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3	TAMMY CITDAMANNIC. Cood manning quanthedu. To		2	We're going to have Mr. Barnyard			
4	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Good morning everybody. To	-	3	THOMAS BARNARD: Barnard, yes, ma'am.			
5	September 27th, we are continuing the hearing of Cel East Gate conditional use application, CU-T-17-01, a	. [4	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: My apologies.			
6	administrative modification, case number S596. Yest		5	THOMAS BARNARD: No. I understood there was a			
7	we ended with applicants last witness, but you wante	- 1	6	question yesterday about two questions regarding East			
8	wait until this morning decide whether you were goin	g to	7	Gate as a co-applicant, one being the question of			
9	close; if you had anything else before we went on to	Mr	8	landscaping and whether or not East Gate had in fact			
	Chen.	-		approved the amended plan which included certain			
11	CATHY BORTEN: Correct, yes.			landscaping in the design, and I'm just representing to the			
12	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Can you hear her?	:	11	Hearing Examiner that that had been			
13	FEMALE VOICE: No.	:	12	BILL CHEN: Objection.			
14	CATHY BORTEN: Okay. It's on.	:	13	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Please let him finish and then you			
15	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's correct?		14	can object.			
16	CATHY BORTEN: Yes, that's correct.		15	BILL CHEN: Well, I don't want			
17	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. All right. So then	what we	16	THOMAS BARNARD: Hold on a second. I just want to let			
18	will do is to go on to		17	the Hearing Examiner know that that amended plan had been			
19	CATHY BORTEN: Well, we can close our case in c	hief	18	approved and the amended plan was approved by the			
	now. We just have a couple of matters to			adopted by the co-applicant and is part of the record, and			
21	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh.			it has consented they're going to consent to the			
22	CATHY BORTEN: take care of right before we			required, or recommended landscaping as part of their plan.			
	that.			Second, whether or not any conditions recommended by the			
24	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Okay.			Staff in the approval of this plan; and East Gate has no			
25	CATHY BORTEN: If that's acceptable. All right			objections to any of the conditions that have been			
	-			recommended by the Staff for the proposed plan.			
1		-	ر_	reconstructed by the built for the proposed parts			

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Mr. Chen, your objection? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. Okay. And so why BILL CHEN: I object and move to strike. Mr. Barnard don't you put what you just said in writing. He can 3 is a very fine attorney, he's not a witness, and he's just respond and you all can send me something and I'll rule on 4 given factual information, and it's factual information it from there. that is not properly before the Hearing Examiner. A lawyer BILL CHEN: Yeah but oh, it will be really simple. 6 can't do -- I'll give you -- he's not sworn, he's not been I'll send you a letter copying Counsel with a cite to a identified as a witness. case. It's the Court of Special Appeals about five years 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think he's representing on 8 ago. 9 behalf of his client, not testifying. I mean we talked TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. It's always good to have. 10 about this yesterday. It's their application and they've 10 All right. So with that --11 signed their application and --CATHY BORTEN: Yes. So on behalf of Cellco BILL CHEN: I'm with you. 12 Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless we close our 12 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 13 case in chief however reserve the opportunity for rebuttal 14 BILL CHEN: They need a witness. 14 in accordance with the rules of procedure, and also with TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You need a witness for --15 the understanding that I think we all agree that we would 15 BILL CHEN: Factual information. That's factual 16 be moving in the exhibits at the close of both parties' 17 information. Yes, ma'am. 17 cases. 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Response? 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Correct. And also, you know, I THOMAS BARNARD: I think that the question of whether 19 wanted to discuss this with you all because everything is 20 or not our position in this hearing -- what our position is 20 so fresh and I know you can do closing arguments now or you 21 in this hearing is not a question of fact. The question is 21 can wait until we meet again. I frankly would prefer that 22 our position in this hearing as co-applicant to the amended 22 you do closing arguments on what we have done so far and 23 application as filed by Verizon and I do not believe that 23 you can -- we can amend it at the very end, at the next 24 requires a fact witness because it's simply stating our 24 hearing when you have your one witness. 25 position on the record of whether or not it is in fact our THOMAS BARNARD: East Gate, with regard to closing we 357 1 -- that we have adopted their amended application and that 1 also consent to closing our case in chief with the 2 is East Gate's position. exception of the ability to -- the issue raised by the BILL CHEN: It's factual information and there's even Commissioner this morning, any supplement that we may need to file to address that issue. 4 cases on it. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well, then why don't we do | 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Commissioner? this. You can send me those cases and --BILL CHEN: Hearing Examiner. Bill Chen: Okay. (inaudible) after today, yeah. 7 THOMAS BARNARD: Hearing Examiner, sorry. Right. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- and I'll hold on my ruling 8 Hearing Examiner. 9 until you send me those cases. It's --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Mr. Chen. THOMAS BARNARD: I'll just, I'll also note for the BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner, I suggest that -- at some 11 Hearing Examiner's reference, the lease requires, and it 11 point today I assume we're going to open our calendars and 12 references amended plans. And that the -- there's a time 12 look at possible hearing dates. 13 limit on when the party may, specifically East Gate, may TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes, we are. I'm getting those 14 object to any amended plans. And just as a reference to 14 dates so that we can set it at the end of the hearing. 15 that, that lease is, I understand, already in the record BILL CHEN: Okay. May I suggest then that maybe 16 and there's been no objections stated and it does say that 16 closing arguments and exhibits that we maybe wait until the 17 end of the day on that issue? 17 any amended plans, without a noted objection, are adopted 18 as part of the application. So there is no objection also. 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. 19 So that's another way to view the same coin. 19 BILL CHEN: And see where we are. BILL CHEN: Again, I object and move to strike. 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, we are going to wait until the 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know. 22 22 CATHY BORTEN: We have no objection to doing closing BILL CHEN: This is factual information and quite --23 23 today if that's your preference. We're prepared to do TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to --24 BILL CHEN: -- as I understand the lease, by the way, 24 that.

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. The other thing, I think I

25 you can't turn that on my client as an obligation.

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- 1 mentioned too -- I did mention to you last night, it was a
- 2 long night, about an interpreter. That is not going to
- 3 happen today I just found that out, the Director was not
- 4 able to obtain services because it really -- the request
- 5 came in, maybe, 24 hours via email from somebody just
- 6 saying three people wanted it. So this is, because we
- 7 could not obtain an interpreter -- and they've been advised
- 8 so that there won't be an interpreter here so we won't be
- 9 doing -- stopping at 10:00 for that. But the other option
- 10 was that when we meet for the next time we would allow
- 11 those three, if they are so inclined to give testimony have
- 12 an interpreter. That way we have plenty of time to set up
- 13 the interpreter. So it was just -- it's -- okay. I'm
- 14 going to have -- hold on one second. Can you ask them to
- 15 shut the door or something. So that won't be happening and
- 16 I also have been advised that there are schoolchildren that
- 17 would like to come and testify, but they don't get out
- 18 until 2:30 so they'll be here after 3:00. I suspect we'll
- 19 still be here at 3:00, but I just want to make sure that if
- 20 we end before 3:00, we're not going to end before 3:00,
- 21 because they are going to come over. And let me just
- 22 double check. We'll get hearing dates. For the audience,
- 23 we will -- my goal is to take a lunch break between 12:30
- 24 and 1:30. Of course we might adjust that depending on
- 25 where we are in testimony. A cafeteria is downstairs,
- 1 first floor to the right out of the elevator. Bathrooms
- 2 are one up here, and there's one every floor so. I didn't
- 3 announce that yesterday but you all did great. Again, you
- 4 will get your opportunity to give testimony at the
- 5 appropriate time. Please turn off all your cell phones and
- 6 no outbursts because I don't take any testimony from the
- audience. You can only give testimony in the witness
- stand. And with that, Mr. Chen, are you ready to begin?
- BILL CHEN: Yeah. Yes, yes.
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 11 BILL CHEN: Just a --
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Call your first witness.
- BILL CHEN: Preliminarily, you've got your exhibit 13
- 14 list. There will be some exhibits that I'm going to be
- 15 referring to similar to Ms. Borten did yesterday, and to
- 16 give you a heads up on that, Madam Examiner, one will be
- 17 from Exhibit number 65 which was our initial prehearing
- 18 submission. That was followed by an additional prehearing
- 19 submission in December which is Exhibit 72.
- 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Seventy-two or 76?
- BILL CHEN: Seventy-two. Well, goodness, I've got --
- 22 oh, I apologize, it is 76. And there was then the most
- 23 recent one that was filed relative to the amended
- 24 application, and that is Exhibit 191.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Correct. I have those. Okay.

- BILL CHEN: Okay. My first witness will then be
- Terrence MacPhearson.
- BILL CHEN: Okay.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ready Mr. MacPhearson?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. Just (inaudible). Yes,
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I need you to raise your right
- hand. Do you promise to tell the whole truth, in this --
- in giving your testimony under the penalty of perjury?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I do.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: State your full name and your
- 12 address and wait for Mr.-- no, the other way -- Chen's
- 13 questions.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: My full name is Terrence
- 15 William MacPhearson; and my address is 7360 Guilford Drive,
- 16 Suite 200, Frederick, Maryland.
- 17 BILL CHEN: Mr. MacPhearson, what is your occupation?
- 18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I'm a real estate appraiser.
- 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You need to stand closer to a mic,
- 20 Mr. Chen.
- 21 MALE VOICE: (inaudible) closer to Mr. MacPhearson, I
- 22 have another microphone.
- 23 BILL CHEN: Okay. Did you get the question?
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Just repeat it.
- 25 BILL CHEN: What is your occupation, sir?

- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I may real estate appraiser and
- 2 consultant.

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- BILL CHEN: Showing you, excuse me, 191(g), can you
- identify that?
- 5 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's my resume.
- BILL CHEN: Mr. MacPhearson, in addition to the
- information supplied on your resume have you been qualified
- as an expert witness in the area of land appraisals?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.
- BILL CHEN: And can you briefly in a summary fashion,
- 11 identify the jurisdictions, courts, boards, that have
- 12 recognized you as an expert witness?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. Circuit courts in
- 14 Frederick, Carroll, Washington Counties, Garrett Counties,
- 15 Federal Bankruptcy Court in Greenbelt and then various
- 16 administrative boards; state tax court.
- BILL CHEN: How long have you been doing this? 17
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Over 35 -- or about 35 years. 18
- BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner, I would request that Mr.
- 20 MacPhearson, examined by Counsel for the applicant, and Mr.
- 21 Barnard and thereafter be accepted as an expert witness as
- 22 a real estate appraiser.
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Real estate appraiser?
- 24 BILL CHEN: Yeah.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Any voir dire?

