# Public Comments Agenda Item # 13



September 14, 2020 City Council Meeting

From: Lynn Shimamoto

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:26 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed Amendment to Article 12 of Chapter 7 of Pacifica Municipal Code

Relating to Regulation if Parking Oversized Vehicles Hosted by Private Property Owners

[CAUTION: External Email]

## Hello City Council,

I am forwarding my email sent on August 24 regarding the Oversized Vehicle Proposed ordinance revision that I understand will be on tonight's agenda of City Council Meeting,

My husband and I are still strongly opposed to this proposal. Further we are astounded that private homeowners in Pacifica have already been contacted by City of Pacifica officials asking if the homeowner would be willing to "host RV dwellers" on their property before the ordinance has even had a public hearing. Further we know property values in Pacifica will drop because of unsightly worn down RV or camper dwellers parking on private residential or commercial property.

And we do not appreciate that the cost of these permits would result in property tax increases for homeowners because the City of Pacifica has neither the money or land to accommodate all the RV or camper dwellers currently parked all over Pacifica even in the Sam Trans Park and Ride lot on Linda Mar Blvd at Coast Highway. There are still

two large RV's parked for weeks on Terranova at Oddstaad in spite of signage and ticketing by Pacifica Police.

## Begin forwarded message:

From: Lynn Shimamoto

**Date:** August 24, 2020 at 2:41:49 PM PDT **To:** publiccomment@ci.pacifica.ca.us

Cc: Martind@ci.pacifica.ca.us

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Article 12 of Chapter 7 of Pacifica Municipal Code Relating to Regulation if Parking Oversized Vehicles Hosted by Private Property Owners

Greetings Mayor Martin and City Council Members:

I, Lynn Shimamoto, am addressing you directly in writing to express the strong objections of myself and my husband, Gary Shimamoto to the above captioned proposed amendment on tonight's City Council Meeting agenda.

Our reasons for opposition to this amended are:

- 1. The amendment allows property owners in Pacifica, or renters who are authorized by property owners, to apply for a Host Site permit for RV or Camper "temporary" parking. However, the permit would be 12 months and can be renewed by the City for another 12 months; this is hardly temporary!
- 2. The individual or entity permit holder would, according to this proposal, be responsible for "confirming" every week that RV or camper has utilized a "dumping facility for toilet water and trash". My question is: to whom are they confirming this and why is the City of Pacifica not involved in enforcement of regulations?
- 3. The appeal process by which residential neighbors within 500 ft. radius can object to an approved "RV host site permit" is skewed unfairly in favor of permit holder. And permit holder can appeal City
- decision to side with residential neighbors who then have no recourse.
- 4. What is the legal liability to the host permit holder for any damages resulting from their hosting a parked RV or camper? Will the City of Pacifica issue a "hold harmless certificate" to each property owner that applies for a permit?
- 5. We are concerned about the cost of each permit because at the last July Special Meeting, the cost was quoted as \$11,000 per permit and if no grants came through then the "city would pay for it". So total cost for 20 RV's permits was \$220,000! This means property owners in Pacifica would be asked to approve property tax increases to pay for RV parking permits. We will not vote to increase property taxes for this RV parking permit program.

In conclusion, we are opposed to any RV or oversized vehicle dwellers parking program in Pacifica because our city will just quickly turn into a bigger RV camp than it is already. As other nearby cities (South San Francisco, San Francisco, Half Moon Bay) with a lot more resources than Pacifica have barred oversized vehicles used as dwellings in past year the RVers/campers have migrated to Pacifica in droves overwhelming the city with raw sewage and household trash. Pacifica is a small city ill-equipped to handle all the problems of sanitation and safety of RV/camper dwellers

Therefore we respectfully request that this ordinance revision be voted down by the City Council and the RV/camper dwellers be immediately required to relocate to a community where they can afford to rent a space in a bonifide RV park.

Best regards,

Lynn and Gary Shimamoto

From: coastsided

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:26 PM

To: Public Comment Subject: Rv church parking

#### [CAUTION: External Email]

I am writing to show my opposition to allowing rvs on church or private grounds/parking lots.

