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Dear Supervisors,

Attached is a letter from the Rural Bonny Doon Association regarding the regarding the CTI/AT&T cell tower proposal.

Sincerely,
David Rubin, RBDA Board Chair

May 31, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 25, 2023, the RBDA Board submitted the attached letter in support of CTI's application to modify the cell tower at 186 Summit Drive. We continue to support CTI's application, for the reasons outlined in that letter.

The RBDA has been advocating for improved communications infrastructure in our community for more than 5 years, and CTI/AT&T's proposed towers (at Summit Drive and at the CalFire site on Empire Grade) are the only infrastructure improvements that a company has proposed deploying to improve wireless voice communication in our community.

We cannot evaluate the extent to which the proposed tower will fill in the gap in AT&T's cell coverage, because the maps provided in Hammett & Edison's report are too restricted in area to evaluate improvements to coverage, and our Board does not have the technological expertise to generate our own cell-transmission models. Consequently, our support for the tower is based on the broader goal of improving communications. We hope that CTI and AT&T's claims regarding the proposed tower are realized and that any negative impacts to the Summit neighborhood do, in fact, result in improved cell coverage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Rubin".

David Rubin, for the RBDA Board

March 25, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Rural Bonny Doon Association (RBDA) is writing to support the decision to approve CTI's application to modify the cell tower at 186 Summit Drive, Santa Cruz, 95060. Our support is based in part on AT&T's stated commitment to maintain the cell tower on Empire Grade, in addition to adding cell services to the new tower. We are concerned that replacing the existing Empire Grade tower with the new one on Summit Drive might result in a net reduction of cell coverage where Bonny Doon residents live and drive.

The RBDA has been advocating for improved communications infrastructure in our community since before the CZU fire. We have held community meetings and discussions with representatives from AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, Cruzio, PG&E, California Public Utilities Commission Public Advocate's Office, Santa Cruz County Supervisor Justin Cummings and his predecessor Ryan Coonerty, and Assemblymember Mark Stone's staff. This application to modify the Summit Drive cell tower is the only improvement that has been formally proposed by any provider to improve communications in Bonny Doon. Although other technologies such as distributed antenna systems might provide even better communications services in Bonny Doon, no provider has expressed an interest in deploying them.

For these reasons, the RBDA supports CTI's application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David M. Rubin".

David Rubin, RBDA Chair