

From: Donna Hoch
Sent: August 13, 2016 11:20 AM
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Subject: August 15, 2016 vote on Cell tower at San Ignacio Golf Course

ATTN: Supervisor Ray Carroll and Pima county Board of Supervisors

Pima County Ordinance 18.07.030H regulates the placement of communication towers to protect existing aesthetics in a residential area, to preserve property values in those areas, and to minimize visual impact of those areas, including but not limited to skylines and natural mountain backdrops See "Pima County 18.07.030H" for more on this Land Use Regulation.

The communities of San Ignacio Heights and San Ignacio Ridge would be negatively affected in these exact ways should a communications tower be built at the San Ignacio Golf Course parking lot in Green Valley. Property values would drop, home owners who paid premium prices for views would have those views seriously altered, and the aesthetics of a lovely subdivision will never be the same.

The precedent for the Board of Directors to vote against this site for a communication tower is clearly spelled out, and I ask you to vote against the proposal for a communications tower at the San Ignacio Golf Course parking lot.

Below you will find the Pima County Land Use Regulations to which I refer.

Pima County Code of Ordinance for Land Use Regulations

18.07.030 - Land use regulations:

H. *Communication towers:*

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Purpose:

a.

To regulate the placement, construction and modification of *communications towers* and related equipment areas in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in accordance with the guidelines and intent of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and other applicable federal, state and local ordinances;

b.

To minimize the total number of *communication towers* throughout unincorporated Pima County by maximizing the use of existing *communication towers* in order to reduce the number of new *towers* needed;

c.

To maintain and preserve the existing unique attributes of *community* character including, but not limited to, architecture, historic and cultural features, historic development patterns, landscape, hardscape and the size, scale and spacing of buildings and other structures that define the *community* identity of rural and residential neighborhoods, and to preserve property values in those neighborhoods;

d.

To encourage the location of *communication towers* in business and industrial zones and in areas of compatible uses;

e.

To minimize the adverse impacts of *communications towers* and related equipment areas on visually sensitive areas including, but not limited, to skylines, rock outcroppings, foothills, mountain backdrops, unique vegetation, streams

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and natural drainageways through the careful design, siting, landscape screening and innovative camouflaging techniques utilizing current and future technologies;

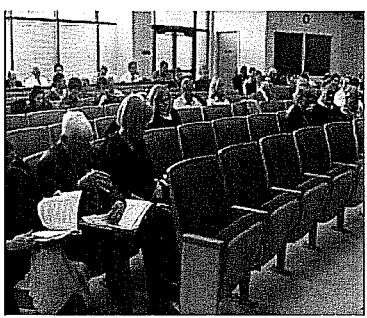
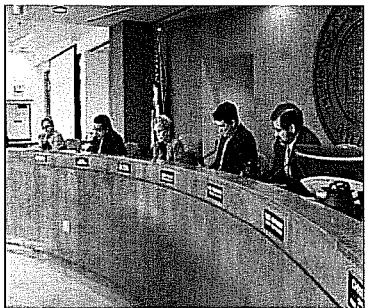
- f. To promote and encourage shared use or co-location of *communication towers* and antenna support structures;
- g. **To protect the aesthetic quality of neighborhoods by encouraging the siting of *communication towers* to minimize negative aesthetic impacts and ensure to the extent possible that *communications towers* and related equipment areas are compatible with surrounding land uses;**
- h. To allow unincorporated Pima County access to the latest in wireless technologies by collaborating with the wireless industry in developing sound siting policy.

Thank You,
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From: Donna Hoch
Sent: August 14, 2016 7:29 PM
To: District4; COB_mail
Subject: Tucson.com: Cell tower denied by Pima County based on cell tower ordinance

Please apply the standards below to tower proposed at San Ignacio Golf Course:

Pima County rejects proposed cell phone tower on westside



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TUCSON, AZ (KOLD) - A proposal to build a cell phone tower in a westside neighborhood is meeting resistance from the residents who live there and the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Tuesday, the board rejected an antenna tower proposed for a location near Ironwood Hills and Shannon.

AT&T wants to build a 71-foot cell phone tower. The westside neighborhood is already dotted with power poles, but the cell tower would have been much taller.

"It's just enormous and it's going to be an eyesore," says former Judge Michael Brown, who led the fight against it. "It would destroy it - the neighborhood. It was in everybody's view, everybody's view. And it was right next to a church with 500 parishioners. None of them wanted it."

However, a consultant for AT&T argued in order for the phone company to better serve thousands of customers in the area, its only option was to build a cell phone tower on the proposed site. "We selected this area. The engineers selected this area," says AT&T consultant Chad Blunt, "and I made this clear in a meeting with staff. This is the only pole in the area TEP would approve us on."

The Pima County Board of Supervisors disagreed, voting down the proposal and arguing the view in the neighborhood was more important than cell phone service. It's an issue Pima County is wrestling with more and more these days, after passing a new cell phone ordinance a few months ago.

"We're not trying to stop cell phone towers," says Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson. "We want to make sure we do it in a way for everybody and doesn't bring visual blight to scenic routes. That these cell phone towers if they extend 71 feet or 190 feet in the air would obviously do."

Another company wants to build a tower south of town on an old Titan Missile site. It's proposed to be 190 feet tall, equivalent to a 19 story building. Pima County wants a week to see if they can make it a bit shorter.

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Please note that all utilities in the San Igancio Heights area are underground. Views, aesthetics of the area and home values would all be negatively impacted if this cell tower is placed in the San Igancio Golf parking lot.

Thank You,

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