366 GREG DIAMOND: No voir dire. confronting properties at Snug Hill. Is that correct? Is THOMAS BARNARD: None. that your testimony? 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. You're (inaudible) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. qualified. What I'm hearing him say is what he collected to make his -BILL CHEN: Okay. Thank you. Mr. MacPhearson, what - to reach a decision he -was your assignment with regard to the application of GREG DIAMOND: But there's no --Verizon Wireless and the East Gate Recreation Association TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Part of his -relative to the telecommunications tower at the East Gate 8 GREG DIAMOND: Is this data that none of us have seen? subdivision? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's a good question. 10 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It was to estimate whether 10 GREG DIAMOND: That's what I'm trying to understand. 11 there were any damages to the neighborhood or confronting 11 Is he testifying about Potomac Crest data --12 properties as a result of the proposed conditional use. 12 BILL CHEN: Well, he --13 BILL CHEN: What did you do? GREG DIAMOND: -- which --13 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: First of all, I prepared a BILL CHEN: He will be testifying about Potomac Crest. 15 diminution in value study. And that looks at the impact of 15 It has been disclosed that he will be giving a verbal 16 the value, or the impact of the proposed use on the 16 report and he's entitled in giving a verbal report to 17 surrounding properties. 17 identify the basis for his report. GREG DIAMOND: Objection. Now I'm confused. There 18 18 GREG DIAMOND: And --19 was no study submitted and what are we referring to? 19 BILL CHEN: That's all that's going on. 20 There's no documented evidence? 20 GREG DIAMOND: And so none of us have seen any of this 21 BILL CHEN: There was one document submitted and the 21 data, and he's going to -- I'm just trying -- okay. I'm 22 information (inaudible) a verbal report. 22 thoroughly confused but I guess I'll withdraw my objection. 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, no. I don't want you to, you GREG DIAMOND: What exhibit is that? 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It was in the prehearing 24 don't need to withdraw your objection. It will be noted 25 statement. 25 and you can cross examine him and raise it at the end if 365 367 BILL CHEN: One ninety-one H. you're not satisfied and I'll address it at that point. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It was in the prehearing statement But I'm going to let him proceed, but it will be noted and and it said it was -you can renew it. GREG DIAMOND: And identified as the report of this THOMAS BARNARD: Madam Hearing Examiner, East Gate 5 also objects to his reliance to any data, reports, things, expert witness? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- that he was going to give a facts, that he considered that have not been disclosed prehearing as proper and (inaudible) verbal report. 8 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So noted. Mr. Chen. GREG DIAMOND: Okay. Okay. BILL CHEN: You can continue. 9 BILL CHEN: Go ahead. You can continue with your 10 information. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: So I prepared a verbal 11 appraisal report, or a market study report of the TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. As part of my analysis I 12 diminution in potential value of confronting and adjoining 12 considered the location of the cellular tower. It's going 13 properties. As part of this process I investigated and 13 to be, as has been testified to, it's going to be sited on 14 analyzed sales data. I prepared questionnaires. I've 14 a swim and tennis club facility at the entrance to the 15 questionnaire to an interview listing and sales agents in 15 subdivision. And it's also important to note that the 16 the market and I also, excuse me, considered the various 16 subject property is part of a subdivision that is in close 17 articles that are published by appraisal organizations as 17 proximity to Bethesda and it's a very valuable, or a very 18 pertaining to the impact of cellular towers. 18 highly sought after location due to the proximity to BILL CHEN: Cell (inaudible) 19 Bethesda and the public schools and private schools in the 20 Potomac area. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Towers on the value of 20 21 properties. BILL CHEN: Let me interrupt you just for one 22 question. When you say you were considering the proposed GREG DIAMOND: Objection. So now I am really confused

23 conditional use, you were supplied information relative to

24 the pending conditional use application; the amended

25 application that was filed at the end of June of this

23 because I understand that documentation was submitted about

24 some place called Potomac Crest and the witness is

25 testifying about data that he has about adjoining and

370 summer. Is that correct? he's about -- where he's about to go is to identify what he TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That is correct. BILL CHEN: Okay. So when you're referring to the TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. And is there any intent to conditional use, that is the proposal that you are produce any documentation? referencing? BILL CHEN: Orally, yes. You know, he'll --TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Nothing -- and how are they supposed to have -- I mean what is -- if the shoe was on BILL CHEN: Thank you. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. And it's also important, the other foot how would --I think, what I considered in my analysis was the income BILL CHEN: There's no requirement that we pre-file a 10 level of residents within a five-mile radius of the subject 10 written report. There is an obligation to supply a summary 11 property; or the proposed conditional use. The average 11 of opinions, which we have done. We've complied, I 12 household income is \$221,555, and that becomes significant 12 believe, with the rules. 13 because income permits mobility. In other words, with an 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I believe it also says that you 14 income that can, or a buyer that can qualify to purchase a 14 need to submit reports that you intend to introduce. 15 property, they can either buy in East Gate, or they can go BILL CHEN: Well, it talks about reports but there's 16 somewhere else. And it's important because that impacts 16 nothing requiring a written report. Now, if the Examiner 17 the proposed conditional use. People that have higher 17 wants the data we can photocopy it and give it to Counsel, 18 income levels have more options. They don't have to 18 but there is no requirement that --19 purchase in East Gate. So that was another consideration TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, I understand you can make a 20 that I gave in my analysis. 20 verbal report but at the same time I think in all fairness BILL CHEN: Okay. And you're finding this? Now, let 21 they are entitled to have the time to review that 22 me back up for a minute. You ran queries that you have 22 information. 23 undertaken to assemble data and information that you've 23 BILL CHEN: Well --24 identified. That's been an ongoing activity by you since 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So they obviously can't do it now. 25 you received the amended application. Is that correct? 25 You have to go based on the information that they provide 369 371 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. and that might require additional time for them to --2 BILL CHEN: I don't -- we don't have a problem with BILL CHEN: Okay. Fine. 2 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. We -- what data? I have no 3 that. idea what we're talking about. This is invisible data. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (inaudible) that's the only way to 4 5 BILL CHEN: He's identifying it. cure that at this point because they are allowed to make a THOMAS BARNARD: It's leading as well. verbal report but I agree that in terms of fairness you TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. Yes. Direct don't really have anything to go against other than his questions. I know it's -- I want to hear his answers. testimony which I'm sure you all will be perfectly fine in (inaudible) But the -- do you want him to further talk doing that but I think you are entitled to have additional 10 about that? 10 information. 11 BILL CHEN: Well, I thought he had but please --GREG DIAMOND: Yes, but the only thing I would note 12 for the record and that's under Rule 3.4 of the rules that 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The data. What are you referring 13 to? 13 we're operating under is that the opposition was required TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yeah. I'm going to discuss 14 14 under 3.4(b) to submit copies of all reports intended to be 15 that later. You want me to just summarize it? 15 introduced at the hearing. Well, it's very clear that this BILL CHEN: That's where he was --16 witness has a report because this kind of data can't he 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's where he was going? 17 just remembered for hundreds or dozens of properties, or 18 BILL CHEN: That's where I thought he was about to go. 18 whatever he has. So he actually had a report, but he's 19 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yeah. 19 kept it a secret, and there was an obligation to provide 20 GREG DIAMOND: There's no documentation of the data. 20 copies of all reports. 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Do you have any --BILL CHEN: There is no written report; there is no 21 22 obligation to have a written report. BILL CHEN: This is a verbal report. It's based upon GREG DIAMOND: Well then, is it fair then that the 23 his ongoing, and I apologize for leading on the one 24 question, but it's based upon information that he has 24 applicant -- that the witness not have any data in front of 25 gathered since the filing of the amended application. And 25 him if it's only going to be an oral report? I mean he's

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1 got a file in front of him which is his report that he's

- 2 working from that none of us have seen. If it's only going
- 3 to be oral, then he doesn't need a file apparently.
- BILL CHEN: Well he can have a file. Any witness,
- 5 including an expert can have documents in front of them to
- assist them.
- GREG DIAMOND: So he has his report.
- 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, you can certainly ask to see
- 9 his report when you cross examine him.
- THOMAS BARNARD: Okay. East Gate (inaudible) I would
- 11 request copies of any documents the -- copies of any
- 12 documents the witness brought to the stand with him that
- 13 those be copied and provided to counsel for review prior to
- 14 having to -- prior to closing our ability to deal with this
- 15 issue.
- BILL CHEN: We don't have a problem with that.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: There's no problem with that? 17
- 18 BILL CHEN: Yes.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. All right. So let him give
- 20 his verbal report and you all will get your information and
- 21 if you need more time we'll give it to you. Okay. So why
- 22 don't you continue.
- 23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. So as part of my
- 24 analysis as an appraiser there are different techniques of
- 25 data analysis that one can use. And they include a pair or

- GREG DIAMOND: I withdraw. I apologize.
- 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I think you have that in
- front of you. I think.
- GREG DIAMOND: I do.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You do. It's on his resume.
- Sorry, Mr. Chen, go ahead.
 - TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: So the object of this analysis
- 8 was to try to isolate the impact of the proximity and
- exposure to the co-located cell towers but also there is
- 10 the right-of-way for the overhead high tension wires. And
- 11 if you look at the bottom of the sheet, the average sale
- 12 price per square foot for Group 1 which are those that are
- 13 located next to the right of way, they sold at \$264 a
- 14 square foot. I did an analysis excluding payments of
- 15 closing costs and things of that nature. And that resulted
- 16 in a price per square foot of \$263.90 a square foot. And
- 17 the --

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- 18 BILL CHEN: And you're using the exact Exhibit 191(a)
- 19 as you're reading right there. Is that correct?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. 20
- 21 BILL CHEN: Okay. Go ahead.
- 22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And the bottom line is that
- 23 there was a difference, the properties in Group 1 which
- 24 adjoined the overhead power line and the co-located
- 25 antennas sold for about $11\frac{1}{4}$ to $11\frac{1}{2}$ percent less. Also

1 -- I did a data grouping analysis, I did paired analysis,

- 2 and interviews with stakeholders in the marketplace. And I
- 3 used all three to come up with my opinion of value. I
- 4 think it's Exhibit number 191(h) is an analysis that I
- 5 prepared on Potomac Crest which was also used, I believe,
- 6 by the applicant's (inaudible) or expert. And in that
- 7 analysis I looked at sales. Well, first of all Potomac
- 8 Crest is -- a part of it adjoins a Pepco right-of-way that
- 9 has poles with co-located cellular towers on it. And what
- 10 I analyzed was sales of properties that adjoined that
- 11 right-of-way, and were exposed to it and they were
- 12 identified as Group 1. And then in Group 2 there were the
- 13 sales that were not exposed to that influence. And below
- 14 the exhibit there's a map identifying where the sales in
- 15 Group 1 are, which is --
- 16 GREG DIAMOND: Wait a second. Now there's groups and 17 maps?
- 18 BILL CHEN: It's on the map.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's on my exhibit.
- GREG DIAMOND: Oh, Potomac Crest. I'm sorry. I
- 21 thought we were talking Snug Hill. I apologize. I lost
- 22 the train.
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Everybody pay attention.
- 24 GREG DIAMOND: Potomac Crest.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let him finish.

- analyze the sales are based on just a lump sum, in other
- words what the property sold for. But that's not as
- reliable because you need a unit of comparison similar to
- what the expert for the applicant used, and that was a
- 5 price per square foot of gross living area. But if you
- look at it on a price per square foot of just the lump sum
- sale price it's still less. It's less than 5 percent, but
- 8 there still is a diminution or a negative impact on value.
- BILL CHEN: What was, based upon this information and
- 10 the information reflected in Exhibit 191, what were your --
- 11 191(h) what were your opinions?
- TERRANCE MACPHEARSON: My opinion was that the cell
- 13 tower can result in a diminution or a damage to adjoining
- 14 and confronting properties in neighborhoods.
- GREG DIAMOND: Objection. This was to -- and the
- 16 objection is that an opinion has just been given about a
- 17 cell tower, although the Potomac Crest study was done of
- 18 power lines.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You want to clarify that? 19
- 20 BILL CHEN: Sure. No problem.
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I agree. I was wondering how a
- 22 cell tower jumped in there.
- BILL CHEN: Now, in your analysis of Potomac Crest you
- 24 are indicating that there is both the transmission power
- 25 lines and the cell towers, correct?

