

**From:** [Daniel Linsteadt](#)  
**To:** [Placer County Board of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] AT&T Tower on Millertown  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 1:59:46 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I'm writing to encourage you to deny the AT&T Tower in my residential neighborhood at 545 Millertown road. I'm not too happy about seeing this tower from my front porch, camouflaged or not. Why not install this tower by the water treatment plant, which is close to, but not in the neighborhood?

I understand the health aspect cannot be used as a reason despite the overwhelming information displayed when searched. Yet, cities like [Mill Valley, CA](#) have banded these towers in their community. Neighborhoods in [Denver are seeing increased complaints](#). Another major issue is the [lower property values](#) after a tower is installed.

Please consider honoring the vast majority of residences in this long-established area that oppose the tower. If for some reason the majority no longer has meaning, then how about all residences within a mile of the tower receive the same rental payment as the unfortunate folks being tempted with income. That way, all affected get some compensation for a commercial structure being forced into their residence.

Regards,  
Dan Linsteadt

**From:** [Bennett Smithhart](#)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] BOS Meeting June 8th; Opposition to the proposed cell tower on Millertown Road  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 8:07:48 AM

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Hi Megan,

Here is an email for the public file.

Bennett

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**From:** David Warman <davidwarman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 8:04 AM  
**To:** Bennett Smithhart <BSmithha@placer.ca.gov>; Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] BOS Meeting June 8th; Opposition to the proposed cell tower on Millertown Road

My name is David Warman. I live at 600 Millertown Road in Auburn. I am writing in opposition to the proposed cell tower on Millertown Road. The cell tower would be constructed on the property across the street from my house.

The original ruling by the Zoning Administrator was the project would be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort or general welfare of the people residing or working in the neighborhood. The Zoning Administrator was correct it is not needed.

Our rural neighborhood would be blighted by this huge cell tower. There are plenty of optional industrial locations very close to the current proposed site.

The noise associated with this tower would disrupt our life.

ATT asserts a gap in coverage yet they outline on their website that no gap exists in our area.

Please deny the ATT Minor Use Permit for this project. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call at 916-577-0974.

Thank You  
David Warman  
600 Millertown Road  
Auburn, CA 95603

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Beverly Roberts](#)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Holmes](#); [Teri Ivaldi](#)  
**Subject:** FYI: Thank you...: [EXTERNAL] AT&T Cell Tower on Millertown Road  
**Date:** Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:32:13 PM

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***Beverly A. Roberts***

***District 3 Director for Supervisor Jim Holmes***

***Placer County Board of Supervisors***

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**From:** Beverly Roberts <BRoberts@placer.ca.gov>

**Sent:** Sunday, June 6, 2021 7:31 PM

**To:** Holly Thomasson <thomasson@douglasvanhowd.com>

**Cc:** Beverly Roberts <BRoberts@placer.ca.gov>

**Subject:** Thank you...: [EXTERNAL] AT&T Cell Tower on Millertown Road

*Good evening Holly.*

*Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully write and send an email sharing your thoughts and concerns with the Placer County Board of Supervisors. I'll forward on to our Clerk of the Board to file in our public comment for this proposed project scheduled to be heard at the PC BOS meeting of Tuesday, June 8.*

*Respectfully,*

***Beverly A. Roberts***

***District 3 Director for Supervisor Jim Holmes***

***Placer County Board of Supervisors***

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

From: Holly Thomasson <[thomasson@douglasvanhowd.com](mailto:thomasson@douglasvanhowd.com)>

Sent: Sunday, June 6, 2021 6:12 PM

To: Supervisor Gore <[SupervisorGore@placer.ca.gov](mailto:SupervisorGore@placer.ca.gov)>; Robert Weygandt <[RWeygand@placer.ca.gov](mailto:RWeygand@placer.ca.gov)>; Jim Holmes <[JHolmes@placer.ca.gov](mailto:JHolmes@placer.ca.gov)>; Beverly Roberts <[BRoberts@placer.ca.gov](mailto:BRoberts@placer.ca.gov)>; Suzanne Jones <[SuzanneJones@placer.ca.gov](mailto:SuzanneJones@placer.ca.gov)>; Cindy Gustafson <[cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov](mailto:cindygustafson@placer.ca.gov)>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] AT&T Cell Tower on Millertown Road

