

Fw: Oppose to cell tower project

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Dear Wil Chua,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed installation of a wireless telecommunications facility, which includes the erection of a 16-foot extension to an existing steeple at 1 West Avenida De Los Arboles. While I understand the importance of enhancing telecommunications infrastructure, I believe there are three significant issues 1. health, 2. aesthetic and 3. property value that need to be addressed before proceeding with this project.

First and foremost, there are considerable health concerns associated with prolonged exposure to radiofrequency (RF) radiation emitted by wireless telecommunications facilities. Although the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established guidelines for RF exposure, numerous studies have raised questions about the long-term health effects, particularly for children and vulnerable populations. As this proposed facility is in close proximity to residential areas, schools, and community centers, it is imperative to thoroughly evaluate the potential health risks and ensure that the installation complies with the most stringent safety standards.

Additionally, the visual impact of adding a 16-foot extension to the existing steeple is a matter of significant concern. The proposed height increase will alter the aesthetic harmony of our community, potentially diminishing the historical and architectural value of the surrounding area. The steeple is not only a landmark but also a symbol of our community's heritage, and any modifications should be carefully considered to preserve its original character.

A 2022 study by the national association of realtors showed that property values are discounted by up to 7.6% in the 1500 foot range of a cell tower. I understand the church are doing this for commercial purposes but they might like to consider the economic impact of the property values for their surrounding neighbours and church goers no less.

I urge the responsible parties to conduct a comprehensive review of the potential impacts and to explore alternative locations or designs that could minimize the visual and environmental impact on our community. Community engagement and transparency in the decision-making process are crucial, and I request that a public hearing be held to discuss these concerns in detail. I strongly oppose to this development

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response and hope that you will take these concerns into serious consideration.

Sincerely,
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