

From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposed to Review #25-001
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 7:23:20 AM

From: brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:39 AM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Opposed to Review #25-001

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I would like to voice my disapproval of Site Plan #25-001, as a Merced Citizen I do not believe that there should be a large cell tower in Rahilly Park. People go to this park to get away from the feeling that they are in suburban areas without really leaving. This park is picture perfect for weddings, birthdays, and many other family events. Having a Cell Tower in the middle of it will ruin the atmosphere and really look unsightly to the entire neighborhood. We do not need one there. Cell service is fine in this area. Please leave our parks alone!

Sincerely,
Brenda Morgun

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From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose to the ATT Cell tower in Rahilly Park
Date: Thursday, March 27, 2025 10:22:45 AM

From: brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 9:42 AM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Oppose to the ATT Cell tower in Rahilly Park

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In addition to the tower being unsightly and depleting the property values in my area, I would also like to remind the council that they denied the permit for this tower to be built on East Olive and Parson due to health concerns. This tower will be almost directly in my backyard, in which I have already been through radiation twice, it would be detrimental to my health and the health of the children in the area, including at Chenoweth School, and the play area right next to the proposed site. Please build it elsewhere. There is an open field a bit further up on Yosemite and Parson, it would be a better site.

Thank you.

Brenda Morgun

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From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#)
Subject: FW: Opposing site plan #25-001
Date: Friday, March 28, 2025 9:23:41 AM

From: Aurora Martinez <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 5:28 PM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Opposing site plan #25-001

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Dear Kim Espinosa

I am absolutely outraged by the proposed cell tower on Parsons (in Rahilly Park) and am writing to voice my strong opposition.

The radiation this tower will emit is not just a concern- it is a direct threat to my family's health, and I refuse to accept that we should be subjected to this without a choice.

What infuriates me the most is that my mother has already suffered through radiation while going through her cancer treatments. She fought for her life, and now, after everything, she is expected to live in a home where she'll be exposed to radiation daily? This is beyond unacceptable. It is cruel. No one should be forced to endure this, yet my family is being put in harm's way for the sake of convenience and corporate interest!

Also it is well known that cell towers decrease property values by as much as 10%, AT&T has turned on Starlink as of February so the tower is not necessary for them to have.

This is not just an inconvenience- it is a violation of our right to a safe home!!

Sincerely,
Aurora Martinez

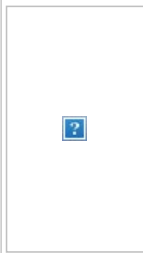
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From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#)
Subject: FW: AT&T Tower in Rahilly Park
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 9:59:15 AM

From: brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2025 3:08 PM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: AT&T Tower in Rahilly Park

Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing you to voice again my deepest opposition to building a Cell Tower in Rahilly Park plan #25-006. First of all, I would like to voice that the tower is against Merced Vision 2030 General Plan being that the tower would be on the banks of Black Rascal Creek., as stated in Chapter 7 Policy OS-1.2 to Preserve and Enhance our Creeks in Their NATURAL State. A huge wall around the tower would not look natural and would be all that I see from my backyard. The cell tower would be an environmental catastrophe by depositing microplastics (from the fake leaves made of PVC Plastic) not only in the soil but also Black Rascal Creek that it is planned to be next to. Rahilly park is one of our 5 large parks in Merced City which makes it a treasure to the community. This is only one of the impacts that the tower will have and the proof that it will is here: <https://ehtrust.org/cell-towers-disguised-as-trees-create-microplastic-pollution-an-environmental-nightmare/>



[Cell Towers Disguised as Trees Create Microplastic Pollution - An Environmental Nightmare - Environmental Health Trust](https://ehtrust.org/cell-towers-disguised-as-trees-create-microplastic-pollution-an-environmental-nightmare/)

Fact: Trees pretending to be cell towers create microplastic pollution. On November 4, 2021, two friends went to the area surrounding the base of AT&T's monopine cell tower at 1857 Hekpa Drive, and found an enormous debris field comprised of many pounds of fallen PVC plastic faux pine branches, many with faux PVC pine needles
ehtrust.org

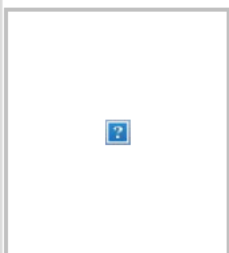
I would also like to bring up that Environmental Health Trust vs Federal Communications Commission NO. 20-1025 in the DC court . This lawsuit in which the Environmental Health Trust won does require the FCC to provide an updated guideline for human exposure to Radiation - which it has not done since 1996, also has failed to comply with the verdict from the Superior Court. <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/cadc/20-1025/20-1025-2021-08-13.html>