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors of Placer County,

*With regards to the proposed AT&T cell tower at 545 Millertown Road, we ask that you approve our appeal and please deny the cell tower in this location. We realize that we live in a world of ever changing technology, but feel this tower doesn't belong in our rural neighborhood. There must be a better suited area of land where AT&T could place their tower. We have had AT&T as our provider for the last 20+ years, and they have been great. We have our cell service, landline, and our tv with them and have high-speed internet and streaming with no issues. They have been a great company and we have been very satisfied customers.*

*We were told that having this tower could eliminate the lines that cross properties in our area. We would like to note, that although we have the telephone lines that cross our property right in front of our house, it would not make a difference if AT&T took their lines down, because the power lines and "telephone" poles would still be there.*

*We would also like to say that we have always liked the family at 545 Millertown Road. We are a little perplexed, however, with their desire for this tower in their back yard. This family was always the closest thing we have ever known to a "Little House on the Prairie" family. They homeschooled at the house, and raised their children working the land, growing vegetables and selling them at a stand on Millertown. Erecting this huge industrial cell tower is not something they would have done while their family was growing up. Now that their family is grown, they spend most of their time away (Arizona), so now they feel it's okay to ruin the landscape for everyone else that want to raise their families in a rural community as they got to do. It just isn't right.*

*We drive past this location at least 10 times per week. We live on Wise Road, and visit our family at 670 Millertown Road. Both of these connecting properties have been in our family since the early 1970's. Nearly every time we drive this 3 minute trip, we wave at people that are enjoying our area by riding bikes and/or walking (often with children and pets). It's a beautiful rural area. Please don't vote in favor of destroying what we all enjoy. The cell tower belongs somewhere else.*

*Thank you for your time,*

*The Thomasson Family*

*10643 Wise Road*

**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#); [Kelsey Anderson](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission  
**Date:** Thursday, June 3, 2021 2:50:05 PM

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## Public Comment Submission

**Please submit your Public Comment for the Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting here.**

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Name	Jean Blackburn
Email (Optional)	<a href="mailto:Chetbl@yahoo.com">Chetbl@yahoo.com</a>
Agenda Item (Optional)	Other
Other topic	Millertown Road tower..
Comments	I have lived on Millertown Road for 50 years. It is a beautiful street and very historical. Please do not allow a cell tower to be built here. Our street would never be the same. Thank you.
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**From:** [Bennett Smithhart](#)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Proposed AT&T Tower on Millertown Rd.  
**Date:** Monday, June 7, 2021 6:24:42 AM

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Here you go!

Bennett

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**From:** kellybwarman@gmail.com <kellybwarman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 5, 2021 10:50 PM  
**To:** Placer County Board of Supervisors <BOS@placer.ca.gov>; Bennett Smithhart <BSmithha@placer.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Opposition to the Proposed AT&T Tower on Millertown Rd.

To: Placer County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed AT&T cell tower at 545 Millertown Road that you will consider at your June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1 pm.

This proposed tower was denied by the Zoning Administrator at the first meeting because the *"Project would be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort or general welfare of people residing or working in the neighborhood."*

I live directly across the street from the proposed tower and know it will be an eyesore for our neighborhood...it will not blend in with trees in the area since it is taller than the surrounding trees and cell tower "trees" do not look like real trees. In short the tower will be an ugly 88-108 foot eyesore in a neighborhood that is one of the most scenic in Placer county.

Noise – cell towers are noisy due to the cooling systems and the generators that run regularly...this will disrupt the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.

Traffic – lots of construction traffic plus on-going traffic due to maintenance and servicing of the tower....Millertown road is narrow and the entrance proposed for the tower is immediately after a sharp right turn when traveling toward Wise Road, so this project increases the likelihood of traffic collisions, including vehicle/bicycle collisions. Millertown road is included on the Placer County bicycle routes map for Auburn and is heavily used by bicyclist!

AT&T's claimed coverage gap is questionable...AT&T's own web site shows no coverage gap in our neighborhood and the FirstNet's map also shows good coverage for our neighborhood.

Better alternative sites in the industrial Ophir area exist! Millertown road is a rural

neighborhood not suitable for an industrial cell tower...yet is close to an industrial area in Ophir. AT&T has not made a true attempt to find a more suitable site in what is already an industrial area.

I implore you to listen to the overwhelming voice of our neighborhood that asks you vote against the tower on Millertown road.

