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The Municipal Advisory Council of Oak Park (MAC) would like request that Rancho Simi Park and Recreation District (RSPRD) allow Verizon to place their new cell tower at the site of the current Conifer tank. It is our understanding that the Conifer Tank is going to be dismantled, that the three existing cell towers attached to the tank will be dismantled and that two of the cell carriers will install new towers at this site within the next twelve months. The third cell carrier (Sprint) which was approved to place a cell tower at this location has recently decided not to locate a cell tower at this location.

The reason for this request is because Verizon wants to enhance their existing service in Oak Park near Conifer Street. Last month Verizon brought several options for the MAC to consider. All of the options involved installing a 45 to 50 foot high tower along Kanan Road near residential homes. None of the choices were acceptable to the MAC or the community. The reasons are obvious. First, residents along Kanan Road do not want a cell tower placed near their homes. Second, the cell tower will distract from the beauty and charm of our neighborhood. It will also be the first site anyone sees when someone drives into our neighborhood.

Unfortunately, the MAC and the County Supervisor will probably not be able to stop the installation of this tower without your help. Verizon will use their right to install this tower within the street right of way. This means that our neighborhood will be the site of a tall and unsightly tower. It is also possible that once one cell tower goes up, others will follow.

Last year the MAC approved the installation of cell towers at the Conifer Tank Site. The installation of these cell towers has been agreed to by the HOA. This site got

the MAC approval because it is an ideal site. Cell towers installed here will be away from resident's homes, are not as tall (because they are elevated by the topography) and are not as unsightly because they are camouflaged as trees.

Allowing Verizon to install its tower at this site is a win-win situation for all. The residents of Oak Park will be pleased because a new cell tower won't be installed along Kanan Road, and Verizon will be able to enhance its cell service. Further the site will still only have three carriers as originally planned.

Rancho Simi Park and Recreation District (RSPRD) has always provided great community support and has worked with the MAC on many occasions in the past. The MAC asks that you allow Verizon to install their cell tower at the Conifer Tank Site because it is what is best for the overall community.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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