[Environmental Health Trust v. Federal Communications Commission, No. 20-1025 \(D.C. Cir. 2021\) - Justia Law](https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/cadc/20-1025/20-1025-2021-08-13.html)

The FCC regulates facilities and devices that transmit radio waves and microwaves, including cell phones and facilities for radio, TV, and cell phone communications, 47 U.S.C. 302a(a). Radio waves and microwaves are electromagnetic energy, “radiofrequency” that move through space, as “RF radiation.” RF radiation at sufficiently high levels can heat human body tissue, resulting in ...

law.justia.com



[The Majority of Studies on Critical Health Endpoints Finds Effects From Wireless Frequencies - Environmental Health Trust](#)

Numerous analyses of studies have found the majority of studies on wireless frequencies evaluated show biological effects. Scientists of the Bioinitiative have repeatedly documented how the majority of studies show effects. A November 18, 2021 letter from Cindy Sage, M.A., David O. Carpenter, MD., Lennart Hardell, M.D., Ph.D., Prof. Philip L. ... documents the majority [...]

Last of course the impact on our property value, which many experts say will drop about 10%. This is not good for our neighborhood. I would like all to say that I oppose the building of any cell tower in our neighborhood, or our neighborhood parks.

Please help us save our parks and neighborhood

Sincerely,

brenda morgun

Resident

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From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#)
Cc: [Abarca, Kayla](#); [Lowrance, Diana](#)
Subject: FW: Objection To Cell Tower in Rahilly Park 25-0006
Date: Monday, April 21, 2025 2:45:34 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 21, 2025 12:57 PM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Objection To Cell Tower in Rahilly Park 25-0006

Dear Planning Commission:

I am writing to voice my strongest objection to the building of a cell tower in Rahilly Park. I am a resident of the El Portal Neighborhood, and I would like to say that we are already surrounded by Cell Towers - we have one at 3360 McKee Road, although owned by Crown Castle I know that AT&T does in fact rent tower space by them and therefore we do not need Epic Towers to build another one in our location. Not to mention there is new technology to fill in dead zones, Starlink and AST Spacemobile to name a few. Don't let us get stuck with a defunct tower these towers only devalue our neighborhood, takes away our green spaces and subjects our residents to unnecessary Radiofrequency pollution.

I would like to suggest that the planning department look into giving this Epic Towers or Mr. Jones (whom signed the completely bogus environmental waiver) a place further east, such as at the Animal Hospital on Yosemite - or on the commercial section of the Hub, as these towers are usually located on commercial property not our green spaces. I would also like to point out that the Merced Vision Plan states that Merced's Vision is to preserve our parks and creek banks in the Natural State.

Please do not let this guy bully you with USC 47- USC 47 does not give him a right to change our zoning codes. (Section 7 A Nothing in this chapter shall limit or affect the authority of a state or LOCAL government over decisions regarding the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities.)

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I will speak on May 7 at 6 PM

Sincerely,

brenda

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Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc.

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April 22, 2025

City of Merced Planning and Permitting
678 West 18th Street
Merced, CA 95340
planningweb@cityofmerced.org

RE: Invitation to Comment - Cultural Resource Identification Study/Sacred Lands File Search for Proposed Wireless Communications Candidate: AT&T Mobility, LLC - CVL02828 @ 3400 North Parsons Avenue, Merced, Merced County, CA 95340

Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc. (EAS) is under contract with AT&T Mobility, LLC to submit this proposed telecommunication site information to Native American tribal groups and other interested parties for review. This submittal is being requested for compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to determine if the site will impact historic places and/or archaeologically sensitive sites. Below please find the proposed site description for the above-referenced telecommunications facility.

Site Location and Description

The lease area lies in S17 T7S R14E as shown on the USGS Merced, CA 7.5-minute quadrangle map. AT&T Mobility, LLC proposes to install a new telecommunications facility at this location: new faux tree antenna structure and associated equipment within a new compound including utility trenching. Ground disturbance will be required.

Field assessment for both historic properties and archaeological sites *will be* conducted, and a determination *will be* made of the project's direct and indirect effects on eligible properties. Consulting parties are invited to provide information concerning historic or archaeological properties already listed in the National Register or that could be eligible for listing in the National Register.

If you have any questions regarding historical resources, please feel free to contact me via U.S. mail or email jr1996@easenv.com. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gavin Leaver'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gavin Leaver

Environmental Assessment Specialists, Inc.

