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Victory Mine Road Proposed Cell Tower

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To the attention of Planning and the Board of Supervisors.

I am writing in regards to the Tiger Lily Cell tower project.

First I would like to say how disappointed I was with some of those in the planning department panel. At the last meeting three of the members of the panel seemed less than interested in the concerns brought to their attention regarding this project. As if they could have cared less about these heart felt health concerns and had nothing to add or to offer, questions or comments. Totally disinterested, sad!

Seems their minds were made up and the meeting was just a formal process that needed to happen.

Three or four other sites, that day, were approved with no comments or rebuttal. Couldn't other sites be found for the Tiger Lily project, with the same outcome? Those other sites will just go in as planned.

So with so many people on Victory Mine Road, especially those who are directly adjoining the parcel where the proposed tower is planned, how can this just be forced onto them?

Does the county have any financial gain for these new cell tower sites?

I would suggest each of those involved in the decision to approve or deny this project, to drive the road up to the proposed site. Please keep in mind that the easement they intend to use to get to the site is under litigation.

I would also like to know how many other agencies can put something on this tower should this tower be approved. How many other vehicles will need to render maintenance then at this site?

And ask yourself if you would want this next to your house, and if not, why not. Would you want it to reduce your property value, not to mention possible effects on your health?

My son is a cancer survivor and will not live next to a tower. He survived childhood cancer from age two and will take no chances for his health or that of his family, with regard to health risks associated with a cell tower. He will have to lose the home he purchased to raise his family, plus lose money selling his home at a loss with a cell tower that will extend 80 ft beyond the other trees in the area.

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At the location proposed it will be the first thing you would see walking out the front door of his home.

If this tower has to approved and the concerns voiced ignored, then why can't it be in a location on the applicant's land that would render it not so visually apparent to the neighbors. Although it is hard to hide something 180 feet high! Is it because the applicant doesn't want to look at it?

If the applicant wants the tower, he should be willing to look at it!

The tower will only financially benefit the applicant, and he has said he won't live under the tower, and will rent out his house or leave it vacant so he has a place to stay when he visits the area.

So why impose this on the rest of the neighbors!

It seems ATT would be better off finding a place for this tower where it can be put in where there are no objections. ATT said that this was the best location for the tower, not so, they came to my son first, apparently his parcel is even more desirable for this tower. But he wanted no part in having a tower on his property. And where ATT suggested the tower be placed on the applicant's parcel, the applicant objected and wanted it moved to where it is now proposed. I get the feeling the absolute spot is not that exact!

I can't begin to tell you the drama and extremes the applicant is willing to go to, to make this tower happen. Including lying to the panel who based their decision on his lies.

Please feel free to look into the problems the residents, not in favor of this tower, have experienced.

Let me just say, the applicant is not the person he would want you to believe he is.

He dresses in the wild west outfits and has the mindset that he can take things into his own hands and make what he wants happen. As though he is above the law. Even with his criminal background, somehow he was able to become a correctional officer. Maybe he learned from the best.

He also happens to be the road president and took it upon himself to add someone to the road agreement and giving them access on Victory Mine Road to their house, without the consent of anyone else on the road, and for a very minimal fee. I believe one of the people who spoke in favor of the tower, was this added resident's speech maybe a favor owed in return.

Can ATT and the county just approve and place a tower where it is not wanted, and leave the residents no choice but to sell their property?

Please give this the thought it needs as though it was being placed next to your home.

Please consider placing a cell tower in a another location that will not negatively affect these neighbors who so greatly desire it not to be in their neighborhood, so they don't have to lose their homes.

If you insist the tower has to go in on Victory Mine Road disregarding the residents desire to have the tower denied, and also disregard the easement ligation, then can you at least consider moving the tower on the applicants parcel to where the neighbors are more in agreement.

Although the latter will still result in the loss of lifelong residents of El Dorado County.

Again please drive the road to know exactly where this is proposed.

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Please have everyone involved in this decision put in the effort necessary, and take to heart the voices of the concerned.

Thank you for reading my letter.

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