

Olander, Julee

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Olander, Julee
Subject: Opposition to proposed cell tower near the McCloud Complex

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Dear Ms. Julee Olander:

Just letting you know that both my wife and I are adamantly opposed to the construction of the cell tower near the McCloud condo units. We already have adequate cell coverage in the area and there is no need for another man-made blight near Lake Tahoe. I believe if checked you would find the overwhelming majority of residents near the tower opposed to this unnecessary, unattractive and obtrusive tower.

Thank you for your consideration of this message.

Michael & Sandra Hau
331 Inc
Incline Village, NV 89450

From: [Raul Rodriguez](#)
To: [Olander, Julee](#)
Subject: Opposition to IV Cell Tower
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 10:01:59 PM

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Dear Ms Olander,

I am an Incline Village property owner and am writing this email to let you know that I **OPPOSE** the placement of a cell tower on Village Blvd. I believe the height of the tower will be an eyesore. I also am concerned about the health benefits to me and my family being that it is so close by in a residential area. There are other sites where this proposed tower can go that would be less disruptive to homeowners. Also I am perfectly satisfied with my cell phone reception and do not see the need to rush the placement of another cell tower in the Tahoe basin. In addition the majority of residents in the CAB meeting on 3/4/19 and the IV Community Forum meeting 3/29 were against the cell tower being built on the proposed parcel. You should be representing the needs and wishes of the community and not a special interest. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Raul Rodriguez
4 Village Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451

From: [Richard Miner](#)
To: [Olander, Julie](#)
Subject: Proposed Cell Phone Tower in Incline Village
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 11:59:02 PM

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Dear Ms. Olander,

I am a twenty year resident of Incline Village and the former president of the Incline Village and Crystal Bay Historical Society. I believe I speak for many in this community who are opposed to the construction of a cell phone tower masquerading as a pine tree in the middle of our historically significant and rather unique little community here on the north shore of Lake Tahoe. It almost goes without saying, but I will say it because I understand you are rather new to the position you hold at Washoe County, that both Lake Tahoe and Incline Village are regional treasures and need to be preserved as such to the fullest degree possible. No doubt many others will have written you and your colleagues in opposition to this proposed cell phone tower listing all of the reasons why this tower, at this time, and in this location is a bad idea. I will not waste your time with a recitation of most of those arguments, but I will express here why I believe that taking all the pro's and con's into consideration, any reasonable public servant would have to conclude that the interest of the citizens of our community will not be well served by going forward with this project as proposed at this time.

For example, at best, much of the data provided by the proponents of the project, i.e., Incline Partners, is flawed or even worse, fabricated in such a way as to influence Washoe County decision makers such as yourself to make a choice on behalf of profit for a small minority at the expense of the everlasting visible, if not physical destruction of the center of our small and rather fragile community here on the shores of Lake Tahoe. In fact, for at least the past 20 years, almost all of us around the lake have been working with the Tahoe Regional Planning Authority to preserve and protect our environment from not only physical blight, but also scenic blight. The three cell phone tower facilities which already exist in our community are so unobtrusive that most residents, and most visitors are completely unaware of their existence. This is indeed a tribute to the wisdom and even foresight of those who were responsible for their siting and installation. In public testimony Incline Partners has stated that improving coverage to underserved areas of our village and increasing the capacity of the current cellular network given the large influx of seasonal (summer) visitors were their primary considerations for the proposed new tower location while admitting that nearly a dozen other potential sites are available including several which are much closer to the supposedly underserved areas of town north of the Mount Rose Highway corridor and over into Crystal Bay. They want to put their proposed 112 foot (or will it be even higher?) tower smack in the middle of our downtown commercial and residential area and within only 1500 feet or less of an existing tower because it will be the easiest and most profitable location for them and not for any other compelling reason that can be reasonably defended. They have not solicited the opinions of any cross section, let alone the majority of our residents. They have not considered the lasting harm their tower will do to the skyline of our community when viewed from the lake or from other public areas in our community core. And they have not seriously considered that several other potential locations already have been suggested as better locations to serve the supposedly underserved areas of our community north of the

Mount Rose Highway or in Crystal Bay. For example, the county corporation yard at the junction of highways 431 and 28 which by Incline Partner's own admission was already under consideration for a tower by AT&T when "they lost interest for unknown reasons," in no small part. and this is only speculation, perhaps because Incline Partners was willing to make them a more attractive offer on the new tower they were proposing to build.