Besides issues of safety, security, sanitation, multiple home value declining due to having a homeless encampment close by, loss of tax value for the city, lack of enforcement and oversight, lack of transparency of who is benefiting monitarily from this plan, the lack of this plan actually targeting Pacifica that are in distress, all of which have been brought up previous numerous city council meetings, this program doesn't addressing the additional vehicles utilized by the these "homeless" living in these rolling "tiny homes".

An example is the rv that has been parked on Terra Nova for over six months. The owner of this home, parked on our city streets for over six months, has been tagged multiple times where the owner skirts the law by moving his vehicle a few feet, has a car that he takes to work, or where when he is not in his rv.

Basically, he leaves his tax free home that is bringing down our home values, and goes to his work or wherever he goes, in his other vehicle. One man, roughly four parking spots.

Please address this as well.

Thanks
Matt O'Malley

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone value declining due to

Sent via the Samsung GALAXY S® 5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Coffey, Sarah

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:38 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** FW: September 14, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda Item 14.

----Original Message-----

From: Martin Murray

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:28 PM

To: \_City Council Group <CityCouncil@ci.pacifica.ca.us>; Coffey, Sarah <coffeys@ci.pacifica.ca.us>

Subject: September 14, 2020 Council Meeting Agenda Item 14.

[CAUTION: External Email]

Re: Providing direction regarding Zoning Code Text Amendments For Private Property Host Site Temporary Motorhome Permit Parking

#### Dear Council Members:

At the previous meeting regarding this issue I believe the majority of public comment, both written and oral, was clear that dispersal of unhoused individuals who occupy motorhomes into residential neighborhoods was simply unacceptable. The many reasons included concerns regarding sanitation, degradation of the community, and esthetic values. This proposal does nothing to alleviate those concerns.

It does not explain the costs that will be incurred in supervising the program. How many employee hours will be required to supervise the administration of these dispersed RV parks to insure that proper sanitation and waste disposal is actually occurring? How many employee hours will be required to insure that the motorhomes are actually being moved in your proposed game of "musical RVs" every 29 days. What will be the City Attorney's legal costs associated with enforcing tenant evictions of those who overstay the 29 day rule (thus obtaining tenant rights) or violate the rules of the program? What will be the legal costs to the City to defend lawsuits brought by those who believe that were improperly denied a permit? Have you resolved the issue of how the City is going to allocate liability for damages caused by or injuries to participants?

Although this idea is called a "Temporary Permit Parking" plan, it seems to be anything but temporary. Once enacted, it will mean RV's parked in driveways and RV parks scattered in various Pacifica residential neighborhoods for the foreseeable future.

I again urge you to abandon this ill-conceived idea. Homelessness is a statewide and countywide problem that needs to be addressed on a regional basis. The City of Pacifica should cannot, and should not, be expected to become a haven for those who have decided to deposit themselves and their vehicles in our town and demand parking space and services.

You should direct your staff to begin working with state and county officials and agencies to develop safe and affordable areas for motorhomes that have proper infrastructure such as pavement sufficient to support the weight of motorhomes, water, sewage, waste disposal, security, and other amenities of a safe and healthy living environment. These facilities

require management by professionals with experience in this industry, not city employees or social workers with no experience in operating motorhome facilities.

I urge that this proposal be ended now. Enough staff time and energy has been expended on this fruitless idea.

Vote to end it now.

