Dear City Council -

I fear that you have no interest in reading this letter. It is clear to me that you have not read my previous letters, or you could not understand them, and for those reasons alone you should no longer hold your position on the city council. As I stated in September, if you approved cell towers in Piedmont, I would move out. So, I have purchased another house and am leaving Piedmont. I expect I will not be alone.

I moved my family to this town because of the good reputation of the schools. However, your acquiescence to radiating the schools and sidewalks around the recreation center is beyond my imagination. I can’t figure out how kids will walk to school, rec center or pool without being in the high-radiation beam of either cell tower bracketing the recreation center and pool. The babies learning to swim at the wading pool will be irradiated by a cell tower only 30 steps from their unprotected bodies.

Shame on you. Shame on you. Shame on all of you!

If you have any friends left in town, which I doubt very much, you can get rid of them by approving the 314 Wildwood tower. This will enclose three Piedmont schools with high power radiation and certify Piedmont as the school system to avoid. Over the previous two months, you have demonstrated that you ignore every public statement of fact regarding this issue. Your legal counsel has clearly no experience in this area, and your staff has been working against the residents’ best interests.

For example:

1. There is sufficient coverage in Piedmont so there is no compelling reason to allow more cell towers in Piedmont, as Piedmont residents proved in multiple measurements on site and showed videos at the 10/02/17 meeting. Sherk also showed on multiple meetings that Verizon’s own maps showed FULL COVERAGE for PIEDMONT.

How is it that your senior planner can accept Crown Castle’s word that there is insufficient coverage? That’s total, unadulterated horse shit. And you sat there doing nothing. How is it that your legal counsel said that "coverage" and "capacity" are essentially the same? That’s bad legal advice. And you simply accepted it.

Shame on you!

2. There are ADA laws protecting people with EMS, and you have simply ignored their testimony.

How is it that your legal counsel used a single case in which EMS was not proven to show that EMS is not an ADA-recognized issue? That shows how little he knows and how little you know. It proves that there is a legal definition of EMS since the case went to trial. Yet, you dismissed the needs of 3% of Piedmont residents who have this acquired
disease. They can’t walk downtown without getting sick. Due to Fire Station cell towers, Mulberry’s already has an outrageous 5.4 mW/m² radiation level. Relax. Under the tower, it’s much less in city hall. Just know that the level is going up in Piedmont and the kids are bathing in it.

Shame on you!

3. Piedmonters young and old rallied to show you how they do not want DAS in town. Hundreds of letters were sent to you, while there was only a single letter in support of the DAS towers. We heard impassioned speeches from children who will be irradiated. And from their frightened mothers and fathers.

- How is it that you would decide their lives weren’t worth fighting for?
- A law suit might cost the city 200 thousand dollars. Are you kidding?
- There are kid’s lives at stake here. How much is the treatment for Leukemia?
- How many children are you willing to sacrifice so the City of Piedmont doesn’t use its "community fund?"
- Is a garden party more important than a child’s life?

Are you ready to accept the burden of guilt when Piedmont children start having Leukemias and Lymphomas? I already sent you the studies showing the connection between cell towers and these illnesses. In Spain, they dismantled a cell tower near a school that had five Leukemias and Lymphomas in the span of a year. So, it is on your conscience. Not mine.

Shame on you!

4. Microwave radiation damages and kills trees. I’ve provided overwhelming scientific reports on this subject, including a 10-year study of tree damage correlated to microwave power. Yet you have managed to ignored them all.

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5. Microwave radiation damages birds and insects. I’ve provided numerous scientific reports on this subject, showing how microwaves have upset homing pigeons and natural navigational abilities of migratory birds. When a tower goes up, nearby birds either move their nests or face a decline in their offspring. Birds staying near a tower often never finish building their nest in their apparent confusion. Insects are profoundly affected by radiation. A ten-minute per day cell phone placement in a bee-hive will cause the bees to stop honey production, lose interest in procreation, and the bee hive
will die in a matter of 5 weeks. A tiny fraction of a cell tower’s power, 40 microwatts, will kill bird embryos. Yet, you simply ignored all of these scientific reports.

Shame on you!

6. Microwave radiation below FCC limits produces cancers in rats. I’ve provided references to the National Toxicology Program study which shows brain and heart tumors in rats at levels below those allowed by the FCC. The NTP study also confirms that DNA breakage is a function of intensity and of duration. This means that children need to be protected above all else. They have the longest exposure duration. However, you have ignored these studies. How is Piedmont going to handle all the dead and sick rats showing up around town?

Shame on you!

7. Home values will decline because of your decisions. It is apparent that you do not care about the people in Piedmont, but they deserve better. Their homes are usually a large fraction of their wealth and your decisions cause them to lose a large fraction of their wealth so that you can relax. I understand that part of the agreement between Piedmont and Crown is that you make residents sue Crown instead of Piedmont if anything bad happens. To that I say:

Shame on you!

I really hope that Piedmont will come to its senses and reject all cell towers. Crown Castle is not acting in good faith as a public utility. It serves a "for-profit" wireless company, and its designation as a California Public Utility should be challenged rather than accepted by Piedmont. It’s track record shows that it does not serve the population at large, which is a requirement of a public utility. Instead, Crown only serves wealthy communities where the profit margins are better. Piedmont should challenge Crown’s "public utility" designation, since it would eliminate their ability to bully their way into town.

I hope you deny the 314 Wildwood application.

The drawings have been wrong from the beginning and the vault will be too noisy to meet Piedmont noise regulations. Moreover, the noise will be 8 times louder than the nighttime background. Perhaps it will ease your conscience a bit and get a few friends back if you deny the application.

Best regards,

Peter Harvey, formerly (here Mr. Harvey gives his former PiedmoAnt address)