378 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Correct. And I'm not -- and TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Perfect areas of cross-2 within that diminution in value that 11 percent there is examination. Go ahead Mr. Chen. 3 certainly some attributed to the overhead power lines, but 3 BILL CHEN: Okay. You were about --4 there is also some attributed to, based upon information TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Keep them direct questions. 5 that I'm going to submit and testify to later on, that BILL CHEN: You were going to move on, I think, before 6 there was a diminution in value attributed to the cothe interruption to the other data and the conclusions that located -you were able to draw based upon this field study shown on Exhibit 191(h). BILL CHEN: Are you able to distinguish out to any TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Right. Well, that was one 9 extent any different impact vis-à-vis the power lines and 10 the cell phone towers? 10 indication that there is a diminution in value of 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 11 residential properties that are exposed to, in this case, 12 not only to poles that support high tension wires with co-GREG DIAMOND: But there -- so -- objection. So the 13 phrase cell phone tower is being used and power line but I 13 located antennas. So there is a diminution. I couldn't 14 don't think there's been any foundation laid that there are 14 allocate a diminution in this case but it led me to believe 15 two different structures at this one location. 15 that there may be, as I developed my report, that there BILL CHEN: I think this goes to weight. 16 could be diminution in value. So I went to East Gate and TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. No, I heard what he said. 17 looked at the sales in that subdivision which is probably 18 I know what he said and I don't -- he -- you have said when 18 more relevant because it's right in where the cell tower is 19 you talk about the cell tower, just clarify that because I 19 going to be constructed. 20 feel like we are crossing lines in terms of, he started off BILL CHEN: Okay. And what did you find when you 20 21 looked at East Gate? 21 with the power lines and then he attributed it to co-22 22 located, and then it dropped off from there. So --TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Well there were, first of all, BILL CHEN: Well, Mr. MacPhearson, you've heard the 23 I -- given the lack of significant data. I questioned and 24 Examiner's concern about the distinction. Okay. Can you 24 interviewed listing agents and sales agents in the -- that 25 respond to that? 25 had property in East Gate. And the listing agent at 10215 377 379 Gainsborough Road indicated that she had had a seller, a TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Certainly. The -- what I was 2 trying to prove is: one, whether there is a damage caused potential seller, or broker, call her about inspecting the 3 by cell towers on residential properties in the Potomac property. The agent was from Silver Spring, and she 4 area. There's not a lot of locations where one can do indicated that the --5 that. So I started with Potomac Crest because there was 5 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. Hearsay. 6 sufficient data and there is a diminution in value. Is it BILL CHEN: But you -- it -- two points. An expert 7 -- does it include other things than a cell tower? Yes. can rely upon hearsay and number two, we're in an 8 It includes I think also the -- there's a high tension wire administrative proceeding that allows hearsay. 9 in there. There's and (inaudible) but what it --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I agree with you there. Does he TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is there a cell tower at that 10 10 have any identification more than a person? 11 location? BILL CHEN: He --TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. They are co-located on 12 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And qualify --13 the power line. On the poles. 13 BILL CHEN: We can go there. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. See I didn't hear that. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I mean to qualify who he's talking 14 15 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 15 about and the basis for the information he --GREG DIAMOND: Well, so now we have a definitional BILL CHEN: We can do that. 17 problem. There -- what -- there is a high-power line pole. 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Make it a little more than he went 18 That's not a cell tower. That's a high-power line --18 to this agent, this agent, and this agent and they had a TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And that is also something --19 problem. 20 GREG DIAMOND: -- that he's calling a cell tower. BILL CHEN: Okay. In accordance with the Hearing TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. That is certainly something 21 Examiner's request, when you provide information identify 22 that you can cross examine him on and I -- it's just me, I 22 who you spoke with and give all, as much detailed 23 know I will make the distinction as well. Let's let him --23 information as possible. GREG DIAMOND: I'll withdraw the objection and save it 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: What I --

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BILL CHEN: If there was a reticence to disclose

25 for cross-examination.

382 identities before, take it away. Identify everybody. \$1,024,000. Ms. Taher indicated that if the cell tower was TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. In order to prepare the constructed -survey or to interview the market stakeholders that I felt GREG DIAMOND: Objection. It's -- I'm sorry is Ms. relevant, I researched on MRIS which is the multiple list Taher a -service, listing agents that had properties in proximity to TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Taher, T-A-H-E-R --5 the proposed cell tower. I printed out a list of 6 GREG DIAMOND: A home owner or a real estate agent? properties that had been listed, withdrawn, and were BILL CHEN: A real estate agent. active. And from that list I obtained the name and phone 8 FEMALE VOICE: She's a real estate agent. number of the listing agents. Then I called them and TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: A real estate agent. 10 answered -- asked them a series of questions based on a 10 GREG DIAMOND: A real estate agent. Okay. 11 questionnaire. I did not disclose what side I represented 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. And she indicated that if 12 or who hired me. Rather I told them I was doing this for 12 the property was listed after the cell tower was 13 analysis purposes and then I asked a series of questions. 13 constructed the owner could expect a price, or a sales 14 I think there were eight. And I got responses from that. 14 price of less than \$1 million. So those are some of the 15 And I was just highlighting some of the individuals that I 15 agents I talked to. I did talk to one individual that I 16 spoke to. 16 think I have listed in here. I don't want to give their 17 BILL CHEN: Do you have that data with you? 17 name, but --18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. Most of it I do. 18 BILL CHEN: But (inaudible) work. 19 BILL CHEN: Okay. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. There was a disclosure TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 20 20 issue I think that wouldn't --21 BILL CHEN: Now here's what I'm going to ask you to do 21 BILL CHEN: Okay. Then don't rely upon it. 22 okay. When you go to that data as the Examiner has 22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yeah, and I didn't rely upon 23 mentioned you should disclose who you spoke with, the date 23 it. 24 you spoke with, the exchange that you had and to the extent 24 BILL CHEN: Fine. Thank you. Okay. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: So the next step, once I had 25 that you have notes on it, or that form we will supply it. 25 381 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. The -- Lauren Hatton was conducted the interviews and also considering the data that the agent, listing agent at 10215 Gainsborough Road, and I extracted from Potomac Crest, that led me to believe that I'm going to have to find it later, but I can get the there was probably, and most likely a diminution in value information. of confronting properties at least, and maybe other 5 BILL CHEN: You've got it? We can get it today? properties in the neighborhood, or in the subdivision. So TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. I can get it today. It's my next step was to analyze the sales of properties that not in the file here, it's at my office, but I can get it. had sold after the date of the announcement of the cell BILL CHEN: Okay. tower, which would reflect the impact of the proposed cell TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And so she is the one that tower on price. And I compared that with two sales of 10 explained about the impact of the announcement that the 10 properties that had sold prior to the announcement. And 11 cell tower was proposed. Then Beverly Graham was the agent 11 this is called a paired data analysis. You adjust the 12 I talked to at 10275 Gainsborough Drive. She had a 12 property so they are similar except for the one item that 13 listing, or listed that property back on October 16, 2016 13 you are trying to isolate, which in this case is the impact 14 shortly after the notice came out about the cell tower. 14 of the cell tower. 15 She originally listed it for \$895,000. She's lowered the BILL CHEN: Now before you go any further, okay. I'm 16 price I think two or three times and it's currently listed 16 going to want you to identify by address the properties 17 at \$815,000. And I spoke with her recently and she said 17 that you are talking about, dates, numbers. 18 that they were going to have to drop the price down into TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. The first property that 19 the \$700,000 range to sell the property. I also spoke to 19 sold after the announcement was 8307 Snug Hill Lane. And 20 the listing agent and also the owner at 8201 Snug Hill Lane 20 it's interesting. The property was previously listed for 21 ---21 \$1 million 2, and it was withdrawn from the market and then 22 BILL CHEN: Identities? 22 relisted. And I spoke to the listing agent named, I'm TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: He's here in the audience, and 23 getting it; so much data. It's here. His name was Kris,

24 C- or its K-R-I-S, Paolini, P-A-O-L-I-N-I; and he indicated

25 that the -- during the time that he had the property listed

24 the listing agent was Jenna Taher or Taheri (phonetic), and

that listing expired. It was originally listed for

386 information came out about the tower. He had an --1 was a diminution. The sources that I used were the article received an offer that was not acceptable. The owner that I mentioned that -- it's from an appraisal journal 3 subsequently took the property off the market and then it article. And then after that I used an analysis of Potomac 4 was relisted. And the relisting and the sale was what I Crest. The weakness of that analysis was that there were used as a property that was exposed, or reflected the other things within the diminution value that I extracted impact of the cell tower. other than the co-located towers, but it nonetheless BILL CHEN: And what was that? indicated a diminution. And then the subject subdivision TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And that was at 8307 Snug Hill where I interviewed listing agents and agents that had sold Lane and that sold for \$1,038,000 in July of 2017. Then properties. And then finally I used a paired data analysis 10 there were two other properties which I considered that 10 where I compared the sale of the property that had sold 11 transferred prior to the announcement and the exposure. 11 after the announcement of the pending cell tower BILL CHEN: Identify them please. 12 conditional use, and then two sales prior to that. And 12 13 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. The first one is 8320 13 that analysis also indicated there would be a diminution in 14 Snug Hill Lane which is just around the corner at the end 14 value. 15 of the cul-de-sac, and that sold in June of 2016 for 15 BILL CHEN: Are these approaches unusual in attempting 16 \$1,200,000. And then there is a lot of data that was 16 to ascertain an impact on diminution as to value? 17 available. But then I used a sale at 10240 Democracy Lane. 17 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. They're standard 18 That was one -- a semi detached house. These are -- the 18 approaches that are used by all appraisers. 19 two previous ones are detached houses. And that sold for 19 BILL CHEN: You've used them before? 20 \$921 -- \$925,000. If you adjust all the sales, the two 20 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 21 sales at Snug Hill Lane, 8320 Snug Hill Lane, and 10240 21 BILL CHEN: Okay. Now based upon these approaches 22 Democracy Lane, if you adjust those so they are similar to 22 that you utilized in this case, were you able to reach any 23 the sale which sold under the influence of the cell tower, 23 opinions about the value and the impact of the value by the 24 except for the announcement of the cell tower that was 24 conditional use? 25 coming; that indicated that there was a diminution in value 25 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. It's my opinion that the 385 387 1 and of about 10 percent; approximately 10 percent. And conditional use will result in the diminution in value, or with that data analysis it's my opinion that the -economic value of the properties confronting; and also GREG DIAMOND: This is all -extending back into portions of the subdivision. And I BILL CHEN: Excuse me. There is no question pending. need to explain a little bit of that. Now, just in summary form --BILL CHEN: Well, my next (inaudible) is to please explain the backup to that opinion. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (Inaudible) TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. In my survey, which BILL CHEN: -- just for the benefit of the Examiner 8 and Counsel -every appraiser is supposed to do, you talk to participants TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. in the marketplace, buyers, sellers, agents. I was BILL CHEN: What were the three, just summarize, you 10 impressed by several individuals that indicated that the 11 don't -- you've already given us the testimony but just 11 houses in East Gate were built in the early '70s and there 12 summarize the three different steps that you took to reach 12 are many residents that are still living there. There are 13 the ultimate position where we're going to go to in a 13 some, but it's also popular for young families that are 14 moving in. And so the young families typically like 14 moment about opinion. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. 15 recreational amenities. They like some type of a swim club 15 BILL CHEN: But just identify, right, what you did in 16 or a tennis court, things of that nature. And one of the 17 summary form. 17 agents that I interviewed said that --18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. 18 BILL CHEN: Can you identify please? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. It was Jenna Taheri. She BILL CHEN: You don't have to go through all the sales 20 again and whatnot. Just identify the three different 20 indicated that it -- I think it was. She indicated that 21 disciplines or methodologies that you used. 21 some of her clients when she shows them properties, they 22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And the reason I use different 22 have electromagnetic devices and they get out of the car 23 approaches just as a check to see if I had the same 23 and they scan in the area of where the properties are 24 results. And so -- and it did indicate -- every 24 located. And she said, and even if, the, you know, there 25 methodology and approach that I use indicated that there 25 is no detectable electromagnetic field; if there are cell

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- towers or things of that nature many times they'll either
- 2 walk away or -- what -- and this is my interpretation, they
- would ask for a price reduction to cover their objection.
- BILL CHEN: But you're not expressing any opinion
- 5 about cell phone towers or anything like that? You're just
- 6 reporting what the market is?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Right. And my opinion isn't
- drawn not based on my opinion, it's not how I feel, how it
- 9 would reflect or affect me, it's based on the market. And
- 10 again it's important to note that this market is -- it's a
- 11 high income level, highly educated market. And again,
- 12 income creates mobility. If they don't buy here they'll
- 13 buy somewhere else. And to entice them to buy at this
- 14 location I feel there would have to be some type of price
- 15 reduction.
- BILL CHEN: Did you have any other opinions based upon
- 17 your research and the approaches that you took?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No.
- 19 BILL CHEN: Thank you. Okay. I have no further 20 questions.
- 21 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I had some conclusions.
- 22 GREG DIAMOND: Well, there's no question pending.
- 23 BILL CHEN: I just asked him --
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let him ask the question.
- 25 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay.
 - BILL CHEN: Other than the opinions that you've
- 2 expressed so far were there any other conclusions that you
- 3 were able to draw based upon the research of the three
- 4 approaches?
- 5 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. The location of the
- 6 proposed conditional use on the recreational facility
- 7 creates a very unique situation to the subject. And
- 8 because is located within, I think one of the experts said,
- 9 42 feet from the entrance to the swim club and the tennis
- 10 court; so an individual that is wary of, or does not want
- 11 to be close to a --
- 12 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. This is way beyond the
- 13 scope of a real estate appraiser as to the mindset of
- 14 people who like to go swimming.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I agree. You want to clarify 16 that? I mean --
- 17 BILL CHEN: Well, yeah --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think this is what they might 18
- 19 feel is what I'm hearing.
- BILL CHEN: Well, what I heard was he was trying to
- 21 separate it and he was, I thought, being candid saying
- 22 these are not my personal feelings. He's reporting the
- 23 market and I believe that a real estate appraiser he's well
- 24 within the basis of an opinion and even observations, what
- 25 the market reflects. And I understand this is what this

