

*Mel Gibson*

Dear Mayor Silverstein and Malibu City Councilmembers,

I own property on Carbon Mesa that is located near two planned wireless facilities. One of these locations has a pending application status while the other area has gained permission and is seeking post-construction permission to begin service. These sites will mar the beautiful view, impact my family's quality of life, lower our property value, and increase insurance costs. Furthermore, they will negatively impact the precious environment in our area and significantly increase fire and safety risks in an already fire-prone area. I oppose these wireless installations and ask that you do what you can to slow, limit, and where possible, stop their deployment. If these facilities must be developed, then please make sure all possible precautions are taken to ensure they will not cause or contribute to yet another devastating fire in Malibu.

This is a personal matter to me and I am not the only one in Malibu with the same concerns. I understand there are close to 30 pending applications in residential and/or school zones with plenty more to follow. If the Council does not act and fully exercise its legally permitted oversight, all of Malibu will soon be infested with these unattractive and unsafe facilities.

I cannot appear before you tonight because of other commitments but please listen to those who speak. I agree with their request that you step in and act by agendaizing an item on wireless issues. This would allow you to hear from city residents and experts on these devices, along with our own legal counsel. From there we wish to have an on-the-record exchange with your staff and deliberate over next steps. We need you to send a clear message to city staff that this is an important issue and you expect to fully enforce all wireless ordinances, implementation plans and resolutions. This can be accomplished by carefully vetting all applications, engaging with the affected residents in these cases, and at every stage of the process - double and triple checking the facility design and construction to ensure all safety measures are in place. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mel Gibson