Please mail your response to:

12301 Kenny Drive
Granada Hills, CA 91344

From: [Aurora Martinez](#)
To: [planningweb](#)
Subject: Objection to #25-0006
Date: Friday, April 25, 2025 11:40:21 AM

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I'm a Merced Resident and I am writing yet again to voice my furious objection to proposal #25-0006. It is beyond disgraceful that the planning committee is even considering allowing the construction of a completely unnecessary cell tower-one that poses serious health risks to our families through constant radiation exposure, strips away what little green space we have left, and threatens the very existence of the wildlife, such as the California Tiger Salamander, that has long called Rahilly Park home. This decision is not only reckless, it is heartbreaking! How can those entrusted with protecting our communities be so willing to destroy them?

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The Following Residents oppose the building of the Cell Tower in Rahilly Park:

NAME & Signature

Address

1	Andra Boese	1385 El Portal Drive
2	Rafael Chavez	1393 EL PORTAL DR.
3	Ahram El-Senbari	1361 EL Portal Dr
4	Agma Malloy	1325 El Portal Dr
5	Jennifer Brown	1304 El Portal Dr.
6	Andra	1324 Tamarack Creek Court Merced
7	MARTHA MARTINEZ	1356 TAMARACK CREEK CT
8	Ramon Curiel	1378 Tamarack Creek Court.
9	Genevieve McClellan	1353 Tamarack Ct Ct
10	Dana Reyes / L. C. R.	3442 Cascade Creek Ave.
11	Tim K. O'Leary	1237 PANORAMA PT
12	Jorge Pistorius / John Pistorius	1375 Mordine Drive Ct. Merced
13	PROCE SAND Borneo	1395 INDIAN RIDGE CT MERCED
14	Brenda Morgan	1342 El Portal Dr
15	John H. H.	1320 El Portal Dr
16	Darren Horal	1320 El Portal Dr
17	Katherine Horal	1320 El Portal Dr
18	Anthony Horal	1320 El Portal Drive
19	Paula Latorre	1320 El Portal Dr.
20	W. H. H.	1379 Indian Ridge Ct
21	John H.	1379 Indian Ridge Ct
22	Agma Boese	1289 Ahwahue Drive
23	Agma Boese	1289 Ahwahue Drive
24	Esmeralda Martinez	1312 El Portal Drive.
25	Tom Mott	1312 El Portal Drive.
26	John R. Mott	1352 Donna Ct. Merced
27	Lorraine KeNik	1356 Donna Ct. Merced Dr.
28	Margaret Franklin	1384 Donna Ct. Merced
29	John H.	1392 Donna Court, Merced

2 The Following Residents oppose the building of the Cell Tower in Rahilly Park:

NAME & Signature

Address

1 Aurora Martinez	1342 El Portal drive
2 Neil Adrian	1339 Donna Ct
3 Will Noble	1378 moraine dome
4 CAROL COLE	1323 Donna Ct
5 GARCIA DORCE	1320 SILHOUETTE CT
6 Jiri Remmer	1372 Silhouette Ct.
7 Humberto Nova	1359 Silhouette Ct.
8 Mercedes Adams	1348 Ahwahnee Ct
9 Bryan McIntosh	1348 Ahwahnee ct
10 Federico Rodriguez	1370 Ahwahnee CT
11 Kelly Rodriguez	1370 Ahwahnee Ct
12 Tom Clendenen	1377 Ahwahnee Ct
13 Debbie Clendenen	1377 Ahwahnee Ct
14 Katy Miller	1321 Ahwahnee Ct
15 Christopher Miller	1343 Villa Dr.
16 Janet Miller	1321 Ahwahnee Ct
17 Daniel Smith	1343 Villa Dr.
18 Melissa Moralez	1327 Indian Ridge Ct.
19 Dian Mearns	1382 El Portal
20 Ismael Mearns	1382 El Portal
21 Dana Collier	1342 El Portal
22 Robert Bell	1342 El Portal Dr
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From: [planningweb](#)
To: [Lee, Jessie](#); [Lowrance, Diana](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Tower Rahilly Park
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025 9:39:47 AM

Letter In support

-----Original Message-----

From: Jacqueline Spielman <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 5:03 PM
To: planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>
Subject: Cell Tower Rahilly Park

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> Hi

> I received a letter from neighbors against the potential cell tower in Rahilly Park (#25-0006).

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> I have lived in this area for 40 years, long before cell phones. I also work remotely from home and do not have a land line. I 100% support the cell tower in this area as it is needed and has been rejected in the past for this part of Merced. This area is a dead zone for cell service.

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> I just wanted to share my favor for the tower's construction.

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> Thank you

> Kevin

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> Sent from my iPhone

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