

TELECOM COMPANIES WANT TO INSTALL 50 FOOT TALL CELL TOWERS IN OUR RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA IS DRAFTING A NEW WIRELESS ORDINANCE
AND WE NEED OUR CITY GOVERNMENT TO STAND UP FOR US –
THEY NEED TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM RESIDENTS.

Dear Carmel-by-the-Sea Neighbor,

We are happy to tell you that the City of Carmel is in the process of rewriting our antiquated 2004 wireless ordinance. As residents, we need to insist that our City adopts the strongest possible ordinance to protect Carmel's unique beauty and the safety and peacefulness of our neighborhoods. We can have strong cellular coverage within our community without cell tower placement in our residential zones.

WHY WE DON'T WANT CELL PHONE TOWERS IN CARMEL NEIGHBORHOODS

- **They are unsafe** - Cell towers are a potential fire hazard and health risk
- **They are ugly** - Nobody wants to look out their window and see a 50 foot tall cell tower
- **They are noisy** - Cell towers generate a humming/buzzing noise 7 days a week - 24 hours/day

Donations by Carmel-by-the-Sea residents have funded an expert wireless attorney, Andrew Campanelli, to write a clear and strong sample wireless ordinance that allows our City to control our destiny related to cell towers. Our grassroots residents group has submitted this document to our Planning Commission as a best-practices reference.

Unfortunately, at the first wireless ordinance meeting on June 8, the Planning Commissioners and the public were asked to focus only on pre-screened questions created by the City's hired attorneys in a way that we believe plays into the hands of the wireless providers. They did not discuss the very different strategy of the wireless ordinance provided by our residents group.

The next Planning Commission meeting that includes a wireless ordinance discussion will be July 13th at 4:00pm. We have invited attorney Andrew Campanelli to educate the Commission and community at this meeting on how his wireless ordinance will give our City the maximum authority to limit the number and placement of wireless facilities in the Village. He will also be available to answer questions, if time allows.

To encourage our City representatives to consider adoption of this resident-provided ordinance, we need a significant number of our neighbors to send in a postcard that tells them they support this initiative.

It is critical that every resident sign and return the enclosed pre-paid postcard as soon as possible – preferably before July 6th. Please mail postcard even if you miss this deadline. It will count for a future meeting.

We are sending one postcard per household but more than one household member may sign the card.

We also need as many residents as possible to "Zoom" or call into the July 13th Planning Commission meeting. You will find information on how to attend at <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/meetings> or at www.carmelunderground.org.

Thank you for your support. We can make a difference if we stand together! Stop Cell Towers in Carmel Neighborhoods is supported by the Carmel Residents Association and Carmel Preservation Association.

Sincerely,

STOP Cell Towers in Carmel Neighborhoods Christy Hollenbeck, Tasha Witt, Bob Kavner