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**To:** district5; Peter Kaljian; David Rabbitt; Susan Gorin; district3; district4  
**Subject:** Re: 9300 Mill Station Rd, Sebastopol - UPE22-0051  
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Dear Sonoma County Board of Supervisors,

I strongly urge you to support the 6/13/24 Sonoma County Board of Zoning's unanimous denial of Vertical Bridge/T-Mobile's application. If this cell tower were approved, it would lead to the widespread proliferation of cell towers in the Diverse Agriculture (DA) and Rural Residential (RR) Zoning Districts in much of western Sonoma County.

This tower would impact Ragle Ranch Regional Park, which is used by hundreds if not thousands, on a weekly basis. Parks like these are refuges from modern life. In 2023, it appears the BZA "requested guidance from counsel on the parameters of your authority regarding approval or denial of telecommunication towers under the Federal Telecommunications Act (TCA)." A memo was prepared to provide this "high level guidance." With regard to aesthetics, the July 27, 2023 memo from County counsel states:

- Local agency can regulate setbacks, height, etc.
- Local agency can regulate aesthetics.
- Local agency can require screening, camouflage, and visual impact studies.
- Impacts to visual resources such as scenic views can be considered.
- Aesthetics can be a ground for a decision on the application, if there's substantial evidence. Source: Sprint Telephony PCS, L.P. v. County of San Diego (9th Cir. 2008) 543F.3d 571; see also 580 T-Mobile Cent., LLC v. Unified Gov't of Wyandotte County, Kan.(10th Cir. 2008) 546 F.3d 1299.
- Local agency can require compliance with community character.

Attached is the BZA's denial resolution. Please uphold what your fellow county regulators already denied!

Sincerely,  
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concerned citizen

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