

■ Concerned Neighbors Against Cell Antennas  
in the Sunset Reservoir  
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Attn: Mr. Gary Dowd  
Public Utilities Commission  
Real Estate Services  
1155 Market St. 4th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

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Dear Mr. Dowd,

Subject: Petition in Objection to Cell Antenna Tower at the Sunset Reservoir

We, the residents and homeowners, who live around the Sunset Reservoir, respectfully ask that the Public Utilities Commission remove the Sunset Reservoir from future consideration as a site for cell phone antennas.

In just a few weeks time, we had gathered 1060 signatures of residents, many of them homeowners, from the immediate neighborhood on a petition in opposition to the now withdrawn proposal by Nextel to install three antennas on a 60' monopole tower near the intersection of 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Quintara Street in the Sunset Reservoir. Attached to this letter is the copy of the petition with 1060 signatures.

Most people that reside in the neighborhood object to the proposed cell phone antenna tower because it unnecessary, undesirable to the residents, and incompatible to the residential neighborhood that is around the park and playground surrounding the reservoir.

It is unnecessary, because based on our survey of persons in the extended neighborhood surrounding the Sunset Reservoir, over 98% had rated their cell phone coverage as adequate or better. Over half had rated their service as excellent.

It is undesirable as evidenced by the over 1000 neighbors who have signed the petition in opposition to a cell phone antenna in the Sunset Reservoir. The uncertainty over the health effects of long term exposure to the low level radiation from the cell phone antenna has caused much consternation among the neighborhood residents, particularly among the many elderly who frequent the park surrounding the reservoir for morning exercise and to meet with friends and neighbors. What matters is not that there is or is not conclusive proof regarding the health issues, but rather the emotional and psychological effect that the cell antenna tower would have on the neighborhood residents and those who use the park surrounding the Sunset Reservoir. It is the perception that a cell phone tower could affect their health that has caused so many persons to oppose the placement of a cell phone antenna tower in the Sunset Reservoir and if built, would remain a constant source of worry for the many who live near by and use the park. Besides the affect on the psychological well being of the residents, there is wide spread concern that a cell antenna tower would lower property values in the neighborhood.

Lastly, the proposed cell phone tower is simply not compatible with the residential neighborhood and park area surrounding the Sunset Reservoir. A cell phone tower would certainly be one of the tallest potential eyesores in the neighborhood affecting the aesthetics of the neighborhood near the cell phone antenna tower. The park surrounding the Sunset Reservoir serves as a gathering place for seniors to meet and exercise, for young children to come to play in the grass and roll down the hill, and for neighbors to stroll around the park. It is simply the neighborhood park and should not be looked at as just a "public use structure," where people may just be passing through.

We understand that the PUC takes seriously the opinions of the immediate neighbors regarding the impact of projects on a neighborhood and we hope that we have demonstrated our deep concern about not placing cell antennas in the Sunset Reservoir by the 1060 persons that have signed the petition. There is NO neighborhood support for this kind of project and we respectfully request that you remove the reservoir from future consideration.

We have sent Supervisor Fiona Ma's office a copy of this letter and the copy of the petition. If you have any questions, we have a core-organizing group formed and we can be reached at [sunsetantenna@yahoo.com](mailto:sunsetantenna@yahoo.com) or you can call and leave a message with Ed Chin at 415-297-0604. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Concerned Neighbors Against Cell Antennas in the Sunset Reservoir

Enclosed: Petition comprised of 175 pages containing 1060 signatures

cc: Supervisor Fiona Ma