

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

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**From:** brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 23, 2025 9:39 AM  
**To:** planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>  
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**Subject:** FW: AT&T Tower in Rahilly Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 21, 2025 9:59:15 AM

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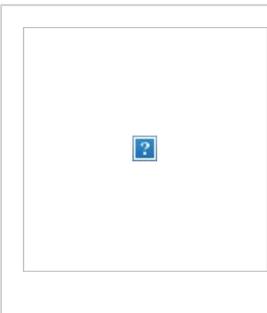
**From:** brenda morgun <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2025 3:08 PM  
**To:** planningweb <planningweb@cityofmerced.org>  
**Subject:** AT&T Tower in Rahilly Park

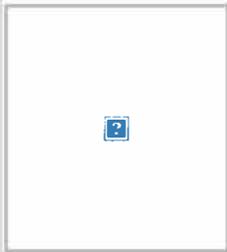
Dear Planning Commission:

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/>

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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>

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[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. Henry Lai, Ph.D. 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](#)

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:jr1996@easenv.com). Thank you for your consideration.

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	
2	Rafael Chavez	
3	Abram Elsenbary	
4	Agon Malloy	
5	Jennifer Brown	
6	End Is	
7	MARTHA MARTINEZ	
8	Ramon Cuxid	
9	Genevieve McCleod	
10	Dana Reyes / L. C. K.	
11	Tim Koltz / Tall J	
12	Jorge Pistorca / J. P. Pistori	
13	PROCE SAND Bone San	
14	Brenda Morgan	
15	W. H. H.	
16	Wanesh Hoyal	
17	Fatherine Hoyal	
18	ANTHONY HOYAL	
19	Scipio Saloveau	
20	W. H. H.	
21	John D.	
22	Angela Boese	
23	J. J.	
24	Esmeralda Martinez	
25	Tom Metz	
26	W. H. H.	
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2 Neil Adrian	
3 Will Noble	
4 CAROL COKE	
5 GAIL DOUCE	
6 Ji Romario	
7 Humberto Nova	
8 Mercedesadon	
9 Brandon McIntosh	
10 Federico Rodriguez	
11 Kelly Rodriguez	
12 Tom Clendenen	
13 Debbie Clendenen	
14 Katy Miller	
15 Christopher Miller	
16 Frank Miller	
17 Daniel Smith	
18 Melissa Moralez	
19 Dian Mearls	
20 Arnold Mearls	
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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

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Letter In support

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

From: Jacqueline Spielman <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2025 5:03 PM  
To: planningweb <[planningweb@cityofmerced.org](mailto: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

>

> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [cityclerk](#)  
**To:** [Lee, Jessie](#)  
**Cc:** [Lan, Jonnie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Cell tower at Rahilly Park  
**Date:** Monday, July 14, 2025 11:58:29 AM

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Please add this public comment to your Admin Report.

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

From: LYNN MALLOY [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 14, 2025 11:07 AM  
To: cityclerk <cityclerk@cityofmerced.org>  
Subject: Cell tower at Rahilly Park

We are opposed to cell towers in public parks (Rahilly Park).

Besides health issues these present, this will encourage homeless and make our property values decline. We moved here for the neighborhood, only to have this impact our property value and our environment.

Thank You  
Lynn and Joe Malloy  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [cityclerk](#)  
**Subject:** Against Cell Tower in Rahilly Park Please confirm  
**Date:** Monday, June 30, 2025 1:15:46 PM

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Dear City Council:

With a heavy heart I am writing this email. In 2016 when I purchased my home I researched Rahilly Park and it was designated as an open space. I never thought that the city would ever develop an open space with a cell tower because I thought it was a wildlife corridor. We paid higher taxes to live so close to the park, never in my dream that I thought I would ever stare at a cell tower 180 feet from my home. Please Do Not put this tower in the heart of the park, next to the playground, at the picnic area and right next to the bike path and the Rahilly Park lagoon. I think that this tower should be moved to a commercial area where there is already concrete to support it. I think having it there in the park is dangerous to children and wildlife. Please consider moving it. It breaks my heart to think that the mayor that I voted for is not supporting our green spaces and protecting our parks, what a shame.

Sincerely,  
Anna

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