- 1 gentleman is doing right now. Now, there's another way, I
- guess I can approach it and just say --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Why don't we try that.
- BILL CHEN: Based upon your experience in determining
- values of real estate do you have an opinion as to whether
- or not a recreational facility with a cell phone tower will
- have any implication for value?
- GREG DIAMOND: Objection.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to allow it and give it
- 10 the weight I think it deserves. Go ahead.
- BILL CHEN: And now right now my question is, do you
- 12 have an opinion. It's a yes or no.
- 13 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. Now, I want you to give the
- 15 Examiner your opinion and please, in your opinion, fully
- 16 explain to her the basis for that opinion.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. I just think it's
- 18 another layer of potential problem with a segment of the
- 19 marketplace. Not only does the tower face -- will confront
- 20 five properties if someone -- and I think it's relevant
- 21 because the typical buyer here is probably going to be a
- 22 young family. And if the young family member -- if there's
- 23 a young family looking to buy the property and they want to
- 24 use the swimming pool and the cell tower is there and in
- 25 such close proximity, certainly it's not going to be for
- 389 every recreational facility; but in this case it's 42 feet
 - from the entrance and if the segment of the market that we
 - have is a young family and a lot of those are concerned
 - with it, then yes, it would have an effect.
 - BILL CHEN: That's your opinion?
 - TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.
 - BILL CHEN: It's based upon your research and your
 - 8 years of experience?
 - TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 9
 - 10 BILL CHEN: I have no further questions.
 - 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Cross?
 - 12 GREG DIAMOND: You have qualified today as an expert
 - 13 as an appraiser. Isn't that correct?
 - 14 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct.
 - GREG DIAMOND: And tell me what an appraiser does with
 - 16 regard -- let's say to an individual home. How do you do
 - 17 an appraisal?
 - TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Use comparable sales to
 - 19 analyze, to indicate the value.
 - 20 GREG DIAMOND: Do you go inside the home?
 - 21 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: The subject property?
 - 22 GREG DIAMOND: Sure. A specific property that you're
 - 23 going to do an appraisal of --
 - 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.
 - 25 GREG DIAMOND: -- tell me the things that you would

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Conducted on September 27, 2017 394 normally do with your 35 years of experience. cellular tower with a fenced equipment area and a TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Well, it depends on what context you're asking. If it's an appraisal on an GREG DIAMOND: Okay. And so is that going to be a individual property, yes. If it's preparation of a bare pole where everyone can see the pole and the antennas? diminution in market value study, no. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's going to be camouflaged. GREG DIAMOND: So if I understand correctly, you GREG DIAMOND: Oh, so it's a camouflaged and so what's it going to look like? What's your understanding of what didn't actually do individual appraisals of any of the 8 homes that you've discussed here today. it's going to look like? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. Well, excuse me. I -- the TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's designed to look like an 10 paired data analysis does adjust the comparable sales so in 10 evergreen tree. 11 that sense I estimated the value of these properties to GREG DIAMOND: Okay. Did you do any studies of the 12 extract my opinion of whether there was a diminution in 12 other, we're going to call -- can we call this a tree 13 value. 13 monopole just so that we can both --GREG DIAMOND: Just for clarification. So you were 14 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Sure. 15 referring to the Potomac Crest paired --15 GREG DIAMOND: -- have the same -- did you do any TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 16 studies of other tree monopoles in Potomac, Maryland? 17 GREG DIAMOND: No? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No, because there were no 18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No that -- the Potomac Crest 18 situations similar to that and that's why you have to use 19 was not a paired data analysis. That's a --19 the data that's available rather than to make a GREG DIAMOND: That's just a collection of data. 20 guesstimate. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's a group data analysis, 21 21 GREG DIAMOND: So you --22 22 correct? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And you base the data on --23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's a group data analysis, 23 GREG DIAMOND: Sorry. 24 correct. 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: -- and I used the market data GREG DIAMOND: So let's refer to the -- for a moment 25 that was available. I used it independently and that's 393 395 1 to the Potomac Crest data. In essence what you did there 1 what I came up with. is you just collected public data, correct? 2 GREG DIAMOND: Your answer is there were no situations TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. similar to the present one, so does that mean that you GREG DIAMOND: And you did a market analysis of what undertook a study to determine whether the other tree 5 the public data told you? monopoles in Potomac, Maryland are similar -- such TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: But there was another similarly situated to the proposed pole at -- in this case? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: There is never an exact component. I also interviewed realtors and listing agents about the properties that adjoined the right-of-way. comparable and there is never an exact location. What I'm GREG DIAMOND: So in essence what you did was a market saying is that the proposed cellular tower, like your 10 analysis rather than an appraisal analysis? 10 expert found, there were only two situations, and I used TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. That's not true. It's, 11 the Potomac Crest which is most similar in terms of lot 12 maybe it's semantics. But in order to estimate the adverse 12 size and design. And based on that data I came up with an 13 indication. I also used two other approaches. In 13 impact of an item, an externality there are three different 14 ways you can do it. You can use the group data analysis, 14 situations where you don't have a lot of data that's why 15 excuse me, which is what I did and you can use the 15 you use a questionnaire. It's an accepted procedure and in 16 interview of stakeholders which is what I used, and you can 16 fact I just talked to an attorney that used it in a 17 use a paired data analysis which is what I did. And that's 17 condemnation case, so it's used. Paired data, same 18 how you find out where -- that's how you support an opinion

20 - of a group of properties; of confronting properties, 21 properties within East Gate.

19 as to whether there's a diminution in value of a property -

GREG DIAMOND: Tell me what is proposed to be

23 constructed under this conditional use? What's your

24 understanding of what is being constructed?

TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's going to be a monopole

18 situation. It's an acceptable appraisal technique and 19 that's what's done. 20 GREG DIAMOND: Let's talk about the Potomac Crest 21 paired data report. 22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No, that's not paired data. 23 That's the group data analysis. 24 GREG DIAMOND: Use the phrase again. 25 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: A group data analysis --

398 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. between the poles are high power lines that carry over --TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: -- where you group properties; current elsewhere in the power network? sales of properties according to groupings. In this case, TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. Group 1 adjoined the Potomac Pepco right-of-way and the co-GREG DIAMOND: And were you able to separate out the located towers. affect of the high-power lines from anything else that GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So you chose to do one might have been affecting price per square foot in that independent study, is that correct? And this is the data neighborhood? 8 from your own independent study? BILL CHEN: Objection. On direct examination he said TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I also did two other -that he was not able to distinguish between the 10 GREG DIAMOND: No. Just -- it's a yes or no. You 10 implications of the power lines and anything else. 11 choose to do this one study? 11 GREG DIAMOND: Why can't he answer that question? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: On Potomac Crest. 12 12 BILL CHEN: He did. 13 GREG DIAMOND: Where there was an existing structure 13 GREG DIAMOND: I'm sorry, you're not testifying. 14 rather than a theoretical structure. In theory you did a 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Overruled. 15 paired analysis at Snug Hill, but there's no tower there. 15 BILL CHEN: I'm objecting to, asked and answered. 16 There's just a concept of a tower. Isn't that correct? 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Overruled. He can repeat TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: But market is based upon 17 17 it. Yeah. 18 perception. 18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. I could not separate. 19 GREG DIAMOND: So let me ask you again. GREG DIAMOND: So at the site that you chose, Potomac 20 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yeah. 20 Crest, there are cellular antennas attached to a pre-GREG DIAMOND: Did you undertake only one study where 21 21 existing structure. Is that correct? 22 22 there are actual -- an actual structure exists today? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 23 23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. GREG DIAMOND: The cell company didn't build a 24 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. And that's the Potomac Crest 24 monopole, correct? 25 site? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Correct. 25 397 399 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Correct. GREG DIAMOND: Do you know when the antennas were GREG DIAMOND: Now, at the Potomac Crest site the attached to the pole? 2 structures that exist there are Pepco high power overhead 3 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I do not. power lines. Is that correct? GREG DIAMOND: Did you attempt to find out when the 5 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. antennas were attached to the pole? GREG DIAMOND: Now do Pepco overhead high-power power TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I did not. lines support structures have disguises or stealth like a GREG DIAMOND: Could you have done your same analysis 8 tree design? before the antennas were attached and then compared it to TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. after the antenna were attached to see if the same 11 10 percent difference happens because of the electric poles, GREG DIAMOND: So it's a bare pole? 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 11 not the cell antennas? GREG DIAMOND: And is it fair to say that there's TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Well, there's still a pole. I 12 13 multiple, like a long row of these poles, not just one 13 mean I think you're ignoring that fact. There is a pole 14 single one? 14 and on the pole there is co-located antennas and also the 15 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 15 overhead power lines. So if the antennas weren't there the GREG DIAMOND: In fact are -- they're usually in pairs 16 pole's still there which is what we have. 17 and run parallel don't they? 17 GREG DIAMOND: You're not saying a pole you've already TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: There are multiple poles, yes. 18 18 admitted there's many poles. 19 GREG DIAMOND: So how many poles were within the 19 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: But in the view site of the 20 neighborhood of -- that you were studying where people 20 houses it's typically one, maybe two. 21 could see -- from a home could they see 12 poles? 21 GREG DIAMOND: But these things are in pairs almost 22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 22 always aren't they? 23 GREG DIAMOND: No. How many? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Well, you were saying they were 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: One, maybe two at the most. 24 in rows. It depends. I mean it depends on the location.

GREG DIAMOND: Did you go -- did you actually go to

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GREG DIAMOND: And is it fair to say that strung

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this location?

- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I did.
- GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So you can tell us how many
- pairs of poles there were.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I can't tell you exactly how
- many pairs, but there weren't 12.
- GREG DIAMOND: Okay. Do you know how tall the Pepco
- 8 structure is?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: They're are around 150 feet.
- 10 They actually range from 90, to I think, 150 or in that
- 11 range.
- GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So at 150 feet the proposed 12
- 13 structure at the Snug Hill neighborhood would be about half
- 14 the size of the Pepco structure. Is that correct?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. That is located at the
- 16 entrance to the recreational facility.
- 17 GREG DIAMOND: And the Pepco structure has no
- 18 disguise. Is that correct?
- 19 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct.
- GREG DIAMOND: And at the Pepco structure -- does the 20
- 21 cell tower, is it going to have high power lines attached -
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- 23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No.
- 24 GREG DIAMOND: -- to the top?
- 25 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No.
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- GREG DIAMOND: Could you have undertaken a study
- 2 similar to the way you did at Potomac Crest at an existing
- 3 tree monopole structure in Potomac before and after it was
- 4 constructed to do a similar analysis of those that can see
- 5 the pole and those that can't to come up with an analysis
- 6 of whether the existence of a tree monopole affects the
- property values on the immediately confronting and
- adjoining properties?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I didn't find any of those
- 10 locations.
- GREG DIAMOND: So did you actually attempt to find
- 12 those locations in Montgomery County?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I attempted to find them in the 13 didn't know about that. But the reason Bethesda is not a
- 14 Potomac area. Again, it's important -- you can have a cell
- 15 tower next to a property, say along Beersmill (phonetic)
- 16 Boulevard or in any entry levels subdivisions. It will
- 17 have any impact. But when you move into Potomac and the
- 18 income levels and the levels of education it does impact
- 19 their decisions. So that's why I try to keep it in the
- 20 Potomac market.
- GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So there is a tree monopole at
- 22 the VFW site on MacArthur Boulevard in Potomac that has
- 23 existed for over 10 years. Wouldn't that have been a
- 24 perfect location to go in a -- right adjacent to a
- 25 residential neighborhood. Wouldn't that have been an

