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Hi Dana,

We have received your email below. Please note that your email will be provided to the Zoning Administrator as it relates to the public hearing of PA25-0072.

Thank you,

**Scarlet Duggan, Land Use Manager**  
OC Public Works | Development Services  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Letter re: Application PA25-0072

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Dear Ms. Duggan,

Please find my public comment letter in regards to Application PA25-0072, Verizon and AT&T Wireless towers at Pelican Hill, attached to this email. Thank you.

Cheers,  
Dana

Dana Marseille

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November 29, 2025

OC Development Services/Planning  
Attn: Ms. Scarlet Duggan  
601 N. Ross St.  
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Re: Application PA25-0072

Dear OC Development Services and Planning,

I am writing regarding the proposed AT&T and Verizon wireless towers at Pelican Hill. I am a resident of Cameo Highlands, and my home sits within 100 feet of the proposed structures. While our community supports improved cellular service, we cannot accept it at the expense of our safety, our environment, or the character of our neighborhood.

Fire danger remains our most urgent concern. This area was recently designated as having the highest category of fire risk, or “very high fire hazard severity” by the state fire marshal. The proposed towers require large diesel fuel tanks and multiple combustible batteries. OC Fire has stated that clearing 100 feet of vegetation around the structures “may be acceptable,” which does little to reassure us that even such a drastic measure would provide sufficient protection.

California faces devastating wildfires every year, many sparked by electrical or telecommunications equipment. Placing two such towers so close to our homes is an unacceptable risk. Because this is county property, the nearest OC Fire Authority station to respond is located in Laguna Beach, raising serious concerns about delayed response times. My family has already struggled to secure fire insurance after being dropped by a prior carrier; introducing new, significant fire hazards directly adjacent to our homes may make coverage even more difficult.

The location is also highly inappropriate given its proximity to our community park. This park is a daily gathering place for children throughout Cameo Highlands and Corona del Mar. As both a parent and a pediatrician, I am deeply unsettled by the idea of two RF-emitting towers, a large fuel tank, and battery banks positioned beside the area where our children play. These towers also shed substantial amounts of artificial “foliage,” which then breaks down into microplastics, an environmental and health concern that should not be dismissed.

Beyond safety, the aesthetic impact would be significant and permanent. Although the carriers claim the towers will blend into the eucalyptus grove, they have applied for variances to exceed height limits, making them taller than any existing vegetation. Furthermore, with OC Fire requiring the removal of surrounding trees, the towers will stand fully exposed. They will be the most prominent feature of the ridgeline visible to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians along Pacific Coast Highway, one of California's most iconic scenic routes. This certainly undermines the natural beauty of Newport Beach and Crystal Cove.

For my family, the impact is immediate and deeply personal. These towers would loom directly outside my children's bedroom windows and dominate the view from our yard and pool, spaces where we spend much of our time. Installations of this scale are typically placed in industrial areas or along freeways, *not* on top of homes in residential neighborhoods, and certainly not as a pair positioned side by side.

Pelican Hill appears to have selected a location that is as far from its own buildings and guests as possible. Their visitors are here only temporarily; we live here every day. Additionally, the proposed staging and maintenance area sits on the street directly in front of my home. The ongoing maintenance traffic, noise, and activity will become a permanent burden on our neighborhood. Given that these towers are on the golf course property and Pelican Hill stands to benefit financially from these installations, it is only reasonable that their maintenance vehicles and staff operate on Pelican Hill property.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to deny this zoning request and require the carriers to identify an alternative site, one that delivers improved connectivity without compromising public safety, environmental integrity, or the well-being of the families who call this community home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dana Marseille, MD