

To Whom it May Concern:

I oppose this measure that will allow Crown Castle Towers to build a 75 foot tall cell tower at 19235 Yucca Loma Road. Pursuant to government coded section 65009(B), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court by myself or others, I am raising the following issues for this public hearing.

### **Blight (Depreciated/Stagnant Property Values)**

Residents in the Rio Vista neighborhood may be able to overlook the functional cell tower (for 911 calls) behind the Yucca Loma Fire Station 336 as it is used for emergency communication and a hose lift for drying water hoses. However, it would be impossible to overlook a mono-Eucalyptus cell tower twice the height as the existing pole in the backyard. Those of us with houses adjacent to the fire station will fear for our ability to sell our houses with a giant cell phone tower looming over our properties. It would also block out the sun in the yards of residents living next to this structure, as well as take over the beautiful sky.

### **Health Concerns**

Radiation dangers from cell towers are still debatable (see World Health Organization website regarding cell towers). Also, there may be plans to upgrade these antennae to 5G, which is even more dangerous with less research proving them safe. This is unacceptable as young children who play on their property will be the ones who are exposed and impacted the most.

### **Legal Precedence**

The residents of Medina, Seattle, won a lawsuit against the city for not enforcing its land use policy. The cell phone company had failed to show the tower was essential to provide cell phone coverage and hadn't shown that the location of the cell tower was the least intrusive location it could find. The Council Meeting on August 27th, 2019 Modify Section 9.17.080 "Required Findings" of Chapter 9.17 "Development Permits" as follows: 2. That the location, size and design of the proposed structures and improvements (does not)... **visually dominate its surroundings**. With a taller cell phone tower, making it look like a tree does not fool anyone.

### **Closing Statements**

The Town of Apple Valley has been a great place to live and I believe it looks out for its citizens. My concern for my family and neighbors include our safety with a substantial earthquake and the risk of it falling in my backyard and injuring my family or property. The "safe" amount of radiation levels of this tower with the existing network, as well as the potential conversion of this cell tower to house multiple networks and 5G is ridiculous as I do not want my children or neighbors exposed to any increased amount of radiation from a cell phone tower. I understand that this may improve the quality of the cell phone coverage in our Town. However, I know that there is an alternative location for this tower that is in a less intrusive location, does not visually dominate the surroundings of my home, and for the Town to show that it cares enough about its citizens to accommodate its citizens more than the convenience for Crown Castle Towers to build higher and save money to house multiple carriers.

Sincerely,

David Hernandez  
Apple Valley Resident

P.S. As this original request was denied by the AV Planning Commission before this appeal, please, vote to deny this appeal and do not allow this company to violate so many policies due to the "shot clock" violation. Thank you.