 Request for Continuance

To: <[lrichstone@smcgov.org](mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org)>

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Dear Ms. Richstone,

December 3, 2018

We are surprised that our request for the applicant to meet with us has not yet been forwarded to the applicant, so that all parties could meet. We cannot deliver fully informed comments until after we have had the opportunity to meet, ask technical questions, and explore alternatives. Therefore, setting a December 3rd deadline for comments is premature. Please inform the applicant of our request to meet directly to the applicant and copy us on that email or letter to the applicant.

We are aware that meeting with the community is not required of the applicant but a recommendation from the County that all parties meet would be appropriate and effective as it has been in the past. Our past experience has been that after meeting with the applicant, the issues are sorted out in the community which then sends acknowledgement of the proposed plan to the Planner in charge.

You state in your email, "If any meeting were to be scheduled, it would be between you and the applicant (the County would not be there)". Please explain why the county would not be there.

Please send the information that shows and explains how the specific sites being applied for were selected for installation.

We request that no deadline for comments be set until we have a sufficient amount of information to make properly informed comments. Please confirm that the deadline you mention will be postponed.

Please bear in mind that our communities rely on voluntary participation by residents who have many responsibilities. While we can see that the County does not usually publish a staff report until seven days before a scheduled meeting, we request that we have the staff report two weeks in advance of the scheduled meeting to allow our volunteers sufficient time to review the materials to be discussed at the hearing.

Thank you,  
Liesje Nicolas  
Highlands Community Association, President

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 10:23 AM Laura Richstone <[lrichstone@smcgov.org](mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org)> wrote:

Hi Liesje,

This use permit does not require a pre-application/community meeting and the Planning Department will not impose such a requirement on this permit. I can forward the applicant your request for a meeting. However, please be aware that they are not required to accept your request. If any meeting were to be scheduled, it would be between you and the applicant (the County would not be there).

As you know, this project was continued from the 11/15 ZHO meeting in order to review and provide comments to the Planning Department. A meeting date for this item has not been scheduled yet, however, per my previous email, the County still requests all comments by 12/3 so that any such comments can be addressed in the staff report. The project plans, RF reports and photo simulations can be found here:

Link: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/EgOGJ8Ez4q>

Thank you,

**Laura Richstone**

Project Planner

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**From:** Liesje Nicolas [mailto:[liesjenicolas@gmail.com](mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org)]

**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 10:33 PM

**To:** Dave Pine <[dpine@smcgov.org](mailto:dpine@smcgov.org)>; Steve Monowitz <[smonowitz@smcgov.org](mailto:smonowitz@smcgov.org)>; Laura Richstone <[lrichstone@smcgov.org](mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org)>

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**Subject:** Fwd: 11/15/18 Request for Continuance

Thank you Supervisor Pine and Ms. Richstone for continuance of the hearing on the above reference items.

Mr. Monowitz, could you please confirm that no hearing date is set until after the applicant has met with the communities in our neighborhoods.

Residents in CSA1 are affected by and concerned about this proposed installation. Currently, many families lives are in disruption. Some are having to leave our neighborhoods due to smoke from the fires, with schools closed/optional due to poor air quality. Once area communities get past the disruptions, we'll organize scheduling options and get back to Ms. Richstone with a date(s) and location for meeting with the applicant in our community area.

Thank you all very much for your assistance.

Regards,

Liesje Nicolas

Highlands Community Association, President

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From: **Laura Richstone** <[lrichstone@smcgov.org](mailto:lrichstone@smcgov.org)>

Date: Wed, Nov 14, 2018 at 6:23 PM

Subject: RE: 11/15/18 Request for Continuance

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Date: November 14, 2018

To: Liesje Nicolas, Highland Community Association President

Laurel Nagel, Baywood Park Homeowners Association

From: Laura Richstone, Project Planner

Applicant: MODUS

File No.: PLN 2018-00071 and PLN 2018-00079

Subject: RE: November 15, 2018 Zoning Hearing Officer Hearing Request for Continuance

Based on your letter sent to the Zoning Hearing Officer Secretary (Deb Robinson) on November 14, 2018, Staff is requesting a continuance of PLN 2018-00071 and PLN 2018-00079. In the link below you will find the project plans, radio frequency reports, and photo simulations for the above referenced projects. Please review and provide comments on these projects by December 3, 2018 so that they may be addressed and incorporated in the future staff report. If you would like a hard copy of the project materials email me back and let me know.

Link: <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/EgOGJ8Ez4q>

Thank you,

**Laura Richstone**

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Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 9:06 PM

Just FYI for Marc, that HCA objections to both the cell phone installation hearing, and comment period went in.

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