#### Martin Murray

Pacifica, CA 94044(t

# Public Comments Agenda Item # 14



September 14, 2020 City Council Meeting

**From:** carol luhrs

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:29 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** cell tower

[CAUTION: External Email]

I do not want cell towers on or near my house or anyone else's. Please do not spoil our natural beauty. I'm sure there are better alternatives. Let them figure it out. Carol Luhrs

From: Jodi Guillotel

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:33 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** 9/14 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 14 Public Comment- Supporting APPEAL of

Verizon's cellular facility

# [CAUTION: External Email]

I do not want cell antennas on mine, or anyone's driveway in Pacifica. This is not ok, there are clearly better options for service as that are not invasive to our homes, families or environment. Deny the antenna at Redwood and update our ordinances now to protect our homes. Thank you, Jodi Guillotel

#### Get Outlook for iOS

From: Julia Lee

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:35 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** APPEAL of Verizon's Cellular Facility

**[CAUTION: External Email]** 

IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HAVE CELL ANTENNAS ON ANYONE'S DRIVEWAY IN PACIFICA. THERE ARE CLEARLY BETTER OPTIONS FOR SERVICE AS THAT ARE NOT INVASIVE TO OUR HOMES, FAMILIES OR ENVIRONMENT.

<u>PLEASE DENY</u> THE ANTENNA AT REDWOOD AND UPDATE OUR ORDINANCES NOW TO PROTECT OUR HOMES.

JULIA LEE

From:

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:36 PM

To: Public Comment Subject: VERIZON TOWERS

# [CAUTION: External Email]

Please stop the verizon towers from being built in residential areas and close to peoples homes.

Sincerely, Kari Gomes Pacifica, CA

From: J Burton

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:47 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** NO Cell Towers too close to our homes -

#### [CAUTION: External Email]

- -NO resident should be forced to live 17 feet from a cellular facility, especially developing babies...
- -NO homeowner should be forced to house Verizon's equipment on their properties. It is intrusive!
- -NO homeowner should bear the burden of cost from their home value depreciation because of Verizon's actions. They are doing what's easiest for them irrespective of the negative affect it will ultimately have on the value of our homes.
- -Verizon is a multi-billion dollar company, they can find alternative locations for their equipment that does NOT HARM the resident's homes and families.
- -City Council Members Can Vote Tonight to Protect it's resident's by Denying Verizon's application and updating our local ordinances. There are dozens of cellular applications Verizon has already submitted for approval throughout Pacifica, let's create protections for all of the residents and homeowners before this roll out happens! It starts with this first application.

J K Burton

Pacifica, CA

**From:** christopher jones

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:48 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Re: No Cell towers too close to homes

#### [CAUTION: External Email]

- -NO resident should be forced to live 17 feet from a cellular facility, especially developing babies...
- -NO homeowner should be forced to house Verizon's equipment on their properties. It is intrusive!
- -NO homeowner should bear the burden of cost from their home value depreciation because of Verizon's actions. They are doing what's easiest for them irrespective of the negative affect it will ultimately have on the value of our homes.
- -Verizon is a multi-billion dollar company, they can find alternative locations for their equipment that does NOT HARM the resident's homes and families.
- -City Council Members Can Vote Tonight to Protect it's resident's by Denying Verizon's application and updating our local ordinances. There are dozens of cellular applications Verizon has already submitted for approval throughout Pacifica, let's create protections for all of the residents and homeowners before this roll out happens! It starts with this first application.

Chris Jones

Pacifica, CA

From: Meredith Scott

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:56 PM

**To:** Public Comment **Subject:** Verizon cell tower

[CAUTION: External Email]

I do not want cell antennas on mine, or anyone's driveway in Pacifica. This is not ok, there are clearly better options for service as that are not invasive to our homes, families or environment. Deny the antenna at Redwood and update our ordinances now to protect our homes.

Thank you, Meredith Scott

Sent from my iPad

From: June Kafka

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:08 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Appeal of the Small Cell Tower on Redwood Way

[CAUTION: External Email]

Sent fr Dear Pacifica City Council and members.

My name is June Kafka and I support the appeal of this Verizon Small Cell on the pole at Redwood Way and throughout Pacifica near residences. I have already talked about health concerns, aesthetics and house values, what concerns me now is how Verizon approached the Small Cell issue:

I believe that Verizon was not completely honest, and did not put the time and money into finding the best place to put this small cell. Why did we not know about it before they were planning to do it for so long. Why did the Verizon Modus Rep. tell us it was a 4G, when they probably really want to convert it to 5G soon.

