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Dear Mayor Silverstein and Malibu City Councilmembers,

I have called Malibu home most of my adult life and have been proud to do so.

But right now you have some unhappy residents on your hands.

My neighbor was awakened during the middle of the night by some loud clanging, so she went out to investigate. Several men in an unmarked truck were working on the utility pole 40 feet from her front door, right across the street from my house. They said they were putting up a "small cell" and from what I've learned that's a 5G cell tower.

If these towers were safe on any level, why do workers have to come in unmarked trucks in the middle of the night?

I thought the city of Malibu had passed an ordinance that was supposed to keep the cell towers out of residential areas, put them along the main arteries through town, and take extra precautions in our city that has been gutted by fire a couple times in recent memory. As I talk to my neighbors and we learn more about the health and fire risks associated with these cell towers, I am amazed the city has left us so defenseless.

The City Council should never have allowed these 5G towers in residential areas on a street where two cars can barely pass each other on a good day. Now imagine that 5G tower on fire. Residents will be trying to evacuate as huge fire engines try to make their way up the hillside. You know how these fires spread when it's windy and dry. Before the utility cuts the power so firefighters can fight the fire, that fire will spread with what could be alarming speed. There could be massive loss of life and property.

No one in my family recalls seeing notification about a cell tower. I can guarantee you would have heard from me sooner if we had been notified. My neighbors join me in expressing their deep concern.

This is unacceptable planning on the part of the city of Malibu. It must be remedied.

Sincerely,

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