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To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Tue, Sep 4, 2018 at 5:01 PM

September 4, 2018

To the County of El Dorado Board Of Supervisors,

Regarding September 11, 2018 Board Of Supervisors Meeting

Agenda Item AT&T Cell Phone Tower Site 6- Zee Estates S17-0016/AT&T

I would like to express my support for the construction of the proposed cell phone tower at the Zee Estates. As part of my employment, I have formal training by the California Office of Emergency Services (CAL OES) and a reliable communication structure is an important first action in providing emergency services. I submit that this cell phone tower is critical to providing both First Responders and local residents a reliable signal for their cell phones. The recent Omega Fire was a reminder of the importance of a good communication network in this area.

In addition to the primary need for Emergency communications, the lack of cell phone signal for non-critical uses is a major inconvenience. I visit this area of El Dorado County on a regular basis for recreation and travel. My phone service switches to roaming and at times has forced me curtail my activities in order to make and receive important phone calls.

Thank You for your consideration,

Richard DeSouza



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Conditional Use Permit for ATT Site 6-Zee Estates S17-0016/AT&T

1 message

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Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 11:44 AM

To: "edc.cob@edcgov.us" <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Dear El Dorado Board of Supervisors,

I recently was informed that the CUP for ATT's new cell tower was in dispute.

Over the years I've frequently travelled on Salmon Falls Rd, from the S.F. Bridge to Pilot Hill for cycling as well as to visit Cronan Ranch and I strongly urge you to approve the above referenced CUP.

The new cell tower will provide much needed connectivity for cell phones & data since current coverage is spotty at best to non-existent.

I've had car issues where I needed to hitch a ride to the bridge to get signal in order to reach AAA to come help me out.

Had issues reconnecting with cyclists that have gotten lost on trails and have had to search hours to find them.

Had to call a family member of an injured (not critically) rider when I got signal to come pick them up off Salmon Falls Road.

The ability to report unsafe or reckless drivers would be a huge benefit also.

In the video below you can see the motorcyclists hit speeds of 80+ mph - this is not an isolated occurrence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkWWWVryT1UE>

As evident on youtube, there is no shortage of drivers (car & motorcycle) that use Salmon Falls Road as their own personal track.

While cycling I've witnessed drivers flying by me in excessive speeds, crossing double yellow's and having no regard for others safety.

As a driver I've been passed in many an unsafe manner, at blind corners, intersecting roads, hills and valleys. The increased safety measures for motorists, cyclists, hikers, residents and visitors alone is should make this approval a no-brainer.

If you've ever been on Salmon Falls Road (especially at night) you can imagine how beneficial this would be in the event of an accident (car, motorcycle, bicycle, etc).

I sincerely hope you give this concern the gravitas it deserves and approve the CUP.

Regards,

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re: Conditional Use Permit for the proposed AT&T tower at Site 6-Zee Estates S17-0016/AT&T.

1 message

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Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 11:50 AM

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re: Conditional Use Permit for the proposed AT&T tower at Site 6-Zee Estates S17-0016/AT&T.

This area along Salmon Falls road really needs phone connectivity!

A year or so ago I was travelling at night , maybe 11:00 pm, in this immediate area when I saw a college age female walking along this twisty road, which is quite dangerous for walkers, particularly at night. Along much of it there is very little verge for pull offs or pedestrians.

I pulled over and talked to her through the car window. She was wearing a CSUS sweatshirt, and I am an old guy and also a faculty member at CSUS (28th year), so she trusted me enough to accept a ride on up to Folsom where she could call her dad on her cell phone. It turns out she had run out of gas and left her car in somebody's driveway along Salmon Falls road. So I was happy to get her out out that blacked out area. It was a potentially bad situation for a single female, particularly since everybody knows rowdy bikers race there late at night into the am, and other groups of partiers in 4-wheel pickups cruise that fairly deserted part of the County. There is often plenty of beer cans down by the bridge parking areas.

The point I am trying to make is that is that in the modern times, cell phone connectivity IS public safety. The Sheriff doesn't have nearly enough patrol units to cover the lonely roads at night, and particularly ones like Salmon Falls, because once the patrol car is on that long and slow road they can't respond quickly to any other other calls. I've travelled Salmon Falls road a lot, and never seen a patrol car.

So if there is a chance to build a cell tower, I would think that it is obvious that public safety trumps pretty much any reason not to build it. If there is an accident (and its a windy road), or some kind of trouble, the ability to use a cell phone is *the* lifeline. I can't see how the County could turn one down. In fact, if they ignore this opportunity and something bad does happen in this area, it might leave the County open to a lawsuit that they had the opportunity to dramatically improve emergency response and turned it down for some esthetic reason. And, after all, the new cell towers are pretty well disguised as trees these days....

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