Here's the bottom line: A majority, probably the vast majority, of Incline Village residents--voters and taxpayers--do not want this cell phone tower built in the heart of our community. We are not opposed to better cell phone service. And we are not opposed to cell phone towers appropriately sited. Simply put, there are better siting options available both from a scenic and service perspective, and we strongly urge your office to support taking the additional time and effort required to come up with a better solution.

Very Truly Yours,

Richard Miner
Incline Village, Nevada

From: [Kent Jackson](#)
To: [Olander, Julie](#)
Subject: Cell Tower in Incline Village
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:46:28 PM

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Dear Ms. Olander:

We wish to register our opposition to the proposed cell tower on Village Blvd in Incline Village. We are owners in the McCloud complex (7). Perfect cell coverage is not what is special about Tahoe. The size, scope, and location of this proposal just further detracts from the natural beauty of the Tahoe Basin. We do not think this is remotely necessary and urge that this proposal be turned down.

Respectfully,

Kent and Darlene Jackson
Incline Village, NV

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Holman](#)
To: [Olander, Julie](#)
Subject: FORMAL NOTICE OF OPPOSITION
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:00:43 PM
Attachments: [NOTICE OF OPPOSITIONWashoe County Board of Adjustment.docx](#)

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Dear Ms. Olander,

This is to advise you we strongly oppose the proposed cell tower on Village Bl.

This is an unsafe solution to a problem that does not exist.

Additionally, there is a much safer location next to the Washoe County Substation, as you will read in our letter of opposition.

Thank you,

Robert W. Holman, Jr.

From: [Planning Counter](#)
To: [Olander, Julee](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Towers
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 4:40:10 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[image003.png](#)
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From: LARRY HARMEN [mailto:llf...]
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 4:35 PM
To: Washoe County Planning and Development
Subject: Cell Towers

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Julee Olander

Planner/Community Services Department Planning & Building Division 1001 E. Ninth Street Building A Reno, NV 89512

April 3, 2019

RE: WSUP19-0001

Dear Julee:

My name is Larry.Harmen

Four years ago My wife and I moved to Incline Village to retire.

I have a degree in Life Science and understand how harmful the effects of cell tower radiation can be.

I am stunned that a cell phone tower is now being proposed for the center of this village, precisely where the village is most densely populated with businesses, residences and schools and our hospital. There could not be a worse location! There is ample evidence that cell phone towers lead to cancer and other illnesses.

This recent article from Modesto, CA reports that 4 students now have cancer since a cell tower was placed on their school grounds.

The Modesto Bee March 12, 2019: Fourth Ripon student has cancer. Parents demand removal of cell tower from school

Not only will this tower harm our residents, it will also be a visual blight. I believe a cell tower in town could lower property values because in this day and age, no one wants to live or work next to a cell phone tower.

The Board of County Commissioners must vote no on this!

Thank you,

Larry Harmen

From: [Wayne Ford](#)
To: [Olander, Julee](#); [Ronda Tycer Phd](#); [Todoroff, Pete](#)
Subject: Fw: Please Record This Statement Against the Porposed Incline Village Cell Tower
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 9:05:52 PM

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I have seen the staff report you did, to come to the findings, that the "tower" meets the Code. It does not and Ronda Tycer did sum up the facts. So you can put my name in as a resident who has been here for over 40 years in Incline, as one who is against the tower and the location. I have had many projects taken before the Board of Adjustment. No matter what I present I made sure all of my facts are well supported. If my conclusion is not supported by the Board of Adjustment, that I have had to understand. Yet I have not had anyone find that I have left out key areas, that are important for the Board of Adjustment to be able to make an informed finding for or against.

