

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Elias Valencia](#)
Subject: PH68007A - Westwing Mountain Conditional Use Permit (Case No: CU25-07)
Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 5:30:16 AM

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Good morning, Elias.

I kindly ask that you deny Conditional Use Permit (Case No: CU25-07).

First and foremost, I find it disturbing that a cell tower would even be proposed so close to an Elementary school, in which young children are still developing, making them more vulnerable than adults.

Second, our home is across from the school and approximately 500 ft from the intended cell tower location. I myself am uncomfortable with the proximity and its radio frequency radiation (see important notes below). Additionally, cell service is currently available in the community and our home without the need of this new structure.

The health concerns of my family and our community are the top priority. Beyond that, this 65 ft structure will end up blocking our back yard view and many other residents' view of Westwing Mountain or Sunrise Mountain. My wife and I moved into our home with the intent of viewing Westwing's beautiful serene landscape, not an unsightly cell phone "water" tower.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- *A substantial majority of studies (73.6%) reported adverse health effects from living close to cell towers, including radio frequency sickness, cancer, and biochemical changes.*
- *Many cities require a 1,500-foot setback from cell towers, and schools in certain areas have banned cell towers within 1,000 feet of school property.*
- *Experts recommend maintaining a safe distance from cell phone towers—ideally 1,000 to 3,000 feet, depending on local regulations and studies.*

I appreciate you taking the time to read my email. In closing, our community has been in existence for over 20 years without a cell phone tower. I believe it was 10 years ago that our community overwhelmingly opposed a cell tower at Copper Hills church. I ask that you decline this permit.

Thank you,

Brad May
(Address redacted)
Peoria, AZ 85383

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Elias Valencia](#)
Subject: Case PH68007A -Westwing Mountain, Conditional Use Permit CU25-07
Date: Monday, May 12, 2025 7:07:54 PM

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Case PH68007A -Westwing Mountain
Conditional Use Permit CU25-07

I am writing to express my opposition of the conditional use permit for a wireless tower in Westwing neighborhood. I find it completely unethical that a City would allow a cellphone tower be located so close to an elementary school. The well being of the residences in the community is my top concern, as I would hope is the City's as well.

I am also concerned a cell phone tower would negatively impact home values in the community. The massive structure size and design does not match the community aesthetics. Westwing is a serene community nestled between two mountain ranges. A cell phone tower in the middle of the community would be an unsightly disruption to the vibe of the neighborhood.

If a cell phone tower is built I will be forced to move out of the community. I am hopeful the cellphone tower conditional use permit will be denied so I can continue living peacefully in Westwing.

Sincerely,
Michelle May

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Elias Valencia](#)
Subject: PH68007A-West Wing Mountain Cell Tower Proposal Disapproval
Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 8:36:50 PM

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Elias Valencia:

I am writing to express my **strong disapproval of the cell tower proposal in West Wing Mountain Community (Case No: CU25-07)**. I received a surprising mail notification today regarding such proposal. Surprising, because the community HOA performed a survey months ago and never reported the results to the community. I also attended a meeting almost a year ago regarding the same cell tower proposal where opinions were polarizing and information on cell coverage, health implications, and other concerns were extremely lacking and dismissed by the HOA committee and the Coal Creek representative. I am extremely disappointed to see that this cell tower proposal has progressed to the City of Peoria and seems to have been done “under the rug.”

I live in close proximity to the proposed site of the cell tower. I **strongly disapprove of the cell tower** being installed so close to residential homes. We bought our home two years ago in the West Wing Community and would not have pursued the purchase of this home if there had been a cell tower close to it nor if we had known that one would be built in the near future. Health implications of living in close proximity to a 5G cell tower are vastly unknown and the few studies which have been performed concerning EMF radiation and 5G provide data exhibiting great risks to residents including cancers, infertility, damage to DNA, etc. Why are we accepting these risks and asking neighbors and children to accept these risks in such a populated area and so close to homes and an elementary school? I am not comfortable with this proposal and plead with the city to disapprove it.

I understand the need for cell towers for cell coverage, however, the close proximity to both residential homes that cannot just move to another home and a school, I ask, is the convenience of better cell coverage worth the risks to our community members? Furthermore, I fear that it will decrease home values when trying to re-sell because of health implications and others not wanting to live near towers either.

Please keep this email in mind when making a decision and when approaching the public hearing. I strongly ask for you to reconsider the installation of the tower and especially the location of the install. Move it elsewhere away from residential areas or don't install it at all and look at other alternatives. I have seen micro-cell towers along Happy Valley road and those were swiftly ignored at the meeting I attended a year ago, why have these not been considered for our community, rather than jumping to an enormous cell tower? I fear that this proposal is merely out of greed for income rather than considering the voice of residents that actually live close to the location or who will be able to see it from their backyards.

There is too much unknown about 5G towers and the limited known data proposes great risks to be confident in placing a cell tower in the middle of the neighborhood, near homes, and near an elementary school. I listed below some reliable sources explicitly stating that cell phone towers are not safe. Please, do not put this tower in West Wing Mountain at the Community Center.

