

Jason Hallare

From: Aubrey Kendall <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2024 12:25 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare
Subject: No Small Cell Wireless @ 16 Baldwin - Episcopal Day School

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Sincerely,

Aubrey Kendall

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From: Michele LeSieur <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Saturday, November 23, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare; City Council (San Mateo)
Subject: Deny Request - Small Cell Wireless at 16 Baldwin Avenue, San Mateo - WC-20240000241

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Sincerely,

Michele LeSieur

Jason Hallare

From: Peter Magaddino <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 8:07 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare
Subject: DENY Small Wireless Application at 16 Baldwin

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From: Nicole Magaddino <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2024 1:09 PM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare
Cc: Nicole Magaddino
Subject: Heartfelt Deny Request - Small Cell Wireless at 16 Baldwin Avenue, San Mateo - WC-20240000241

Dear Mayor Lisa Diaz Nash, Deputy Mayor Rob Newsom, Councilmembers Hedges, Loraine and Lee, City Manager Alex Khojikian, Director of Public Works Matt Fabry and City Engineers Jay Yu and Jason Hallare,

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

San Mateo Resident, Parent of 10 years at Episcopal Day, Former Episcopal Day Board Chair (20-24), and Parishioner of the Church

Nicole Magaddino

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Jason Hallare

From: Rachael Lester <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2024 9:49 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare
Subject: Deny Request - Small Cell Wireless at 16 Baldwin Avenue, San Mateo - WC-20240000241

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Sincerely,

Rachael Lester

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Jason Hallare

From: Andrew Collins <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2024 2:17 PM
To: Katherine Sheehan
Cc: Jason Hallare
Subject: Re: Small Wireless Facility at 16 Baldwin Ave

Katherine,

Thank you for the response. While I appreciate that this application may fall within the FCC's safety standards, if there are no safety issues, then why would there be a need for the city to adopt a new ordinance that prohibits transmitters from residential and school areas? Respectfully, I do not believe the owner of this transmitter should be able to slip their application in just weeks ahead of the ordinance going into effect. If the city doesn't want new transmitters going up in sensitive areas, then none should go up, regardless of application date. I also find it troubling that of all the locations that could be chosen, this company picked a spot so very close to a school playground. That seems reckless and very unfair to the hundreds of kids who will be playing every day within 20 feet of this device. The people who are impacted should have a say on this matter.

Best,
Andy

On Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 5:07 PM Katherine Sheehan <ksheehan@cityofsanmateo.org> wrote:
Good evening interested residents,

This email is in response to feedback we received from multiple parents at the Episcopal Day School of St. Matthew. Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the Small Wireless Facility (SWF) application at 16 Baldwin Avenue in San Mateo.

The application under review was submitted on Oct. 22, 2024—which was prior to the City Council's new ordinance adopted on Nov. 18, 2024 and thus subject to the prior Code and Design Standards that were in effect prior to this new ordinance. The standards that were in effect prior to Nov. 18, 2024 did not include restricted sites around residential areas and schools, and these requirements are therefore not enforceable for the 16 Baldwin Avenue application.

It is important to note that the current application has been found to be compliant with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)-defined radiofrequency (RF) emissions limits. This compliance with FCC safety limits has been verified by the City's RF expert consultant, OSC Engineering. Wireless facilities like this must meet certain FCC criteria, including exposing people to RF radiation exceeding applicable FCC safety standards. The City is federally preempted from regulating RF emissions other than for compliance with FCC limits. The adopted ordinance sets rules for small wireless facilities in the public right-of-way, and reflects the City's interest in keeping SWFs out of residential neighborhoods and away from schools when feasible.

The City's Public Works team and consultants are thoroughly reviewing this application and will have a decision on or before Dec. 20, 2024.

Sincerely,

Katherine Sheehan, P.E. (she/her)
Deputy Director of Public Works
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Jason Hallare

From: Kathryn Collins <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Friday, November 29, 2024 8:05 AM
To: Katherine Sheehan
Cc: Jason Hallare
Subject: Re: Small Wireless Facility at 16 Baldwin Ave

Thanks Katherine and Jason. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving.

With all due respect, while I appreciate that this application may fall within the FCC's safety standards, if there are no safety issues, then why has the City now adopted a new ordinance that prohibits transmitters from residential and school areas, and specifically labels these sites as "sensitive." In my eyes, if this area is now deemed "sensitive" by the City under the new ordinance as of November 18th, it would have been equally sensitive back in October when this application was submitted. If the city doesn't want new transmitters going up in sensitive areas, then none should go up, regardless of application date. That is certainly within your jurisdiction. I also find it troubling that of all the locations that could be chosen, this company picked a spot so very close to a school playground. That seems reckless and very unfair to the hundreds of kids who will be playing every day within 20 feet of this device. The people who are impacted should have a say on this matter. There are many other sites in San Mateo that this transmitter could be installed that are away from sensitive areas, and it seems this should simply be a matter of the City working with this company to find another more suitable location that is in compliance with the new ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathryn

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From: Mishthi Kapoor <[REDACTED] PII >
Sent: Monday, December 2, 2024 10:14 AM
To: City Council (San Mateo); Lisa Diaz Nash; Rob Newsom; Richard Hedges; Adam Loraine; Amourence Lee; Alex Khojikian; Matt Fabry; Jay Yu; Jason Hallare
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