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Re: Notification of a proposed "5G" street pole attachment
Prospect Ave between E 185th Street and E 187th Street (OTI #25011)

Bronx Community Board 6 has reviewed proposed 5G street pole attachment #250111 and is in opposition. Board members are concerned about potential risks to families living in 2339 Prospect Avenue and 2347 Prospect Avenue, particularly those living on the 2nd and 3rd floor with windows facing the street. Community Board 6's District Manager requested information regarding radiation produced by the proposed installation on 2/28/23 and has yet to receive a response. The Board is not convinced that the FCC regulations on 5G installations are sufficient to protect the health of residents, who will be exposed to 24/7 radiation from the 5G pole.

In addition, the Board notes that there is a 4G street pole installation at the Southeast corner of Prospect and East 185th. It is the Board's understanding that 5G pole installations are necessitated by gaps in cell phone service. What demonstrated gap in cell phone service is this proposed installation addressing, if a 4G pole is across the street? It is the Board's understanding that per the judicial ruling in *ExteNet Sys. v. Vill. of Flower Hill*, local government has the burden of demonstrating gaps in service when authorizing 5G installations.

Bronx Community Board 6 rejects OTI's proposed 5G installation at East 185th and Prospect Avenue. We ask that OTI first address the questions raised by the Board, concerns about the 5G rollout process raised by Borough President Levine, and Manhattan Community Board 8's request for a moratorium on 5G installation. Without sufficient information from OTI on the risks and rewards of 5G, along with proper community engagement, moving forward with 5G installations - in particular those within 10 feet of residential buildings - is inappropriate and likely to draw more community opposition.

Regards,

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