Will be there tomorrow to share some of the facts missing in this application, in my three minutes of public comment.

Wayne Ford

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From: rondatycer@aol.com
To: "jolander@washoecounty.us" <jolander@washoecounty.us>
Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 5:43:11 PM PDT
Subject: Please Record This Statement Against the Porposed Incline Village Cell Tower

Dear Ms. Olander,

You already know all the reasons I'm against Incline Partners' proposed tower on Village Blvd in Incline Village because I've drafted the letter from the Incline Village Community Forum which you've read. Hence I won't waste your time repeating the obvious: that the majority of residents DO NOT want the tower built by Incline Partners in their designated site; that Incline Partners has not proved the coverage gap with their inaccurate coverage maps; that the tower is not needed by most of Incline residents who say they already have good coverage; that the tower is not needed by the first responders who use a dedicated frequency for their cell phone needs; that the proposed 117 foot monopine and 1800 foot equipment yard are out of scope for the site and area; that it will significantly change the nature of the

surrounding neighborhood, precluding the new Community Area Plan potential use of the parcel for mixed residential and commercial use; and that it will be a nuisance and perceived potential health hazard for the hundreds of residents residing within 1/4 mile of the tower.

We've suggested an alternative site that would be preferable that was not assessed by Incline Partners, which is located at the Washoe County Maintenance yard on Hwy 431. And we've recommended using smaller towers/antennas where coverage is needed in specific areas of Incline Village instead of an unsightly monopine in the center of the Village.

All of these reasons are apparently not important to you, given that you plan to recommend to the other Washoe Co Board of Adjustment members they should approve the Incline Partners application on Thursday.

So I have to ask what is your purpose in recommending this project? And is your purpose higher than concern for the welfare of the residents of Incline Village?

I'm having difficulty imagining it but your purpose might be:

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I honestly can't understand why you would recommend approval of the cell tower in spite of so many residents' reasonable objections. But whatever your purpose is, I implore you to reconsider your priorities. Please soul-search and clarify to yourself why you are making this recommendation.

The tower will be a blight on the village. Most residents will feel bad every time they look at the unsightly equipment yard or tower looming above all other buildings in the village. Most residents will resent Washoe Co approving a project that is so obviously detrimental to the Village. The relationship between Incline Village and Washoe County will not be benefited—quite the opposite.

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Sincerely,

Ronda Tycer
Resident
Incline Village NV 89451

From:
To: [Olander, Julee](#)
Subject: In Support of Incline Cell Tower
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 8:54:14 PM

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Dear Ms. Jolander,

We live on lower Village Blvd. and have been dealing with poor Verizon coverage for years. Please disregard the NIMBY crowd in favor of simply allowing Verizon to do what we've been asking them to do. I'm sure given a little time the 'tower' will go unnoticed while the vital service improvement will continue to be appreciated.

Thank you for your service.

Respectfully,

Jim and Kate Marquis

From: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
To: [Olander, Julie](#)
Subject: Please Record This Statement Against the Porposed Incline Village Cell Tower
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Ronda Tycer
Resident & t
Incline Village NV 89451

From: [Dianne Schmenk](#)
To: [Olander, Julee](#)
Subject: IV cell tower location
Date: Wednesday, April 03, 2019 7:21:08 PM

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I understand the need for better cell coverage for some IV residents. However, I am strongly opposed to the intended cell tower location for all the voiced and obvious concerns.

The proposed location is a mistake for now and the future. We can and must do better...

Dianne Schmenk

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lynn Berardo](#)
To: [Olander, Julie](#)
Subject: Objection to the proposed cell tower.
Date: Thursday, April 04, 2019 9:42:10 AM

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Ms. Olander:

It is untenable that you should consider approving the placement of a cell tower at : l age Blvd.

For you and the powers-that-be to approve this project will mean taking you all need to take responsibility for exposing the nearby homes, businesses, and visitors to this area to harm and blight.