- 1 excellent location for you to do your study rather than
- 150-foot tall powerline poles?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I didn't consider it.
- GREG DIAMOND: There is a tree monopole at the Avenel
- Golf Course. Do you know where the Avenel Golf Course is
- in Potomac? And it's got a tree monopole. Actually were
- you unable to find these things because they're not
- noticeable?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No --
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Please. Please everybody.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. It's not only where
- 12 they're -- I mean it's not only that there's location. Is
- 13 it a location and proximity to a sufficient number of
- 14 houses and data to extract.
- GREG DIAMOND: Okay. How -- are you familiar with the
- 16 National Women's and Children's Center what's known -- on
- 17 Greentree Road in Bethesda, North Potomac?
- 18 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.
- GREG DIAMOND: And so there's a tree monopole on that
- 20 site isn't there?
- 21 FEMALE VOICE: Is there one in your backyard?
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 23 GREG DIAMOND: I live in that neighborhood, yeah.
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Everybody. No. Nothing from the
- 25 audience please. I know it's hard to do that but he's

- allowed to be up here to testify with no intimidation from
- the audience. Let the attorneys do their job please. Go
- ahead Mr. --
- GREG DIAMOND: So if there's a tree monopole that's
- existed at the National Women and Children's Center on
- Greentree Road North Bethesda, and it is completely
- surrounded by residential properties. Wouldn't that have
- been an excellent place for you to do your study of before
- and after the pole was constructed and the affect on those
- 10 who could see the pole and those who can't in terms of a
- 11 difference in property value?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: The reason I didn't -- I mean I
- 14 good market, it's a different type of buyer in Bethesda as
- 15 compared to East Gate and it really wouldn't have captured
- 16 what we're looking at at the East Gate site and that's why
- 17 it would not be appropriate -- (inaudible) I didn't do it.
- GREG DIAMOND: But -- so you're saying if the -- let's
- 19 say the VFW property on MacArthur Boulevard if that
- 20 property is adjacent to residential neighborhood that would
- 21 have been a good place to study? And I know you don't know
- 22 the property, but if it immediately confronts and adjoins
- 23 residential property that are approximately 300 feet from
- 24 the pole, 3-350, that that would have been a good place to
- 25 study a tree monopole which is exactly what's proposed in

Conducted on September 27, 2017 this case? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. No, not at the time I TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I didn't look at it. It could undertook my study. They were there at -- I think shortly be. It may not be. I didn't study it. after the sign went up. GREG DIAMOND: So you won't concede that that really GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So, but out of fairness to the 5 would have been the place to study? To come up, you know, record you spoke to a number of realtors. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 6 35 years of experience. You're an expert. I'm trying to get you to concede for the record, out of fairness to your GREG DIAMOND: And while a protest was going on in the neighborhood. Is that correct? 8 expertise and your profession, that studying 150 foot 9 electric poles is really different than studying let's say TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I wouldn't call it a protest. 10 a 130 foot tree monopole in terms of what we're trying to 10 GREG DIAMOND: You wouldn't? It --11 learn in this case. 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's a -- I think it was 12 GREG DIAMOND: -- you wouldn't call, "cell no" a 13 relevant. Your expert used the same subdivision. 13 protest? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I mean --GREG DIAMOND: This isn't about my expert. This is 14 15 about whether you, in preparing a report, could have come 15 GREG DIAMOND: How would you characterize that? 16 up with a better report if you had actually studied a tree 16 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: A protest, when I envision a 17 monopole. 17 protest I --TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I considered that. I didn't 18 18 GREG DIAMOND: I'm --19 find a situation where there was evidence that I could TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Hold on a second. For some 20 analyze and data to support that analysis that's why I did 20 of you who weren't here or -- because yesterday the 21 not use it. 21 audience followed the rules. This record is important and 22 GREG DIAMOND: You did an analysis of the Snug Hill 22 if we don't get the testimony -- similar if we don't get 23 your testimony and it's not clear and there's a appeal, 23 neighborhood. Is that correct? 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: (no audible response) 24 it's on the record. So it's imperative that everybody GREG DIAMOND: Now there's not actually a tree 25 restrain themselves from calling out. I know you're not 25 405 407 1 monopole in that neighborhood is there? going to like the cross-examination. He's entitled to do TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. it as Mr. Chen is entitled to do his. So please you will GREG DIAMOND: So there -- the applicant has posted a have your opportunity. Restrain yourself. Thank you. sign on the swimming pool property. Is that correct? GREG DIAMOND: I lost my train of thought. So we were 5 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. -- I was asking you about protest in the neighborhood and GREG DIAMOND: Were there other signs in the possible signage that has been posted; leaflets handed out neighborhood about the tree monopole that may have affected in the neighborhood. Are you aware of that? people's concerns? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I guess I have an issue with TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes, Your Honor, and that's an your definition of protest. When I think of protest, I 10 important point because the definition of market value is 10 think of Charlottesville or some other extreme situation. 11 an informed buyer and an informed seller. With all the 11 What I know -- or what I have been told happened there were 12 signs the buyers were informed. 12 signs up and people indicating that the cell tower was 13 GREG DIAMOND: What's --13 going to be placed or there was a conditional use TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: They knew about a cell tower 14 application pending. And that been informed the typical 14 15 buyer that it was going to happen and therefore that was a 15 pending. 16 GREG DIAMOND: Could you just describe what signs were 16 good situation to analyze to determine the impact of the 17 there? 17 proposed tower. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Well, I understand there were -GREG DIAMOND: You made reference to specific 19 - I didn't see them but I understand there were signs that, 19 properties. I believe a potential sale at 8320 Snug Hill 20 no cell tower, like the --20 Road. Did you undertake an analysis of whether the GREG DIAMOND: So there were signs of protest on --21 property at 8320 Snug Hill would have a view of the 22 not on the swimming pool property, well, maybe on the 22 proposed monopole?

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TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No.

25 Crest was based on those that could see and those that

GREG DIAMOND: Although -- so your study at Potomac

23 swimming pool property too, but there are signs of protest

24 in the neighborhood at the time that you undertook your

study?

410 could not see the structure? Is that correct? GREG DIAMOND: Is that correct? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. 2 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. GREG DIAMOND: But at 8320 Snug Hill you provided us GREG DIAMOND: What article was that? Did you submit data that you don't know whether that can see the proposed that to the record ahead of time? I'm just -- I'm not monopole or not. sure. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: And I think you're -- you've TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 7 essentially supported my position because the fact that the GREG DIAMOND: Because there was an article submitted 8 monopole is going to be placed on the recreational by Mr. Chen. 9 amenities that impacts not only the confronting properties, 9 BILL CHEN: Yeah, I don't think -- I think this was -10 it impacts the whole neighborhood and that's what my 10 -11 analysis has shown and so therefore the mere fact that 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 12 there was an announcement and a disclosure to buyers that 12 GREG DIAMOND: And I didn't know which one of his 13 there was going to be a cell tower, a potential cell tower, 13 experts secretly submitted this. 14 on the recreational facility impacted the value of the BILL CHEN: Well, there was no secret. Okay. There 15 properties, the buyers. 15 was no secret. GREG DIAMOND: So let me be positive I understand what 16 GREG DIAMOND: Was it --17 you're saying. It's very important. You're saying whether 17 BILL CHEN: There was no secret. 18 you're an immediately confronting property owner who have 18 GREG DIAMOND: Did it come from one of your witnesses? 19 got the tower right in front of them or somewhere else in 19 I'm trying to understand. 20 the neighborhood where they can't see the tower, it's going 20 BILL CHEN: We submitted it --21 21 to have the same affect? You're saying there is an affect TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, why don't we ask him what 22 on property value and the affect is the same? 22 the name of the article is. 23 23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Right now it has an affect on GREG DIAMOND: Did it come --24 the areas along Gainsborough Road and Snug Hill. And it TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: The article is 'The Affect of 25 Distance to Cell Phone Towers on House Prices in Florida". 25 also affects those properties that aren't directly 409 411 1 confronting it. Now the degree of impact or affect I 1 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. And when was that published? 2 didn't measure that. 2 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That was published by the -- in GREG DIAMOND: Is it fair to say that what you're the Appraisal Institute's Appraisal Journal of 2007. GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So did you undertake a review of 4 telling the Hearing Examiner is that it really doesn't 5 matter where the specific location of the monopole is in literature in general to find out if there was opposing 6 this neighborhood? The fact that it's anywhere in the views to that journal article? neighborhood, it has the same affect on all properties? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: What -- the Appraisal Institute TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. No. has an article or has a, it's called loan library, and I GREG DIAMOND: No? just searched cell phone towers and these are the articles TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: What I'm saying is that it has 10 that popped up. 11 an effect. Naturally it's going to have a greater affect GREG DIAMOND: And so you didn't come up with any 12 on the confronting properties, but when I interviewed the 12 articles published, let's say, by the American Bar 13 Association with an exactly opposite opinion? 13 agents up off of Gainsborough Road which does not have a 14 view and I interviewed two or three of those, they TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I did not. 15 indicated they had to reduce the list price because these 15 GREG DIAMOND: Did not. Okay. Indulgence for a 16 people, potential buyers, would want to use the amenities. 16 moment. When you do your own appraisals of properties do 17 If the recreational amenities had a cell tower that is 17 you bring along an electromagnetic field device to measure 18 proposed then a lot of the, or some of the buyers would 18 as part of your appraisal whether that's a relevant issue? 19 object and would not want to live there and so it did TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. But I'm not the -- I think 20 affect. But did it affect all the same? No. No. It 20 I should answer it, but I'm not the typical buyer in this 21 wouldn't affect all the same. 21 neighborhood. GREG DIAMOND: I believe you stated that in preparing 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You have to wait for him to ask a 23 to give your expert opinion today you relied on an 23 question. 24 appraisal journal article. 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Oh. Okay.

TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It was a yes or no answer and if

412 414 he wants to know more, Mr. Chen will follow up. 1 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Okay. 2 BILL CHEN: After June 29th, yeah. 3 GREG DIAMOND: And I forgot the whole subject. So TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. 4 let's go back to your being here today as an expert. In BILL CHEN: Now as I understand your testimony the the normal course of your practice as an appraiser do you analysis that you did or the data collection that you did 6 prepare written reports to give to your clients so that for Potomac Crest that is one of the locales that the they can review the data and your opinions? applicants' expert used also. Isn't that right? 8 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 8 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. GREG DIAMOND: And in this case, did you provide a BILL CHEN: Okay. And they -- the data collection 10 written report and data to the person that hired you? 10 that you obtained for Potomac Crest was one of your three 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 11 different approaches. Is that right? 12 GREG DIAMOND: Is that highly unusual? 12 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: That's correct. 13 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It happens. 13 BILL CHEN: Okay. And how did you consider that one GREG DIAMOND: I'm asking you if it's unusual. Is it 14 14 approach in conjunction with the other approaches? 15 a 1 in 100? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I gave less weight to it but I 16 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's not typical. 16 -- due to the lack of data you try all different sources to 17 GREG DIAMOND: If you were preparing an opinion for 17 try to give an independent opinion. If that had indicated 18 Montgomery County government on the issuance of bonds would 18 that there was no damage then that may have affected my 19 you prepare a written report? 19 opinion of value. That's why I thought it was very TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 20 relevant to consider that. 21 21 GREG DIAMOND: If you were to prepare an appraisal BILL CHEN: And you weighed it in conjunction with the 22 report for the loan on a home for a lender to look at would 22 other information that you received? 23 you prepare a written report? 23 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 24 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 24 THOMAS BARNARD: Objection. Leading. GREG DIAMOND: And so is it fair to say that not 25 BILL CHEN: Now, is it your opinion that you're 25 413 415 1 producing a written report prevents people from reviewing expressing today? your data? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Go ahead. Just keep the questions 2 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. 3 direct. GREG DIAMOND: No further questions. 4 BILL CHEN: I wasn't going --BILL CHEN: Why didn't you prepare a written report in 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Did you hear his objection? He this case? just -- Mr. Barnard just objected. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think Mr. --BILL CHEN: Oh, I didn't hear. I apologize. I didn't 8 BILL CHEN: Oh. I apologize. You're right. I hear any objection. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Okay. That's what I thought. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: They were so quiet yesterday. We 10 BILL CHEN: If there's an objection --11 have to get use to the change. You want some water? I 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The objection was just leading. 12 forgot to ask. 12 BILL CHEN: Okay. Okay. Fine. Does your opinion TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Oh. 13 relative to the adverse impact of the proposed cell phone 13 14 tower and equipment in this case apply to every 14 THOMAS BARNARD: I have no questions. 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Now you can go Mr. Chen. 15 recreational facility? BILL CHEN: Thank you very much. Why didn't you 16 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. 17 prepare a written report? 17 BILL CHEN: What is significant about this or why do TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: My schedule was such that I 18 you have that opinion with regard to this particular 19 didn't have time. I was involved in a condemnation 19 conditional use application and this recreational facility? 20 mediation case and I'm mentioned to you that I wouldn't 20 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It's the proximity of the cell 21 have time to prepare the report. I could do the research 21 phone tower to the entrance to the swimming pool. It's my 22 to render an opinion but I didn't have time to prepare the 22 -- based on my research and discussions with different

23 report.

