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Attention Planning Commission:

In regards to your meeting on December 11, 2014 to discuss the proposal for an ATT cell phone tower in the neighborhood of Skyline drive in South Lake Tahoe, Ca. Not only did I oppose it before, my feelings of opposition are even greater now after listening to the audio recording of the meeting I was unable to attend. I would like to voice my opposition to be included once again for the January 22, 2015 meeting.

The ATT representative states that they would "only have to top 3 trees, that the HVAC units would only run in the heat for a maximum of 10 minutes at a time and are very quiet, that the tower is required to be lighted but could be subdued by the fake tree branches on the tower, that there is supposedly no evidence of adverse health effects from RF or EMF (which is unproven), that other companies would be "invited" to utilize the tower by adding antenna's, which in turn would result in those companies storing their RF boxes and additional equipment "in the vicinity". Why is it that towers cannot be located within 1000 feet of a school if RF or EMF has no negative health effects? Whoever determined that rule must have realized that there are negative health implications related to these devices. Furthermore, towers of this magnitude are not esthetically pleasing, and do not even come close to fitting in with the beautiful Tahoe landscapes. They stick out like a sore thumb along the highway 50 corridor from Pollock Pines to Placerville. The fake branches blow off in heavy winds, and tumble to the ground with heavy snow loads. I can see how this proposal is already escalating out of control, infringing upon our pristine neighborhood with environmental graffiti. Topping trees, installing HVAC devices, RF and EMF boxes, lights, antennas, and all in our backyards! This is a ridiculous proposal and should be denied completely. Mr. Cianci is in support of it now only for the monetary compensation he stands to gain. Why was that not brought up in the last meeting? What a disappointing turn of events in the stance he now takes regarding this matter. He will be leaving this neighborhood and has no regard for what he will be leaving behind for us. This is the same man that opposed this very thing several years ago.

There are other locations that should be considered. For instance, the top of Tahoe Mountain in which another airport beacon is. Or up on Pie Shop where yet another airport beacon already exists. There are alternatives, and they need to be exercised. Please protect our neighborhood, our children and our views. We live in Tahoe for the rewards of the beauty and peace. There are trade off's, such as dead spots in cell phone service. We learn to adapt and live with it and 911 access has never been a problem. If fear mongering about 911 access is the only viable argument the ATT representative could come up with, I truly must question the integrity of this individual and the intentions behind this proposal.

Thank you,

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12 year Resident of Skyline drive.