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RE: Request to Appeal Approval of MPP 2017-7973

Dear Mary,

We wish to appeal the approval for a Verizon telecommunications facility in the right of way on our property at 214 Commercial Street, Sunnyvale, CA. We respectfully disagree that the proposed use meets the design criteria based on the following key issues:

Resolution No. 626-13

\*Pole Selection in residential zones should minimize aesthetic impacts through selection of poles adjacent to trees and foliage that provide screening, placement away from primary views, placement on poles between parcel lines or adjacent to driveways and avoiding corner locations that can be viewed from multiple locations.

- 1) Verizon has selected a pole that sits approximately 20' from our main office entrance at a driveway entrance we share with Amazon Prime Distribution Center. This is a very tight, busy and dangerous ingress/egress as you can imagine with an ongoing stream of large Amazon 18-wheel semis and 60' trailers making this tight turn, 100's of Uber drivers. handling 2 hr. deliveries (you should see the way they park!), our own large Seville Landscape trucks and associated deliveries here, numerous Amazon people walking and hanging out 24 hours a day. (Amazon Prime runs both day & night) in this

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area. We have seen semis and cars nearly hit this PG&E pole and one City sign pole already sits smashed on the ground and has been replaced several times. The garbage trucks also barely make it thru.

There is absolutely no screening unlike the visual simulation Verizon shows. Adding trees and foliage here will only make this space tighter. Verizon needs to select a pole that is adjacent to trees and foliage and this is not that pole.

- 2) Our building sits abnormally close to the street simply because it was approved well before the City of Sunnyvale enacted greater setbacks. Verizon has selected a pole that is a few steps away and directly in front of our business entrance. This is a primary view and Verizon needs to select a pole away from primary views. I am sure Verizon will not allow another company to place at least 10 feet of equipment and wires permanently within 20 feet of their main front entrance. Verizon has options but this pole is not their best one.
- 3) Verizon has selected a pole that is dangerously close to the road & driveway entrance, given the scale and scope of business conducted here and at Amazon Prime. I believe the City required Verizon to add bollards at this site because of the potential danger their equipment would create. Verizon did not show bollards in their visual simulation. Verizon may not have considered their equipment would reduce available parking not only for Seville Landscape and our associated traffic but also for emergency vehicles. Parking regulations, ADA requirements and related issues may become a huge problem when we redevelop this property if Verizon is allowed here.

\*No new overhead lines shall be added to serve the wireless facility.

What is the plan for the load of fiber optic cable Verizon will need? How will trenching and adding fiber optic cable affect our daily operations? In addition, how will Seville Landscape be remedied if and when our business is negatively impacted by loss of parking, loss of telecommunications and internet connections, any loss unforeseen by Verizon's installation, use and future modifications of this pole?

\*Limit the number of equipment cabinets on a pole to three to minimize the visual impact to the surrounding area.

Verizon's visual simulation only shows 1 PG&E transformer when actually there are 2 large garbage size cabinets on this pole.

This is what Verizon will add:

1. Power cabinet



2. Electrical meter
3. Emergency Cutoff/Shut off Enclosure
4. Canister

This totals 6 equipment cabinets which is twice the limit. There are options within plain view of our pole and within our neighborhood that Verizon can select that will meet this requirement.

For these and other reasons, we respectfully hope that Verizon will find a better, more thoughtful solution than at 214 Commercial Street, Sunnyvale. I know Verizon has the wherewithal to meet their needs without imposing on the health, welfare and overall vision the City has for all us here in Sunnyvale.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Guillard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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