25 application was filed.

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BILL CHEN: And you were contacted after the amended

23 realtors and listing agents that a significant portion of

25 legitimate concern or not on being exposed to or in

24 the segment of the market is concerned. Whether it's a

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Conducted on September 27, 2017 416 418 1 proximity to a cell tower and it would affect their, in my TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Probably back in June or July. 2 opinion, their price they would be willing to pay for 2 GREG DIAMOND: Between July and September 1st you were 3 properties in the East Gate development because if you look unable to produce a written report? TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I originally -- I think I 4 at it the recreational amenities in any subdivision they're 5 reflected in the contributory value of the houses within originally declined to take the assignment. GREG DIAMOND: But you were first contacted in July, 6 that subdivision. So if you damage the contributory value 6 7 of the recreational amenity you impact, adversely impact, is that right? the houses that use that facility. 8 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Right. BILL CHEN: Does that mean all the houses in the GREG DIAMOND: No further questions. 10 subdivision? 10 THOMAS BARNARD: I don't have any questions. 11 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Yes. To various degrees, but TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So Ms. Wetter do you have 12 yes. 12 any questions? 13 CHERYL WETTER: No, I don't. 13 BILL CHEN: I don't have any further questions. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Re-direct? 14 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Lee? GREG DIAMOND: When did Mr. Chen first contact you --15 SUSAN LEE: No. 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. This is an opportunity --17 GREG DIAMOND: -- about being an expert witness in 17 the individuals in the audience you also have a right to 18 ask questions and how we did this yesterday is you would 18 this case? 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Hold on a second. 19 pass your question to Mr. Chen and he would read it. We 20 did that because that way it would stop people from feeling 20 BILL CHEN: Yesterday it was applicant on direct, 21 cross-examination, rebuttal. 21 like they could make their testimony at this time. That's 22 GREG DIAMOND: You raised new issues. 22 not that opportunity. Right now is nothing more than, if 23 23 you did not hear any question that you had and it wasn't BILL CHEN: No, I didn't. 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to let him finish and 24 asked now is the time to ask it. If it was already asked 25 then we'll get back to (inaudible) 25 really, the objection is going to be it was asked and 417 419 BILL CHEN: Okay. Every one of my questions tagged on answered so really it's new questions that you did not to a question on cross-examination. I have not raised hear. And it worked very well yesterday. So if you have a 3 anything new. question, Mr. Chen will relay that question for you. So --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What would -- where are you going? BILL CHEN: Please write clearly. GREG DIAMOND: He -- the witness has testified that TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. Clearly. And so there's a the reason he didn't produce a report was because he didn't gentleman behind you raising his hand. You want to see if have enough time. This case has been pending for a year. you can help him? So does anybody have a question for Mr. I'm trying to determine when did Mr. Chen first contact Chen? You can come up and talk to him, but -- and you can him, since Mr. Chen's been hiring experts since December -whisper in his ear if you want that's fine. He's just BILL CHEN: (crosstalk) 10 going to be the spokesperson basically for everybody. I 11 GREG DIAMOND: -- of 2016. 11 heard her say, it's up to you. So if -- I did hear that. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 12 So if, you know. 12 BILL CHEN: I won't have a -- I don't -- that's not 13 BILL CHEN: I'll try. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So you're --14 what the question began --14

15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

16 BILL CHEN: -- but I don't have an objection to that

17 question.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And maybe so that we don't 18

19 continue to go through this we'll let him finish the

20 question and then we'll address it instead of half-way

21 through thinking what we think he's going to say. We all

22 do that. So --

GREG DIAMOND: So my question is; when did Mr. Chen

24 first contact you about being an expert witness in this

25 case?

19 that a property is on the market for sale have any

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Question from an

BILL CHEN: Mr. MacPhearson, does the length of time

BILL CHEN: The lady had a -- I'll try.

20 implication relative to the opinions that you've expressed

21 today?

17 individual.

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22 TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: It can. I tried to extract in

23 the marketing, times and analyze those, but I -- there were

24 so few sales I didn't have enough that I could really rely

25 on.

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BILL CHEN: Fine. Thank you. Did you contact the

- 2 Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine if
- allowance for adverse effect of tower?
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: No. I did not.
- 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Anybody else have any questions
- for Mr. Chen to ask? Okay. Did that generate any more on
- your part? Are we good on the side? Let's see.
- FEMALE VOICE: I've got a question.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So ask Mr. Chen to relay it 9
- 10 for you if you don't mind.
- BILL CHEN: Sure. Okay.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: One more question. Thanks.
- 13 BILL CHEN: Yes. I can do this I believe accurately.
- 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay, but you need to speak up.
- BILL CHEN: If someone purchased their residence in 15
- 16 the East Gate subdivision in July and assumed that the
- 17 telecommunications tower conditional use is approved and
- 18 that person then wants to sell their house, what can they
- 19 expect to lose on the sale?
- GREG DIAMOND: Objection. Beyond the scope of the
- 21 original examination.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think it also might be a little
- 23 speculative.
- BILL CHEN: Yeah. Oh well, I guess the question is
- 25 can you even render an opinion on this?

- BILL CHEN: Fine. Fine.
- 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Unless everybody absolutely needs
- to have a restroom break right now.
- BILL CHEN: And then he'd be subject to recall on
- examination on the documents, I assume.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The documents are -- I think you 6
- need the documents anyway and you certainly could --
- 8 BILL CHEN: Okay.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- recall him if you needed to.
- 10 BILL CHEN: Fine.
- 11 GREG DIAMOND: Perfect.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think that would only be fair.
- 13 BILL CHEN: Yeah. We don't have any problem with
- 14 that.
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So at lunch you will get
- 16 those --
- 17 BILL CHEN: Yeah.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- give them. So at this point --18
- 19 that just means when they say recall you might be back
- 20 there. Okay. Thank you.
- 21 BILL CHEN: Thank you.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Oh, I'm sorry Ms. Wetter.
- 23 You're just too quiet.
- 24 CHERYL WETTER: It's not for him. It's a housekeeping
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TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: I can only say that there was a 1

- diminution. I can't say the percentage.
- BILL CHEN: Yeah. You just, what you've already said.
- TERRENCE MACPHEARSON: Right. Exactly.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Okay. Any more little
- papers? No. You all are doing great. All right. With
- that I -- are you all -- you all are (inaudible) then --
- BILL CHEN: Well, excuse me. For benefit of counsel,
- 9 what we will do, I guess the best time to do it is
- 10 photocopy some of this data and then provide it to counsel.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. We can do that. I was
- 12 going to -- I don't know that we can give the documents to
- 13 staff downstairs. Take a few minute break, restroom break
- 14 do that.
- BILL CHEN: Can you do that? 15
- 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And get those documents to you. I
- 17 mean --
- BILL CHEN: Okay we're -- are we going to have a break
- 19 this morning before lunch or what are your plans?
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm just saying if you want to --
- 21 or you can do the copying during lunch.
- 22 THOMAS BARNARD: That would be (inaudible)
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That would work? Yeah. Okay.
- 24 BILL CHEN: During lunch is -- did I hear?
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. I think that's --

- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- CHERYL WETTER: -- question kind of for you.
- 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- CHERYL WETTER: When they're making copies of this, 4
- can we also get a hard copy of what Mr. Dugan gave us
- vesterday? The information about the downloaded, all the
- Verizon bits per second coming in because that was not
- provided to us. He said he had it on a cell phone.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He provided everything in his
- 10 report. He had a written report and we already talked
- 11 about that, that that was a compilation of his notes in the
- 12 report. And --
- 13 CHERYL WETTER: All those downloads? That particular
- 14 chart?
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. No. But I think everything
- 16 was mentioned in there. I mean we talked about -- we've
- 17 already talked about all of that information that it's --
- 18 the report speaks for itself. And that's a compilation of
- 19 his notes.
- 20 CHERYL WETTER: Okay. On the break I'll take a look
- 21 at that report because I --
- BILL CHEN: Yeah, I don't remember that being in the
- 23 report either.
- 24 SUSAN LEE: No.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well, you can certainly

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- 1 raise it later, but I'm not sure that -- I think when it
- 2 was raised we weren't -- he didn't have all of his notes.
- 3 But he doesn't have a report. He's rendering his opinion
- 4 based on documents so --
- CHERYL WETTER: I just remember Mr. Dugan holding up
- 6 his phone and saying I have everything here, but we
- couldn't look at it.
- 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. And I don't know why. I
- mean it was part of his report.
- GREG DIAMOND: Yes. I don't think we get Mulligans
- 11 here where we get to go back to witnesses from, you know,
- 12 9:00 a.m. yesterday and go I had some great questions I
- 13 didn't ask. And so I --
- 14 CHERYL WETTER: That's not what I said.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, no. Okay. I understand. At 15
- 16 this point his notes aren't going to be reviewed, or
- 17 they're part of his report of the two reports that he had
- 18 and you had the opportunity to cross-examine him at that
- 19 point. Okay. So, thank you Mr. MacPhearson.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Your next witness Mr. Chen.
- 21 BILL CHEN: Ronald Danielian, Your Honor.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Danielian?
- 23 BILL CHEN: Yes.
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Just make sure I got the
- 25 right pronunciation. And do you promise to tell the truth,
- 1 the full truth, and nothing but the truth in your testimony
- 2 today under the penalty of perjury?
- RON DANIELIAN: I do.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. State your name and your
- address and wait for Mr. Chen's questions.
- RON DANIELIAN: Ronald Lawrence Danielian. I am a
- licensed real estate agent in the state of Maryland, D.C.,
- 8 and Virginia. I've been licensed in Maryland since 19 --
- 9 yeah, 1989 and my address, business address, is 14995 Shady
- 10 Grove Road, Rockville Maryland 20150.
- BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian I'm showing you Exhibit 65A.
- 12 Can you identify that please?
- 13 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. That's my CV.
- BILL CHEN: Thank you. Mr. Danielian, you have been 14
- 15 previously recognized as an expert witness by the Office of
- 16 Zoning and Administrative hearings and the Board of
- 17 Appeals. Is that correct?
- 18 RON DANIELIAN: That's correct.
- 19 GREG DIAMOND: In what capacity?
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think he's getting to that. 20
- 21 GREG DIAMOND: I just --
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah.
- 23 BILL CHEN: What is the area of expertise as to what
- 24 you've been recognized, sir?
- RON DANIELIAN: The area of expertise was basically

- 1 economic value of properties.
- BILL CHEN: As that term is utilized in the zoning
- ordinance?
- RON DANIELIAN: As that term is used, that's correct.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. And what has been your assignment 5
- in this particular case involving the Verizon Wireless
- conditional use application and the special exception
- modification of the East Gate Recreation Association?
- RON DANIELIAN: To look at the area and figure out
- 10 what -- express an opinion on the effect that that will
- 11 have on the houses in that development.
- 12 BILL CHEN: In the context of economic value?
- RON DANIELIAN: That's correct. In the context of 13
- 14 economic value.
- BILL CHEN: What is your understanding of the meaning 15
- 16 of the terminology economic value?
- 17 RON DANIELIAN: Economic value is a, both a financial
- 18 and a economic term that it basically means one person has
- 19 \$100,000, the other person has a house. When they exchange
- 20 those two assets it's the actual sale price, sold price.
- 21 It's the price that that house has sold for. That's the
- 22 economic value. It's not a subjective judgment of value.
- 23 BILL CHEN: Do you have an opinion about whether the
- 24 proposed telecommunications conditional use will have an
- 25 adverse impact on the economic value of nearby residences?
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 - 1 RON DANIELIAN: Yes, I do.
 - RON DANIELIAN: That it will have an impact.
 - GREG DIAMOND: Well, well --4

BILL CHEN: And what is that?

