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Subject: Two New Cell Towers approved by Staff
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Dear City Council and Planning Commissioners,

A few months ago, it was voted by CC and PC to allow staff to transfer more decision making from CC and PC to ministerial, including all types of CUP approvals (Minor and regular) despite the public asking you to not give away this authority.

I and other members of the public expressed opposition to this transfer of authority, citing specific concern with Cell Towers not having full opportunity for disclosure and public hearing process.

I call your attention to two brand new Cell Towers that I just became aware of after asking for a list of projects staff has been approving. Both of these Cell Towers appear to have been in the works before the authority transfer -- although they were not posted on City website's Project page back at that time.

Both Cell Towers appear to now be approved by staff with no heads-up of public involvement to community that staff has repeatedly promised to keep informed about Cell Tower development as "parties of interest:" <https://cityofpetaluma.org/planning-administrative-projects/#/answer-56240>

While I have not reviewed these two new Cell Towers in great detail, a quick review of the docs indicates no Drive Tests or Dropped Call Logs were required by the Carrier to prove this additional EMF radiation and electricity draw is, in fact, needed per US Court and FCC guidelines. As you will recall from The Creamery Cell Tower application, those two analyses are crucial for protecting Petaluma's legal rights.

I ask you to please revise City policy to return Cell Tower installation decision making to CC-PC process for both Minor and Major Telecommunications Facilities urgently -- before more Cell Towers applications are approved by staff w/o public hearings.

Thank you,
Taryn