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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Notice of Application for Proposal between Atlas Tower/Victor Strand
Project File No. ACU-23-00003

We are writing in opposition of the above-referenced proposal between Atlas Tower and Victor Strand.

Being neighbors of the Strands, we have concerns about the placement of the tower, and also the effect that it has on the humans and animals living in close proximity.

In doing some research, the following are just a couple of the findings we have come across:

“What are the disadvantages of living near a cell tower?

As per the American Cancer Society, cell towers increase the risk of health hazards, such as headaches, memory loss, congenital disabilities, and cardiovascular stress. Many studies also report that cell towers may lead to cancer as they emit non-ionising, high Radio Frequency (RF) waves.”

Also,

“What are the side effects of cellphone towers?

The World Health Organisation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) says radiation from cellphone handsets and towers is "possibly carcinogenic to humans" and may cause glioma, a type of brain cancer. Towers are more dangerous than handsets because they emit greater-intensity radiation 24X7.”

Not only is the radiation a concern for us, but also the placement of the tower. We are located south of the Strand property with a view of the Stuart Range. Our concern is the effect of the view of the cell tower, and how it may devalue the market value of our property, if we were to sell.

We appreciate your time in taking these matters into consideration when approving/disapproving the proposed application.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Jim and Teri Ellis. The signature for Jim is on the left and the signature for Teri is on the right, both in a cursive script.

Jim and Teri Ellis