



NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT

T-Mobile Signal Tower Proposal:

Place powerful cell phone signal transmitters inside Miraloma Community Church, 480 Teresita — with potential for more transmitters to come. What about Health Effects? Property Values? Proximity to Miraloma School? Why in a residential area?

Community Action needed — *WHAT YOU CAN DO*

- 1) **Contact the RCA church** through their liaison, Jonny Whitaker: 346-6994 ext.107 Jonny@citychurchsf.org Ask them to be good neighbors and not go ahead with this contract. **(Top priority)**
- 2) **Attend Miraloma Park Neighborhood Association Board Meeting** – Thursday, March 4th at 7 PM at the Miraloma Improvement Club 350 O’Shaughnessy at Del Vale – 94127 – To sign petition and hear discussion.
- 3) **Contact our district supervisor**, the honorable Sean R. Elsbernd, at (415) 554-5184 and by email: Sean.Elsbernd@sfgov.org.
- 4) **Sign a petition** to present to Supervisor Elsbernd, RCA church and SF Planning Commission
- 5) **Attend the Planning Commission Meeting** - tentatively scheduled for April.
- 6) **For more information:**

CELL PHONE TOWERS BLAMED FOR KINDERGARTEN CANCER CASES

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/wpix-cancer-bayville-school,0,7715148.story>

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM CELL PHONE TOWER RADIATION

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/3773284/Health-Effects-from-Cell-Phone-Tower-Radiation>

DANGER ON THE AIRWAVES

<http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/danger-on-the-airwaves-is-the-wifi-revolution-a-health-time-bomb-445732.html>

Community members who are concerned about this project going up in our neighborhood must have their voices heard. **For information about the petition and a proposed community meeting, email Norman Nager at this new email address: stoptmobiletower@yahoo.com.**

Please copy this report and distribute to your neighbors – **Time is of the essence**

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BACKGROUND: On February 22, 2010 Miraloma community members who live within 500 feet of the Miraloma Community Church at 480 Teresita met for an “informational meeting” organized by T-Mobile Inc. A representative of the Reformed Church of America (RCA) was also present to answer questions.

HEALTH CONCERNS: Community members brought up health concerns that have been reported in The Independent (GB) of April 22, 2007, “Danger on the airwaves: Is the Wi-Fi revolution a health time bomb?” A recent authoritative Finnish study has found that people who have used mobiles for more than ten years are 40% more likely to get a brain tumor on the same side of the head as they hold their handset. People living or attending schools near masts (cell phone towers) are consistently exposed and studies reveal a worrying incidence of symptoms such as headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizziness and memory problems. People using cell phones are exposed only when they are used, and it is their choice. With cell phone towers on the other hand, exposure is 24/7, and there is no choice. There is also the suggestion that there may an increase in cancers and heart disease. Neighbors expressed concern for children in the neighborhood and the proximity of the towers to Miraloma Elementary School since cell radiation has greater impact on children’s brains.

ADDITIONAL TOWERS: The T-Mobile community liaison stated that other carriers are likely to add their antennas once a location is established. One neighbor observed that this could double or triple the amount of radiation being emitted from these towers.

PROPERTY VALUE CONCERNS: Another community member stated his concern for the cell tower’s effect on property values for the homes in the immediate proximity of the towers as some prospective home buyers will avoid their proximity as they do with high voltage electric transmission lines.

ALREADY A DONE DEAL? An FCC ruling states that federal law prohibits consideration of health concerns when deciding on cell tower permits -- an indication of the cell phone industry’s clout with government.

At this point Mr. Jonny Whitaker of the RCA Church stood up to explain that the previous church corporation signed the contract with T-Mobile and that RCA was being asked to sign it again since the signers were no longer in charge of the church property. “If they are being asked to sign it again does that mean it is not a legal contract at this moment?” “Well, it’s complicated,” Whitaker said. He contends that it is already a legal contract.

Community members realized this meeting was just a required formality to push through a major commercial endeavor right smack in the middle of the neighborhood. Tom Swarner explained that regardless of anything we say the company will try to get this project through. T-Mobile called this meeting only to satisfy the permit requirement of informing neighbors.

OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED: Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church was convinced by neighbors to break its contract with Sprint. Safeway/Diamond Heights broke its contract with AT&T due to neighborhood resistance. Seventh Day Adventist Church at California St. ended its contract with Sprint after a 120-signature neighborhood petition. LA, Albany, Berkeley and Santa Cruz County School Districts prohibit cell phone antennas.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!