

To: The Town of Apple Valley, Town Council

Re: Conditional Use Permit No. 2019-005 and Deviation Permit No. 2019-005, for Crown Castle Towers

On the Agenda for July 14, 2020 meeting

From: James and Yolanda Tallo, residing at 13492 Coachella Road, AV 92308

My wife and I have lived on Coachella Road for thirty-one years, we are the original owners of our home. Together we have raised our three daughters here and treasure what this community has meant to us. Yolanda and I are retired now and want to continue enjoying Apple Valley. We oppose the installation of a seventy-five-foot-tall wireless telecommunications tower designed as a mono-eucalyptus tree to be installed at 19235 Yucca Loma Road, in such close proximity to the homes in our community.

Essentially our concerns can be broken down into these points -

- This tower will negatively affect the aesthetics of the community and therefore the value of our homes. The seventy-five-foot tower will be an albatross disrupting and denigrating the view that is so important to the value of a community. Our home is our greatest investment and preserving the beauty of the community should have a significant influence on the Commission's decision.
- The potential for harm (Long term health affects) to our residents has not been fully explored and as the old saying goes, you cannot put the genie back in the bottle once something has been established as, or perceived as, dangerous or harmful. Assuming that this project is completely safe without knowing that it is, presents an unacceptable risk to the town and its residents.
- The idea of placing the tower as proposed, would seem the least desirable to the residents of our community, especially when the other three corners represented by a commercial development (gas station) or no development at all. So, I would hope that the commission would vote against the proposed placement and have Crown Castle Towers develop a new placement strategy in the areas referenced and without community conflict. It should be incumbent upon them to speak to any other serious concerns and questions the community has.

In closing my wife and I are hoping that the Town Council disapproves the project as it has been proposed thus far. I want to thank the Council for reviewing and considering our concerns.

James and Yolanda Tallo

Links to articles referencing concerns about Cell Phone towers

<https://wamu.org/story/19/12/06/the-promise-of-5g-comes-with-a-regulatory-headache-and-health-risk-concerns/>

<https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2020/04/18/woodland-planners-delay-consideration-of-masked-cell-tower/>

<https://www.paloaltoonline.com/news/2010/11/19/att-withdraws-palo-alto-cell-tower-application>