15 to 20 feet from a residential home with small children, or big children, is not a good location.

A pole on Lerida Way that would be away from a home, and Ortega School, is a better option, or maybe put up Verizons own pole, it may cost them a little more money, but well worth it.

I am hoping that Pacifica can adopt an ordinance for a 500 Ft. clearance from any residence just like Petaluma, Mill Valley, San Anselmo, San Ramon and Ross did.

Thank you , June Kafka

From: MarLuna Yoga

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:13 PM

To: Public Comment

Subject: 9/14 City Council Meeting Agenda Item 14 Public Comment- Supporting APPEAL of

Verizon's cellular facility

## [CAUTION: External Email]

#### City Council members,

I do not want cell antennas on mine, or anyone's driveway in Pacifica. This is not ok, there are clearly better options for service as that are not invasive to our homes, families or environment. Deny the antenna at Redwood and update our ordinances now to protect our homes. I also do not want any antennas near schools or places where there are children nearby.

Thank you,

Maria Lunardi

From: Brian Kubit

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:29 PM

**To:** Public Comment **Subject:** 5G antenna

# [CAUTION: External Email]

Please reconsider placing a 5G antenna so close to peoples bedrooms.

The science is not out yet and this could be very destructive.

Its better to be safe than sorry.

Brian Kubit

From: Brianne Leigh

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:34 PM

To:Public CommentSubject:O Verizon 5g tower

[CAUTION: External Email]

I have 2 babies and it is shameful a giant company is allowed to come in and out a 5g cell tower in our neighborhood. Not proven safe, must be stopped.

- Briannne Smith, sun valley Pacifica

From: bianca smith

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 4:37 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** 5G Tower

## **[CAUTION: External Email]**

#### Dear councilman,

My name is Bianca Smith and I live on Redwood Way. This cellular Tower will be built only across the street from my home and I ask you to deny their application. The view from all front windows will be destroyed if you allow them to build this tower. In addition they will be able to continue to build it higher with more equipment without a public hearing. That is not fair. This community should be involved in the decision making of our block. Please do not destroy the aesthetics of our home.

#### -Bianca Smith

**From:** Greg Aarreberg

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:00 PM

**To:** Public Comment **Subject:** Verizon cell tower

## **[CAUTION: External Email]**

## Dear City Council

I'm against cell towers that are allowed to be constructed in our neighborhoods near residential homes. The application for the Verizon cell tower to be install in Sun Valley on Redwood should be denied. We the people of Pacifica should not allow the corporations like Verizon come into our city and force they will upon us. I'm asking you the people's City Council to vote no.

Thank You for your Civic Duty

**Gregory Aarreberg** 

From: April Schneider

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:09 PM

**To:** Public Comment **Subject:** Cell towers Verizon

## **[CAUTION: External Email]**

I do not want cell antennas on mine, or anyone's driveway in Pacifica. This is not ok, there are clearly better options for service as well as 5G. Deny the antenna at Redwood and update our ordinances now to protect our homes.

More importantly the safety of the public and the long term effects of 5g and cell towers in general has not been properly studied.

Suffice to say we do not want not need this in our communities neighborhoods or near our people.

Sincerely

April Schneider Sent from my iPhone

From: dan koenig

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:17 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Opposing Verizon application for 2307 Redwood Way

[CAUTION: External Email]

Dear Pacifica Council Members,

Please do the right thing in DENYING Verizon's application for 1307 Redwood Way. If you support Verizon in building this cellular facility 17 feet from their home, you will be held liable for any detrimental health effects and any loss of value to their home. In addition, surrounding neighbors have also agreed to do the same. You will be creating a much bigger problem with the community if you approve this facility. It will not go away. If you won't take the risk of building a cellular facility on YOUR property then you cannot make that decision for another family. Please Deny the application and update local ordinances. Thank you DanKoenig

From: danny koenig

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:17 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Please consider the voices of your constituents

[CAUTION: External Email]

#### Dear Council Members,

I image you have heard the outpour from the greater community of Pacifica. The residents are asking for protection. The residents should not bear the burden of expense on Verizon's behalf. The residents have been making their voices heard. Listen to them. They want to support you. But you must DENY Verizon's application at 1307 Redwood Way. You will be making a decision that will affect not only this family but ultimately every resident and homeowner in Pacifica long term. This city needs smart, long term planning so please update city ordinances asap. Do not allow Verizon to build on the driveways of resident's property, it is unethical and unfair to the people. Please take your oath seriously and stand for the safety of the residents.

