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Dear Agricultural Commission Members,

I am writing this to relay my opposition to an AT&T project (Project File No. R21-0049). Unfortunately, we did not protest the original project as we saw a Mortara address description which is over ¼ mile from us did not foresee how that could be the description of our immediate neighbors' address. Our issue with the location of the initial Verizon tower was not the tower itself, it was the proximity to our property line. On a 16 acre property, the tower was put approximately 40 yards from our property line. As this is an Agricultural Commission, I won't get in to the aesthetics of the tower, but rather talk about the impacts to us in relation to our Agricultural health. The new projects' additional height will be an eyesore but my main complaint about the project is the second 30kw Diesel generator that will be installed. During our power outages over the last couple of years the current Verizon generator will start and remain on for days after the outage is over. In one case last fall, the generator ran for a full week after the outage had ended. The cell tower and accompanying generator sit due West of my house which is our prevailing wind direction and the diesel exhaust can be smelled and heard from my house. We raise pigs, goats, chickens and will occasionally house cattle in the pasture which adjoins my neighbor's property. The cattle and pigs will not graze the adjoining pasture while the generator is running. This additional generator and extension to the cell tower is not an impact to my neighbors as they profit from the tower and have a second residence in Sacramento. We do not have the same luxuries.

I will make every effort to be available during the public comment on Zoom but as I am on duty for the El Dorado Hills FD on the night of the meeting I am unsure if this will be possible. I appreciate the opportunity to relay my opposition by letter.

Warm regards'

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