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Hi Don,

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**  
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Please see the attached correspondence regarding Application Number PA25-0072.



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November 21, 2025

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Re: Application Number PA25-0072

Dear Ms. Duggan and Mr. Diaz:

Our Board is the governing body of the Cameo Community Association, the homeowner association representing the Cameo Shores and Cameo Highlands neighborhoods in Corona Del Mar. As you know, AT&T and Verizon have filed permit applications to install two, 40 foot tall cell towers immediately adjacent to the Cameo Communities, just inside the fence line of Pelican Hill golf course. We support efforts to bring more reliable cell service to the Cameo Communities, are open to the placement of cellular equipment on the golf course and initially took a neutral position on the proposal. In light of new information filed with the County by the applicants, however, we have significant concerns that challenge our previous position and we are now strongly opposed to the project.

Based on plans<sup>1</sup> filed with the County by the applicants, it has come to our attention that both cell towers will require standby backup power. As presented in these documents, this will in turn require 57 kilowatts of combined generating capacity, 275 gallons of diesel fuel storage and two large batteries. Further, we understand that the Orange County Fire Authority ("OCFA") will require

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<sup>1</sup> Please see architectural drawings prepared for (i) Verizon by Fulsang Architecture, p. A-6.0 and (ii) AT&T by DCI Pacific, p. A03.

the applicants to implement fuel modification<sup>2</sup>, which may, among other possible measures, include a 100 foot radius vegetation clearance throughout the area surrounding the towers. These requirements have not been previously disclosed to us and are, for several reasons, untenable for our Community.

First, all of Cameo Highlands, most of Pelican Hill, all areas east of Cameo Shores Road and much of greater Corona Del Mar are located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as recently designated by the California State Fire Marshall. As you know, this is the highest fire risk designation the state can assign. New fire maps, increasing the severity of both our neighborhood's and Pelican Hill's designations, were just published earlier this year. The tragic Palisades fire, which occurred in a neighborhood similar to ours in climate, vegetation and topography, showed the existential threat posed by fire to California's dense coastal communities. Accordingly, it would be inappropriate and irresponsible to embed large, combustible industrial equipment such as diesel generators, diesel fuel storage and batteries within the tree-lined, brush-covered environment that surrounds the proposed location.

Second, OCFA, which recognizes the magnitude of this risk, will require substantial fuel modification, including "removal of undesirable species . . . or a separation of combustible vegetation for a minimum distance of 100 feet from the location of the structure" [emphasis added]. No definition of "undesirable" or "combustible" has been provided. If implemented, however, vegetation removal and/or a minimum 100 foot separation could significantly harm our Community, possibly resulting in the decimation of the tree line that borders our neighborhood to the north, one of our Community's most distinctive natural features, and/or the removal of vegetation and trees from our Community park on Surrey Drive. This is unacceptable to the Community.

We call upon the carriers and the County to develop and propose, in consultation with the Community, alternative, less invasive and less potentially destructive wireless communication solutions than building new 40 foot tall cell towers right next to our Community. Again, we welcome improved cellular service and are open to the placement of cellular facilities on the golf course, provided they are located a minimum safe distance away from our homes and do not require us to deforest our beautiful neighborhood. We would welcome the opportunity to further discuss these matters with all stakeholders.

Sincerely yours,  
CAMEO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*[Additional recipients listed on following page.]*

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<sup>2</sup> Please see OCFA conditional approval letter dated October 15, 2025 (OCFA Service Request SR #25004916).

Ms. Scarlet Duggan

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