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Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 9:58 PM

To: charlene.tim@edcgov.us

Cc: James.Williams@edcgov.us, Michael Wilcox <colomadental@inbox.com>

Ms. Tim,

Please find attached correspondence addressed to the Planning Commissioners from Michael & Carmen Wilcox, the property owners adjacent to the proposed site. They are out of state dealing with a family emergency and have requested I submit this letter on their behalf. They are understandably very, very concerned that they are not able to speak in person at tomorrow's hearing.

I respectfully request that you enter it into the public records as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Linda Stevens

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March 23 2016

Dear El Dorado County Planning Commissioners

RE: Verizon Cell Tower in Lake Arrowbee Ranch Estates

We have already addressed the Planning Commission regarding our concerns about the special use permit. We are Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox and the property owners adjacent to the proposed cell tower location. We were informed today that a change to the proposed location of the cell tower has been submitted for approval. We have not been allowed adequate time to consider it and to respond, particularly since we are bedside dealing with an end of life crisis for our father in Arizona and we cannot present our case in person. The tower will now affect us even more profoundly. From what we can discern, the tower will now be located less than 150 feet from our house. We are asking The Commission to deny this placement which is so close to our home because of the precedent it will set allowing Verizon to destroy other individuals, residences and communities at their will.

The placement of the tower will dramatically impede and damage our view from our south and east facing windows onto the lake. Given the new dimensions it will be at window level and visible from almost the entire living room, dining room and kitchen, as well as, the front and back decks. The whole house is designed around the lake view. Anyone who would choose to live this far away from any modern conveniences and comforts and so far from the freeway will not want a cell tower right out of their windows. We will be damaged irrevocably and disproportionately due substantial loss of property value and the quiet enjoyment of the serene beauty of the view and by all of the commotion that accompanies the maintenance and construction of the cell tower.

The Planning Commission gave a directive to Verizon to do a comprehensive, diligent search for other more acceptable and equitable locations. We have not seen the report and the results of this concerted "diligent" search that would prompt Verizon to settle on placing the tower so close to us. It was also determined at the previous meeting that the tower will serve the residents in the area referred to as "the bowl" but the tower is not necessary because Verizon cell coverage is sufficient and the vast majority of those being affected do not need or want the tower. So again, with this in mind we are asking that the Planning Commission to deny the special use permit.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael A. Wilcox*

*Carmen Yvonne Wilcox*