Best Regards,

Kellene (Still) Warman

600 Millertown Road

Auburn, CA

916-580-7130



**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#); [Kelsey Anderson](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Online Form Submittal: Public Comment Submission  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 11:09:57 AM

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## Public Comment Submission

**Please submit your Public Comment for the Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors Meeting here.**

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Agenda Item (Optional)	10A Third-Party Appeal of the Planning Commission's Approval of the AT&T Minor Use Permit (PLN19-00212)
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Comments	<p>In relation to the appeal, My family and I do NOT want this tower near our home. We are located on Millertown road and the proposed tower will be visible from our home. We will see it every time we look out our windows and step outside our home. We have worked hard our entire lives to afford the opportunity to live in rural Auburn and enjoy the abundance of nature and the ability to have our daughter run and play on our property in safety. This cell tower will substantially lower our property value (as it will the entire area), will hinder the beauty of the area substantially, and will also leave us with significant questions and challenges regarding the overall safety and health of having a gigantic antennae within the area we live everyday and sleep every night. There is no reason for the tower to reside on Millertown road. The owners of the property that will house the tower will be making a profit off of the structure and AT&amp;T will also be using the structure to spread their overall coverage to additional customers throughout the area. Meanwhile, the residents of Millertown road will have their historical, gold mining, rural area destroyed by corporate greed and personal profit (545 Millertown rd). We do understand the need for infrastructure but these types of structures do not belong in neighborhoods. There have been documented symptoms associated with cell towers. They include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Blood pressure problems</li><li>Heart rate problems</li></ul>
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Extreme fatigue  
Cardiovascular disease  
Reproductive problems  
Immune problems  
Severe headaches, including migraines  
Sleep disorders  
Problems with the lenses of the eyes  
Nausea and loss of appetite  
Problems with both hearing and vision  
Difficulties with movement and balance  
Skin problems  
Difficulties concentrating  
Dizziness  
Irritability

Why is AT&T unwilling to provide alternate locations for the tower? Why are they unwilling to place this on public land? The county is interested in the emergency communications but the county can't partner with AT&T to provide public land? Please do not allow this tower to be approved on Millertown road. We have children.

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**From:** [Sierra George](#)  
**To:** [Placer County Board of Supervisors](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Letter for proposed AT&T Tower at 545 Millertown Rd.  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 11:51:08 AM  
**Attachments:** [cell tower and property values appeal letter to BOS.docx](#)

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Attached is a letter to support the appeal to deny the proposed AT&T tower.  
Thank you for taking the time to read it.

Sierra George  
677 Millertown Rd.  
Auburn, CA 95603

June 4, 2021

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for taking the time to consider our appeal to deny the placement of the AT&T tower at 545 Millertown Rd. I also want to thank those of you that came to see where this project is and how it affects the neighborhood.

AT&T states this tower is for increased cell phone 4G coverage – living next door we use AT&T for our phone and internet and have no problems. Also according to their website they show full coverage for all of Ophir Area.

Furthermore, they state they need this tower for the FirstNet Response. If you look at the coverage of FirstNet provided on their website – there is coverage in our area, up and down I-80 as well as along Hwy 49 to Grass Valley.

But First - This 88' cell tower will have the possibility of going up an additional 20 feet without community consent due to Section 6409a of the Middle Class Tax Relief & Job Creation Act of 2012.

The 88' (possible 108') proposed tower would not blend in with the existing trees, as it is much taller than surrounding trees, and as the owners have cleared the land it is not tucked back in a grove of trees concealed. And no matter how they make it – it is still a fake tree that everyone would see as they drive down the road and enter the rural neighborhood of Millertown /Ophir Area. Along with the tree is the concrete block structure to house the generator which will also not be concealed!

So now we are talking about a possible 108' tower without public knowledge which becomes more detrimental to our health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare. Which in Section 17.58.140 of the Zoning Code, Section 3 states that for approval “a building project’s facility must not be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare of the people residing or working in the neighborhood.”

Living next door to a cell tower directly impacts our comfort and well being. There is no quiet enjoyment as I look out our window and see a cell tower. There is no peace as I walk around my yard or sit by my pond and see a cell tower. It directly looks down on our property with its lights, noise and unsightly views. The view we have now looking at surrounding properties is trees, and beautiful natural rock outcroppings. This is not compatible in this area or my backyard!

As well as being taller than any other trees around it on the property at 88' (potentially 108') this cell tower can be seen from many points along Millertown Rd., Bonnie Ln, Star Thistle Ln, Hoppe Ln, and Wise Rd. This is not a view that people want to see as they drive to and from their homes, ride their bikes, walk, or as they enjoy their properties.