- 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait.
- GREG DIAMOND: We've jumped from voir dire --
- (crosstalk)

- BILL CHEN: Okay. What?
- 9 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You want to have him qualified as
- 10 an expert?
- BILL CHEN: Well I'd asked that he be recognized for
- 12 the expertise that he's identified. And he's, as I say,
- 13 he's been previously identified twice for the virtue of the
- 14 very same (inaudible)
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I should at least give them an
- 16 opportunity to --
- 17 BILL CHEN: Yeah.
- 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- ask a question if --
- 19 GREG DIAMOND: Yes. I don't have any questions on
- 20 voir dire. I just thought we jumped in time --
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're right, we did.
- 22 GREG DIAMOND: -- maybe I had passed out.
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We're all getting excited and
- 24 that's okay. Go ahead. So do you have any --
- THOMAS BARNARD: No, thank you.

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So you're qualified. BILL CHEN: She sustained the objection. 2 RON DANIELIAN: Okay. BILL CHEN: Okay. 3 MALE VOICE: All set. 3 BILL CHEN: And you've also had an opportunity -- have you had an opportunity to review the conditional use BILL CHEN: Okay. The question I believe was, and I'll repeat it is do you have an opinion about whether the application that's before the Hearing Examiner? 6 proposed telecommunications conditional use application 6 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. BILL CHEN: Okay. Have you reviewed the plans? will have an adverse impact, not application -- whether the 7 proposed telecommunications tower will have an adverse 8 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. impact on the economic value of nearby residences? BILL CHEN: What is your understanding of what the GREG DIAMOND: And here I do have an objection. There 10 application requests? 11 has been no foundation laid leading up to --RON DANIELIAN: That there's going to be an 80 foot TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He's asking him if he has an 12 cell tower with some camouflage on it that's going to be 13 within very close proximity to the swimming pool and the 13 opinion. And then my guess is he's going to lay the 14 tennis courts. And it will have a -- well, I call it an 14 foundation. BILL CHEN: Yeah. 15 equipment shed, but it's part and parcel of the tower; 20 16 GREG DIAMOND: Without a foundation after --16 by 29. 17 BILL CHEN: This is only yes or no. 17 BILL CHEN: I believe you, have you taken some TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay, he's just saying do you have 18 18 photographs? 19 one. Yeah. So that's -- why don't we --19 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. RON DANIELIAN: Yes. 20 BILL CHEN: Let me -- Madam Examiner that (inaudible) 21 21 BILL CHEN: Thank you. Now Mr. Danielian, have you TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 191(c)(i). All right. Let 22 been to the East Gate Recreation Association property? 22 me ask you this. Does that have the one, two, and three? 23 RON DANIELIAN: Yes, I have. 23 BILL CHEN: No. But I'm going to --24 BILL CHEN: Okay. And what have you done in that 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're going to do that. 25 regard when you've been on the property? 25 BILL CHEN: I'm going to emulate Ms. Borten. 429 431 RON DANIELIAN: Taken a look at the property. Looked 1 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Thank you. 2 at the neighborhood. Look at the houses in the BILL CHEN: Let me show you what has been marked, Mr. 2 neighborhood, look at some of the values of the houses in Danielian, as Exhibit 191(c)(i). Can you identify that? the neighborhood. And also, I took some pictures. RON DANIELIAN: Yes. This is a shot looking from the 4 BILL CHEN: Just as an aside, did you have any south side of Snug Hill Lane across -problems with your cell phone service in that area? BILL CHEN: What is the --THOMAS BARNARD: Objection. 7 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (inaudible) 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Relevance? 8 BILL CHEN: Hold on a minute. BILL CHEN: Okay. Well --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Tell me what the caption says. 9 10 RON DANIELIAN: I --10 BILL CHEN: Just read the caption (inaudible) 11 BILL CHEN: -- well he, you've been in the area, is RON DANIELIAN: Okay. Snug Hill Lane looking toward 12 the swim center near the intersection of Snug Hill Court 12 that right? RON DANIELIAN: Oh, absolutely. 13 and Snug Hill Lane. 13 BILL CHEN: Okay. What are we looking at in this 14 BILL CHEN: Okay. 14 RON DANIELIAN: I mean, you want me to answer? 15 photograph? 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sustained. Sustained. No. No. RON DANIELIAN: You're looking at the buildings the 17 answer. 17 recreation facility. 18 BILL CHEN: Okay. 18 BILL CHEN: Who took this photograph? 19 RON DANIELIAN: Just say no? 19 RON DANIELIAN: I did. 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No answer. 20 BILL CHEN: It's an accurate depiction of what it 21 BILL CHEN: By the way --21 purports to show? 22 RON DANIELIAN: That is correct. RON DANIELIAN: Oh, no answer. 22 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's good. The question has --23 BILL CHEN: When did you take it? 24 RON DANIELIAN: Oh the question, there's no question. 24 RON DANIELIAN: I don't have the date with me right 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 25 now but it was --

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BILL CHEN: Approximate, as best you can do.

- RON DANIELIAN: June, July.
- 3 BILL CHEN: Okay. Let me show you --
- RON DANIELIAN: I mean I have the day, it's in the
- camera someplace.
- BILL CHEN: Let me show you Exhibit -- what has been
- marked as Exhibit 191(c)(ii) with the title Snug Hill Court
- near mailbox of Number 5 Snug Hill Court. Can you identify | 8
- that, sir?
- 10 RON DANIELIAN: That is correct. It is -- I'm backed
- 11 up to the mailbox. There's a rise there; Snug Hill Court
- 12 rises to take approximately the same picture but there's a
- 13 huge bush on the side there.
- BILL CHEN: Does this photograph accurately depict
- 15 that which it purports to show?
- RON DANIELIAN: Yes.
- 17 BILL CHEN: Okay. And it was taken about the same 18 time as the previous --
- RON DANIELIAN: Yes.
- BILL CHEN: -- and all these photographs? 20
- 21 RON DANIELIAN: Yes.
- 22 BILL CHEN: Okay. Thank you. Showing you Exhibit
- 23 number 191(c)(iii) with the caption below. View from rear
- 24 of last townhome.
- RON DANIELIAN: Yes. This was a view standing on
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- 1 Gainsborough on the -- at the east side of Gainsborough
- 2 backed up to the back of the -- what are the townhouses on
- 3 the rest of Snug Hill Lane across from Gainsborough looking 3
- down the entrance to the swim center.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. Now, and I take it -- when did you
- take these photographs? I'll withdraw that question. Why
- did you take the photograph that's been identified as
- 8 Exhibit 191(c)(ii)?
- RON DANIELIAN: Well, there had been a depiction of
- 10 the tower disclosed as a cell tower that's going to be
- 11 going up and it would have come into the view over on the
- 12 left-hand side of this picture. And I took it because that
- 13 area, there's a whole bunch of -- if you look at this there
- 14 is a significant amount of trees here which are deciduous
- 15 trees. There's some that are not. There are a lot that
- 16 are not and there's a lot that are. I haven't taken a
- 17 study of all of the numbers, and the real estate market
- 18 when you're showing real estate in the most opportune time
- 19 in Washington are two different times. End of January to
- 20 March is a very good time for sales of houses, March and
- 21 April and the next time, which is almost as a market is
- 22 from approximately after the summer vacation, so the end of
- 23 August until November the 27th basically, you know,
- 24 Thanksgiving.
- BILL CHEN: So why did you take 191(c)(ii)?

- RON DANIELIAN: Because while the tree is going to be
 - over on the left-hand -- the tree. The cell tower which is
 - tree looking is going to be over here and it would be hard
 - to see. But at the same time at the opportune time when
 - you're taking people around to see houses there's not going
 - to be as many trees with leaves on them.
 - BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian, (inaudible) point with your
 - finger to the area that you're identifying. Take this red
 - marker and just mark the area where the tree or where the
 - 10 tower is supposed to be from your understanding.
 - 11 RON DANIELIAN: At this (inaudible) yeah.
 - 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're going to submit that
 - 13 exhibit?
 - 14 BILL CHEN: Yeah.
 - 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The original's in here and we'll 16 just ---
 - 17 BILL CHEN: Right. Right.
 - 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- add it to that.
 - 19 BILL CHEN: Right. I'm showing you Exhibit
 - 20 191(c)(iii). Why did you take that photograph?
 - 21 RON DANIELIAN: Because when you're looking down the
 - 22 road people are -- Gainsborough is a highly trafficked
 - 23 road. People looking at properties, they look all around
 - 24 when you're -- and they'll look down that road and of
 - 25 course the disguised tree will be very prominent.
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- BILL CHEN: Okay. That's why you took the photo?
- RON DANIELIAN: That's why I took the photo.
- BILL CHEN: I'm showing you Exhibit 191(c)(i). Why
- did you take that photograph?
- 5 RON DANIELIAN: Well, that's taken actually on Snug
- Hill Lane on the south side of Snug Hill Lane. Not quite
- to Snug Hill Court, and again the tower would be basically
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- 9 BILL CHEN: Let's on this exhibit also, with the red
- 10 felt tip please indicate where you're pointing.
- RON DANIELIAN: You would see it basically there. It
- 12 would just be a tip of the branches. That's what you would 13 see.
- BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner, we'll give you these --14
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let them see them as well.
- 16 RON DANIELIAN: That's approximate I didn't take --
- 17 BILL CHEN: Okay. Now Mr. Danielian, based upon your
- 18 visit to the property and your experience and knowledge
- 19 were you able to formulate an opinion about whether or not
- 20 there would be an adverse impact on the economic value of
- 21 residences in the East Gate subdivision?
- 22 RON DANIELIAN: Yes.
- 23 BILL CHEN: What is it?
- 24 RON DANIELIAN: That it would have an impact on the
- 25 economic value of the property.