Thank you.

Daniel & Catherine Koenig

From: Molly O'Connell

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:18 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** 5G tower

[CAUTION: External Email]

Honorable councilmen,

My name is Molly O'Connell and I live at with my family of four. I urge you to put yourself in our shoes before you make your final decision. Would you want a cell tower just 60 feet away from your window? Would you approve that? If the answer is no, you have no right to approve this for our family. Do what's right and protect the residences of Pacifica. You took an oath to represent what's best for the people. Thank you.

-Molly O'Connell

Sent from my iPhone

From: Cathy Chavez Koenig

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:18 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Verizon Proposed Tower in Pacifica

[CAUTION: External Email]

Honorable Council members of Pacifica,

Neighbors have been talking about Verizon's proposed tower for months now and you should know that the community DOES NOT support this quick roll out of cellular facilities so close our homes. You should also know that Verizon or Modus would not dare legally challenge this, as it would be a PR NIGHTMARE for them. Could you image media sources rolling in because Verizon insists that building a cellular tower 17 feet from a newborn's window is the "least intrusive" and 'best' location for their equipment? It's outrageous! The city must protect the residents and DENY Verizon's application tonight. You have the power and all of the information to legally Deny this first residential cellular tower. You owe it to the people to stand behind protecting their families and properties. The community will support you through this. The whole community would be up in arms about this if you allow it. So do the right thing and protect your constituents. Thank you.

From:

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:22 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Opposition to cell tower at 1307 Redwood Way

[CAUTION: External Email]

Honorable City Council Members,

We are urgently requesting to DENY Verizon's cellular application. They clearly have NOT done their job in finding the "least intrusive" locations for their equipment by law. It is up to the city's councilmembers and commissioners to confirm and agree that ALL other less intrusive options have been ruled out and that is not what they have provided. They are doing what is quickest, easiest and cheapest for them by forcing their equipment on the residents properties and at the expense of these homeowners. They must find safer, less intrusive locations that will NOT HARM the resident's properties and families. Please do what is right, deny the application and update city ordinances to protect homeowners and residents.

Sincerely,

Claire Koenig

From: DENNIS KAFKA

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:54 PM

**To:** Public Comment

**Subject:** Public comment for Pacifica City Council

[CAUTION: External Email]

My name is Dennis Kafka, I live at I vote to appeal your decision to allow the installation of a small cell site approximately 100 feet from my residential home. It appears that our democracy is being eroded away by the will of wealthy investors, intimidating government people that have a voice in their requests, while leaving voters like myself without a voice in those decisions. After listening to all of the Zoom debates and reading many referrals related to this topic, I learned that there are several other locations located away from homes, but still close to my area that have the desired map position to adequately provide the requested signal need that this cell company said that they need. To give this particular cell company authorization to place components in objection to my neighborhood, invites this company and all other telephone companies to do exactly the same in any other location in Pacifica. It is also an invitation for similar companies to intimidate our entire state and our entire country. There are some other cities in our state that had the strength to fight back and stand up to these powerful people in both our government and wealthy businesses and many of those government people actually own those companies. It is time for our Pacifica City Council to be seen as a council that tries its best to align itself with the will of all people, not just the rich. Most people in our area already have a great cell phone service with a 4 bar signal, which tells us that there is no immediate need for this particular request. I respectfully request that you help keep our democracy and vote to appeal this decision. Thank you! Sincerely Dennis Kafka

#### Sent from my iPad