Should you approve this proposal, you will have to take responsibility for unbalanced economic gain. The profit gained by the owner and developer of this land is modest at present, but the negative impact for nearby homes and businesses is enormous.

At the least, running a generator 24 hours a day and having large vehicles coming and going creates detrimental noise pollution. And, at worst housing, the tower in the middle of a residential neighborhood is subjecting we residents to visual blight, noise pollution, and the potential for harmful health outcomes. Research in the adverse effects of the living in the shadow of a cell tower is in its infancy.

I ask you to reject this proposal and suggest for "faster and better" cell service the tower be placed elsewhere in the village where these negative impacts are significantly fewer.

Sincerely,

Lynn and Stevan Berardo
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Incline Village., 89451

April 3, 2019

Dear Board of Adjustment,

I am against a cell tower going in my backyard. My husband and I own and operate Incline Chiropractic at 231 Village Blvd. Our retirement is this building we purchased in 2007 and currently work out of. This structure will lower the value of our holistic practice and building, plus has unknown health concerns, which contradicts having a holistic practice next to a cell tower.

First, I would like to elaborate on the value of our property decreasing because no one wants to buy or rent a building with a cell tower in the backyard. Why, because of the unknown health risks. So, while Dr Cherry gets to lease his property to Incline Partners, LLC and be able to make financial gains at everyone else's expense both with health and neighborhood decreased property values, this begins to look one-sided.

I ask the Board, if this is fair to the neighbors of Dr Cherry's office? Do you want someone to put a cell phone tower in your backyard? I understand the necessary evil, the majority of us rely on a cell phone these days and Incline is a challenging location, but let's make better choices of where a tower goes that has more distance away from residents, business' and neighbors. This is not the spot for a cell phone tower.

Secondly, there are health risks occurring in studies. *Researchers with the renowned Ramazzini Institute (RI) in Italy announce that a large-scale lifetime study of lab animals exposed to environmental levels of cell tower radiation developed cancer. A \$25 million study of much higher levels of cell phone radiofrequency (RF) radiation, from the US National Toxicology Program (NTP), has also reported finding the same unusual cancer called Schwannoma of the heart in male rats treated at the highest dose. In addition, the RI study of cell tower radiation also found increases in malignant brain (glial) tumors in female rats and precancerous conditions including Schwann cells hyperplasia in both male and female rats.- <https://ehtrust.org/worlds-largest-animal-study-on-cell-tower-radiation-confirms-cancer-link/>*

So, I ask you again who is financially benefiting from this tower and who is exposed to increased RF with health risks and decreased property value? It is not a surprise those financially benefiting also get to avoid the exposure and health risks. How ironic is that?

Please, make the right choice for the majority, not just a few that will financially gain, and stop this lease from occurring at this location, 231 Village Blvd, Incline Village, NV.

Dorea Shoemaker
231 Village Blvd
Incline Village, NV 89451
doreashoe@gmail.com

From: [Diane Heirshberg](#)
To: [Todoroff, Pete](#); [Olander, Julee](#)
Subject: April 4, 2019 Hearing re Incline Village Cell Phone Tower; OPPOSITION
Date: Thursday, April 04, 2019 11:53:42 AM

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Dear Sir and Madam,

I apologize for the late submission of this Opposition but we are and have been out of state sitting with our during father and now preparing his funeral.

My husband and I reside at [redacted] Country Dr, Incline Village. We drive on Village every day. Our doctor office and hospital are just off Village. We drive by the two schools daily. We now live at [redacted] Country Dr. And previously lived at [redacted] Cynthia Court and have adequate cell service.

We strongly object to the proposed installation of the 117 foot monopine cell phone tower and 1890 square feet of equipment. There are significant studies showing health risks (on the Internet and elsewhere) and it is not in the best interests of the children, hospital patients and workers, and residents to approve this installation. Also a Incline is a gem in the mountains and this installation will be a burden on future planning activities to place the installation in such a visible and central location.

This installation benefits the landowner, to the detriment of the public and should not be approved.

Diane Heirshberg
[redacted]

Sent from my iPhone