There are the facts of antennas, electric cables and a generator with 190 gallons of Diesel Fuel that can all lead to increased fire danger. There is already the risk of fire in our rural area and we have already experienced several electrical outages due to these concerns, and now we have the possibility of a generator running 24/7 with an excessive amount of fuel that is a fire hazard, as well as cables and antennas in potential weather conditions such as lightening or high winds. This increased fire risk could lead to increased property insurance or even being dropped for insurance as can happen in our area!

But along with the fire risk, the tower itself, and the health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare of our neighborhood,

A big concern is the property value decrease of our community homes.

You now have to disclose that you are near a cell tower to real estate agents and must note "neighborhood noise, nuisance and other problems" according to the CA Assoc of Realtors'. The only reason to require disclosure is because it is clear that this information makes a difference to a buyer.

Many studies nationwide cite that the public perception to potential health and safety risk have resulted in decreased house prices.

Percentage decreases mentioned in the studies range up to 20%!

People don't want to live next to a cell tower, not just because of health concerns, but also due to aesthetics and public safety reasons. This cell tower will be seen from all over our rural community. This is not why we moved to the country.

These points all go back to the reasons the cell tower was denied by the Zoning Administrator. It is inconsistent with the character of the neighborhood and has adverse effects on the adjacent neighbors. As well as the health, safety, peace, comfort and general welfare of why cell towers do not belong in rural residential areas.

Please grant our appeal and deny this tower!

Thank you!

Sierra George

677 Millertown Rd.

Auburn, CA 95603

**From:** [Bennett Smithhart](#)  
**To:** [Megan Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County (Auburn Ophir Area)  
**Date:** Friday, June 4, 2021 12:13:39 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County \(Auburn Ophir Area\).pdf](#)

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Here you go!

Bennett

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**From:** Kim Zagaris <[zagaris@wfca.com](mailto:zagaris@wfca.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 11:49 AM  
**To:** Bennett Smithhart <[BSmithha@placer.ca.gov](mailto:BSmithha@placer.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fw: Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County (Auburn Ophir Area)

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**From:** Kim Zagaris <[zagaris@wfca.com](mailto:zagaris@wfca.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 4, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** [rweygand@placer.ca.gov](mailto:rweygand@placer.ca.gov) <[rweygand@placer.ca.gov](mailto:rweygand@placer.ca.gov)>  
**Cc:** [bsmith@placer.ca.gov](mailto:bsmith@placer.ca.gov) <[bsmith@placer.ca.gov](mailto:bsmith@placer.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County (Auburn Ophir Area)

Supervisor Weygandt,

Please see attached Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County (Auburn Ophir Area), proposed located at 545 Millertown Road, Auburn, California 95603 (AT&T Site Number: CVL06455).

Please let me know if you can assist or help answer any questions, Thank you.

Kim Zagaris, State Fire and Rescue Chief (Ret.)  
Wildfire Policy and Technology  
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June 3, 2021

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Re: Letter of support for AT&T cellular tower installation in Placer County

## CALIFORNIA

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Supervisor Robert Weygandt, Chair  
Placer County  
175 Fulweiler Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

## HAWAII

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Dear Supervisor Weygandt,

## IDAHO

[www.idahofirechiefs.org](http://www.idahofirechiefs.org)

The Western Fire Chiefs Association is in support of providing better priority cellular access to Law Enforcement, Fire Agencies, EMS Agencies, Emergency Management and other emergency response agencies first responders personnel. We would like to offer this letter of support for the installation of a new cellular tower to be installed at 545 Millertown Road, Auburn, California 95603 (AT&T Site Number: CVL06455). We support the installation of this cellular tower because of the redundancy in communication it will bring to first responders, and therefore support the FirstNet mission within Placer County and the State of California.

## MONTANA

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Placer County has experienced multiple incidents in recent years with fire, law, EMS, emergency management, public works and PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that have identified "lack of communication" as an emergency response shortfall, including alert and warning. Please consider this cell tower installation as an important infrastructure partner in alert and warning and emergency response. It will help with information distribution such as evacuation orders, operational planning, address identification, mapping, technology application and most of all, transferring medical response information between units in the field and the hospital.

## NEVADA

[www.nvfirechf.org](http://www.nvfirechf.org)

## OREGON

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We would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

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CEO Western Fire Chiefs Association