



May 2, 2016

To the Mayor and the other members of the Town Council of Yucca Valley

Endorsed by:

re: Proposed Verizon Cell Tower near Hwy 247

Homestead Valley
Community Council
www.hvccsite.org

Morongo Basin
Historical Society
www.mbhs.org

Flamingo Heights
Community Association
www.fhca.com

Johnson Valley
Improvement Association
see www.johnsonvalley.com

Hammerking Productions
dave@kingofthehammers.com

Landers Association

Yucca Mesa
Improvement Association
www.yuccamesa.org

Western American
Railroad Museum
www.barstowrailmuseum.org

Lucerne Valley
Chamber of Commerce

Lucerne Valley
Economic Development Association

Lucerne Valley
Market and Hardware

Lucerne Valley Museum

Route 66
Mother Road Museum
www.route66museum.org

Joshua Tree
Gateway Communities
Tourism Committee
www.joshuatreegatewaycommunities.com

Points of Interest Promotions
Lucerne Valley
billlembright@thenewlight.net

Rockhound Field Trip Fanatics!
<http://rockhound-field-trips.ning.com>

Morongo Basin
Conservation Association
www.mbconservation.org

Lucerne Valley-Johnson Valley
Municipal Advisory Council

Barstow Chamber of Commerce
www.barstowchamber.com

Morongo Basin
Municipal Advisory Council

The Homestead Valley Community Council (HVCC) is made up of representatives from the community associations in Landers, Johnson Valley, Yucca Mesa and Flamingo Heights. These unincorporated communities located along Hwy 247 are in the area mapped in the San Bernardino County General Plan as the Homestead Valley.

Recent meetings of the HVCC have made it plain, residents of Yucca Mesa and Yucca Valley object to the Verizon tower near Aberdeen Rd. and Hwy 247. A petition against it circulated widely.

They protest against this project, largely because it would tower above a residential area, marring a vista unique to California.

The Scenic 247 Committee and the HVCC object from another standpoint. Hwy 247 is a County Scenic Byway. HVCC has worked since 2009 to have it designated as a California Scenic Highway. This tower would stand in one of the most scenic areas in the entire scenic corridor.

Grass-roots activism saved Black Lava Butte and Flattop Mesa from the visual encroachment of a skyline of wind turbines. The scenic corridor crossing through the Pipes Canyon remains intact to be appreciated by travelers through the area. Is it now to have an elevated water tank as a landmark? To those who care about maintaining the character of the locale as stipulated in the County Plan, a flying water tank is laughable.

The high desert has very few ways to bring in dollars from outside. Tourism increases revenues for all businesses on a Scenic Highway and in the nearby towns. HVCC recommends the Town Council listen to the appeal of its citizens and neighbors. Maintain the local landscape - thought acceptable for an earthwork art installation. Consider the visual resources of your environs as a unique attractant for visitors.

Please do not approve this siting of the Verizon tower.

Please see photos included. Thank you,

Betty Munson

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Mailed to Town Clerk, 57090 29 Palms Highway, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

c/c via e-mail: Town Clerk, Mayor Robert Leone, Mayor Pro Tem Merl Abel, and Council Members Rick Denison, Robert Lombardo and George Huntington

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The Area of Negative Visual Impact from the Proposed Verizon Cell Tower in the Scenic 247 Corridor



View into Pipes Canyon from Aberdeen Road



View across Pipes Wash toward Yucca Valley...cell tower would be at center above road

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