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Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my email.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hansen

(Address Redacted)

Directly from Cancer.org:

What they say about RF radiation in general

Based on a review of studies published up until 2011, the **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)** has classified RF radiation as “possibly carcinogenic to humans,” based on limited evidence of a possible increase in risk for brain tumors among cell phone users, and inadequate evidence for other types of cancer. (For more information on the IARC classification system, see [Known and Probable Human Carcinogens.](#))

"Possibly carcinogenic to humans" is a huge concern for me and other neighbors. We live within 0.2 miles of the community center. That is not a safe distance away. The website continues to describe that there is insufficient data and no conclusions can be drawn given safety... I am not comfortable with that.

Here is a specific article from NIH.gov (National Institutes of Health) on PubMed regarding a study done on the safety of cell phone towers near an apartment complex, looking at three issues, radio frequency sickness, cancer, and changes in biochemical parameters. Where results were 73%, 76%, and 75% respectively when living near a cell tower for an extended period of time. Below is the article:

Evidence for a health risk by RF on humans living around mobile phone base stations: From radiofrequency sickness to cancer

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35843283/>

Here is another concerning article on Environmental Health Trust.org

"Health Effects of Cell Towers Near Homes and Schools"

<https://ehtrust.org/health-effects-of-cell-towers-near-homes-and-schools/>

"Cell towers have wireless antennas that emit radio frequency (RF) non-ionizing radiation. When these antennas are close to our homes and schools, our daily exposure to RF radiation is increased. RF radiation is considered a new form of environmental pollution.

Effects from RF [documented in scientific research](#) include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, headaches, sleep issues, genetic damage, changes to the reproductive system, memory deficits, and impacts to the nervous system.

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[Research](#) has found that the cumulative dose from cell tower RF can result in significant exposure over time. Young children do not use cell phones, yet they are involuntarily exposed. Cell tower radiation exposures are nonstop day and night. We can turn our cell phones off, but we cannot turn a cell tower off."

From the ECFS- Federal Communication Commission- A filing dated in 2019 on why a city in Des Moines did not install towers.

<https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/search-filings/filing/1061860178192>

Here is a study done in Iraq regarding distance from a cell tower and increased health risks:

<https://pubs.aip.org/aip/acp/article-abstract/2776/1/020015/2877997/Assessment-of-health-effects-of-cell-phone-towers?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

From the Workers Health and Safety Centre

<https://www.whsc.on.ca/What-s-new/News-Archive/Cell-tower-radiation-linked-with-cancer-in-new-stu>

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Elias Valencia](#)
Subject: Re: Westwing Mountain WCF
Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025 8:13:39 PM

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Elias Valencia:

I am writing to express my **strong disapproval of the cell tower proposal in West Wing Mountain Community (Case No: CU25-07)**. I received another mail notification today regarding such proposal.

I attended a meeting almost a year ago regarding the same cell tower proposal where opinions were polarizing and information on cell coverage, health implications, home value effects, overall aesthetics, and other concerns were extremely dismissed by the HOA committee and the Coal Creek representative, Declan Murphy. I am extremely disappointed to see that this cell tower proposal has progressed to the City of Peoria and seems to have been done "under the rug."

I live in close proximity to the proposed site of the cell tower. I **strongly disapprove of the cell tower** being installed so close to residential homes. We bought our home two years ago in the West Wing Community and would not have pursued the purchase of this home if there had been a cell tower close to it nor if we had known that one would be built in the near future. Health implications of living in close proximity to a 5G cell tower are vastly unknown and the few studies which have been performed concerning EMF radiation and 5G provide data exhibiting great risks to residents including cancers, infertility, damage to DNA, etc. Why are we accepting these risks and asking neighbors and children to accept these risks in such a populated area and so close to homes and an elementary school? We cannot just get up and move to another home. I am not comfortable with this proposal and plead with the city to disapprove it.

Furthermore, I fear that it will decrease home values when trying to re-sell because of health implications, aesthetics (as people move to this area for the mountains and being removed not for living near a 65 foot tower), and others not wanting to live near towers either.

Please keep this email in mind when making a decision and when approaching the public hearing. I strongly ask for you to reconsider the installation of the tower and especially the location of the install. Move it elsewhere away from residential areas or don't install it at all and look at other alternatives. I have seen micro-cell towers along Happy Valley road and those were swiftly ignored at the HOA meeting I attended a year ago, why have these not been considered for our community, rather than jumping to an enormous cell tower? I fear that this proposal is merely out of greed for income rather than considering the voice of residents that actually live close to the location or who will be able to see it from their backyards.

To summarize, please, do not put this tower in West Wing Mountain at the Community Center. It is one of the lowest points in the West Wing neighborhood; cell towers are supposed to be high to cover a bigger area of cell service need- the HOA community center is not a high point in our community. There is limited data on the safety of 5G towers which poses great concerns for health risks, and lastly, I worry about re-sale of my home in the

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future if this tower is built as others may not want to live near a tower either.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my email.

Sincerely,

Rachel Hansen



- Within the vicinity of the proposed cell tower