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Wed, Oct 12, 2016 at 9:00 AM

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Here is my public comment for the Outingdale Monopine item. Will you please attach it to the legistar item?

Thanks -

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October 11, 2016

El Dorado County Planning Commission  
2850 Fairlane Court  
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Re: Verizon Outingdale Communication Facility (Mono-pine)  
Special Use Permit S15-0013  
APN 046-361-60

Dear Commissioners,

We, the undersigned, are writing in support of the new Verizon Outingdale Communication Facility (cell tower) proposed for installation on parcel 046-361-60.

There are several reasons we support this action.

**Public Safety:** Pioneer Fire Protection District fire apparatus utilize Verizon MDC terminals for mapping and receiving calls (please reference public comment from legistar 15-1146). This new cell tower will add a much needed additional means of communication for residents of Outingdale and surrounding areas during emergencies. There have been two small fires in the area that would be served by the new cell tower over the past few months – one near Tree Frog Lane, and another last weekend near Buzzards Gulch Road.

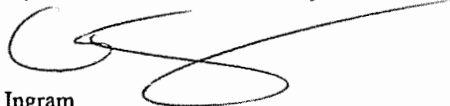
**Education:** More and more middle school and high school curricula utilize cloud based homework requiring solid broadband internet connections. For example, Mountain Creek Middle School's new English curriculum utilizes cloud based homework. Usage of cloud based systems for homework is very difficult with dial-up internet connections, and children without access to broadband may experience difficulty keeping up with their assignments.

**Increased broadband service:** This new cell tower will provide broadband service to an area of El Dorado County that is currently underserved. Any increase to broadband service in south El Dorado County is a significant upgrade to the area's digital infrastructure.

We urge you to approve the permit at today's meeting so that South County residents can have more broadband service opportunities.



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