438 BILL CHEN: Explain how you get to that opinion. site-specific then? RON DANIELIAN: When real estate agents have engaged a RON DANIELIAN: Yes. 3 client and they end up visiting properties there are quite BILL CHEN: And with particular regard to the East 4 a number of affects of things around the property that Gate Recreation property, and you've looked at the would affect their view and purchase price of the property. conditional use application; what is the concern or the 6 Heavily trafficked roads, towers, towers basically of any factor in your opinion that drives your opinion about the 7 sort, cell towers, electric towers and it makes a big adverse impact? 8 difference to them. If a property you're going to visit 8 RON DANIELIAN: It's been stated before that a lot of 9 has that impact. In two particular properties, one in families don't like or are worried about like the 10 Potomac and one in the North Potomac area --10 propagation and so forth of a signal. The fact that 11 BILL CHEN: Keep your voice up please. 11 there's a tower there. It concerns them. In addition, the RON DANIELIAN: In two particular areas, the one in 12 fact that it's right next to the center rather than maybe 13 Potomac and one in North Potomac towers being the high-13 off in another corner somewhere presents a real problem. 14 tension lines that are up in North Potomac that cross over BILL CHEN: There's a exhibit in the record, Exhibit 15 Route 28, those towers people would drive up to a house 15 number 77. Have you seen that exhibit, sir? 16 that backed up to them. They had to take one look, they 16 RON DANIELIAN: Yes, I have, and I have a copy of it 17 wouldn't even -- they say don't stop. Just go. In terms 17 right here. 18 of heavily trafficked roads, Brickyard Lane; I had a 18 BILL CHEN: You have a copy. 19 problem there on a listing where basically what happened 19 GREG DIAMOND: Is that the (inaudible) letter? 20 was we had a contract on a property and the buyer had gone MALE VOICE: I've got one. I'll give you my copy 20 21 through an inspection and everything and saw the signs 21 rather than digging it out, but I'd like it back if you 22 laying in the bushes about don't hurt our Brickyard Lane. 22 don't mind. 23 And what ended up happening was they went to the website 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Did you, does Counsel have it? CATHY BORTEN: Tell me what that is. 24 and it apparently looked very funny that all of a sudden 24 25 the County was thinking about putting a bus depot a school 25 BILL CHEN: It's in the record. 437 439 1 bus depot on that empty land on the right-hand side of 1 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I want know. 2 Brickyard. 2 BILL CHEN: It's 77. Exhibit 77. It's Exhibit 77. BILL CHEN: How does that correlate to a CATHY BORTEN: It says prehearing statement from Brian 4 telecommunications tower? (inaudible). RON DANIELIAN: Well, it's an encumbrance on the view 5 RON DANIELIAN: No. No, no it should have this and the quiet enjoyment of a piece of property. And the attached. feeling of a buyer as to whether or not they want to live 7 BILL CHEN: Yeah, that is what it is. That is Exhibit 8 77. next to that. BILL CHEN: Well, are you saying then that --9 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It -- okay. 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Can you hear? 10 BILL CHEN: Now, Mr. Danielian, you've read this 11 MALE VOICE: Can you lean a little closer? 11 exhibit? 12 BILL CHEN: I apologize. I apologize. 12 GREG DIAMOND: Well, I'm not sure. For some reason we 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sorry. 13 feel like we're missing this one. If I could just see BILL CHEN: No, it's me. Does your opinion apply to 14 14 also? 15 all recreational facilities and subdivisions? 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I think that --GREG DIAMOND: These were -- (inaudible) to the --RON DANIELIAN: No. It wouldn't. It would apply, I 16 17 mean it depends on the proximity of the things that they're 17 just, these were just letters that came in straight to the 18 record? 18 complaining about. The structure, whatever it is that 19 turns them off and the -- if you're right next to it, 19 BILL CHEN: Yes. 20 viewing it out of your front yard or your backyard it has 20 GREG DIAMOND: Okay and got into --21 more of an effect. If it's a large piece of property, 21 BILL CHEN: (inaudible) 22 maybe even a country club, and you put it way out in the 22 GREG DIAMOND: Understood. It wasn't Bill's pre-23 middle of nowhere generally speaking you're not going to 23 hearing. 24 have as much of an affect. 24 CATHY BORTEN: (inaudible)

BILL CHEN: Do I understand you to be saying this is

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BILL CHEN: She understood.

442 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. 1 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're good? 2 BILL CHEN: And the question is how does that concern BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian, directing your attention to reflected in that exhibit, correlate to his professional that Exhibit 77, you've read it? opinion and how he gets the professional opinion on adverse 5 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. impact on economic value. BILL CHEN: And that document contains some THOMAS BARNARD: Well, my objection is that he's information. Is that correct? entitled to give an opinion about documents he considered 8 RON DANIELIAN: That is correct. informing his opinion, is not allowed to take other BILL CHEN: To what extent does that information people's opinions to use to bolster his own opinion. 10 That's an improper type of expert testimony and that the 10 correlate to your opinion that you've expressed this 11 morning about adverse impact on economic value? 11 document essentially speaks for itself and if he wants to RON DANIELIAN: It correlates -- there is a 12 say that he agrees or disagrees that's one thing. But him 12 13 correlation. 13 saying that it correlates or bolsters his opinion is not THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object, since it's 14 appropriate expert testimony. 15 asking him to vouch on another exhibit rather than give his 15 CATHY BORTEN: Exactly. 16 own testimony. BILL CHEN: It's not a matter of bolstering. When I 17 BILL CHEN: He's not vouching. 17 say -- when I use -- the word correlate is used it is 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, what is that this is? 18 essentially, is it going to the same place as his BILL CHEN: The question was how does the information 19 professional opinion and how he reaches that professional 20 contained in that exhibit --20 opinion. 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Did he read this and did it impact 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 22 his --22 BILL CHEN: That's what correlate means. 23 23 BILL CHEN: How does it correlate to his opinion about TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. I understand. But at the 24 economic value and what he was about -- well, I don't want 24 same time --25 to say that. But the question is how does it correlate to 25 BILL CHEN: And I agree with you. 441 443 1 his opinion. That's a fair question. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I also have a -- my own binder of TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. letters of opposition that includes similar type issues. I 3 BILL CHEN: I think. I (inaudible) mean is -- how is that any different? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, you need to come up and sit BILL CHEN: Well, I think it's -- this is very 4 5 different because it is a document supposedly submitted by up here. BILL CHEN: Don't want to do that. realtors and --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: How does it correlate to his --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. Realtors that I have no BILL CHEN: Yes. names. I only have signatures and I've not heard from Mr. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't -- I understand if he's a Pashkoff so I'm not sure that that is -- I mean I'm going 10 read it. 10 to -- I agree with their position. 11 BILL CHEN: No. 11 BILL CHEN: Okay. Okay. 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But I don't understand how it 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So I'm going to sustain their 13 correlates. 13 objection. BILL CHEN: Well, how it correlates to his opinion as 14 MALE VOICE: (inaudible) 15 to the adverse impact on the economic value of properties 15 RON DANIELIAN: That's a no? 16 in East Gate and --16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's a no. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But have we had Brian come up and 17 17 MALE VOICE: That's a no. 18 present this? 18 BILL CHEN: I don't have any further questions. BILL CHEN: Oh I -- I don't think that I need to bring 19 GREG DIAMOND: Yes. If I understand your opinion 20 today --20 -- in fact, I don't even know the gentleman, Brian 21 Pashkoff, whatever his name is. 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is your mic on? 22 BRIAN: I'm right here. 22 GREG DIAMOND: Thank you. Sir, if I understand your BILL CHEN: Well, the bottom line is this is a piece 23 opinion today, it is said that a communications monopole 24 of -- an exhibit in the record and it expresses a concern. 24 has a negative effect on buyers' choices as to whether they

25 would want to buy adjacent to that monopole. Is that

25 It expresses a concern signed by certain people --

446 correct? 1 they. RON DANIELIAN: That's correct. 2 RON DANIELIAN: I would have no way of knowing that. GREG DIAMOND: Which out of fairness is not to say And in fact, in answer -that someone might, in fact, want to live in that home and GREG DIAMOND: There's no question pending. buy it. Is that correct? It's not the home will never 5 RON DANIELIAN: No. sell, it's just that some buyers might not want to? 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait for his question. RON DANIELIAN: That's correct. RON DANIELIAN: Can I finish --8 GREG DIAMOND: And in fact, the buyer might purchase 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Chen, if Mr. Chen wants to 9 it at the highest and best appraised value. That is one of follow up he'll clarify. But he asked you your question 10 the possibilities isn't it? 10 and you can only answer the question he asked. 11 RON DANIELIAN: Not necessarily. GREG DIAMOND: So I want to be sure I understand. You 12 GREG DIAMOND: You're saying there's no one who would 12 believe that the proposed monopole at the current location 13 will have an effect on the immediate surrounding homes? 13 buy a home adjacent, no one, at the highest and best price 14 even though some people wouldn't? RON DANIELIAN: Yes. RON DANIELIAN: Every house will sell for a price. 15 GREG DIAMOND: In terms of their economic value? 16 And what will happen is it will be a lower price than other 16 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. 17 houses in the neighborhood. 17 GREG DIAMOND: Is it fair to say that your opinion GREG DIAMOND: So did you undertake any study or 18 18 would be the same if we moved that monopole to a distant 19 prepare any report comparing sales of homes adjacent to 19 part of that same neighborhood in terms of the residences 20 treat monopoles in Montgomery County Maryland comparing 20 that surround that monopole? 21 sales and square -- price per square foot of homes before 21 RON DANIELIAN: I don't -- what distance are you 22 talking about? How far? 22 and after the pole was built? 23 RON DANIELIAN: No. Because I'm talking about the 23 GREG DIAMOND: Let's say out of sight of the current 24 reaction of the buyer to not even wanting to see the house. 24 location. GREG DIAMOND: But you could have undertaken such a 25 BILL CHEN: Objection. 445 447 1 study, couldn't you? 1 GREG DIAMOND: I'm -- he's an expert who gives RON DANIELIAN: Well, there aren't that many sales -opinions. 2 2 GREG DIAMOND: Within your area of expertise, could 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Let -- just hear what his you have undertaken the type of study that I describe? 4 objection is. RON DANIELIAN: I could look at some of the statistics 5 GREG DIAMOND: If we move the monopole to another part of this -but I'm not an appraiser. GREG DIAMOND: Did you actually go and look at any of 7 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Diamond. the tree monopoles that have been constructed in Potomac, 8 GREG DIAMOND: Oh. I'm sorry. 9 Maryland? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, just let me see if --10 RON DANIELIAN: Look or see --BILL CHEN: If he wants to ask a question of putting 11 GREG DIAMOND: Did you actually go and look at them? 11 this monopole in the same setting at a different portion of 12 RON DANIELIAN: No, I did not. No. 12 the subdivision I have no objection to that. But the way GREG DIAMOND: So you're giving an opinion about a 13 this hypothetical has been posited is, as I understand it, 13 14 tree monopole to be constructed at the Snug Hill property 14 some other property, some other place in --15 that you've never seen one, a tree monopole? 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Be a little more specific. RON DANIELIAN: No, I have. GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So you've given an opinion about 17 GREG DIAMOND: Oh, you have seen tree monopoles? 17 a monopole that doesn't exist at the current property. RON DANIELIAN: ICC example on the left-hand side. 18 Isn't that right? 18 19 Yes. RON DANIELIAN: Yes. GREG DIAMOND: Okay. Have you seen the tree monopoles GREG DIAMOND: So is it fair to say that you could 21 that were constructed in Montgomery -- in Potomac, 21 also give an opinion about a monopole that doesn't exist, 22 Maryland? 22 maybe somewhere else in the neighborhood surrounded by 23 RON DANIELIAN: A tree -- no. Not a camouflaged tree 23 residences? Apples for apples. 24 monopole. RON DANIELIAN: As long as it's viewable, especially GREG DIAMOND: They're very well disguised aren't 25 in the key months of house looking where there is deciduous

trees still don't have their leaves on it, yeah.

- GREG DIAMOND: Well, let's say that this monopole
- built elsewhere in the neighborhood would have the exact
- same visibility as the one that is proposed at the swim
- 5
- 6 BILL CHEN: Excuse me.
- GREG DIAMOND: I haven't finished the question.
- 8 BILL CHEN: I apologize. Go right ahead. I
- apologize.
- 10 GREG DIAMOND: Would you be able to give an opinion as
- 11 to whether you think that the effect of that tree monopole
- 12 on its immediately surrounding residences would be the same
- 13 as you're describing at the Snug Hill site?
- 14 RON DANIELIAN: Yes. But the --
- BILL CHEN: Excuse -- pardon me. I object because of 15
- 16 the word used by Counsel is monopole. We're not dealing in
- 17 this case with a monopole. We're dealing in this case with
- 18 a telecommunications tower conditional use. And under the
- 19 language, the very words of the zoning ordinance a
- 20 telecommunications tower conditional use consists of a
- 21 support structure and related equipment. So if Counsel
- 22 corrects the question so that we are now talking about what
- 23 is -- if we're talking about apples to apples as Counsel is
- 24 saying then you don't use the word monopole. You use the
- 25 terminology telecommunications conditional use.
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- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We all know what he's saying and I 1
- don't believe that you've used all that terminology as
- well. So it's -- we all know that we're dealing with -- he
- gave his opinion as to what the reaction is of buyers to
- 5 the visibility of it. And if you want to clarify --
- BILL CHEN: Well, on cross --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: If you want to clarify, you know,
- the additional stuff as well, or he can clarify and add and
- say whatever. But I'm going to overrule that. If you -- I
- 10 know the question you're trying to ask him --
- GREG DIAMOND: And he's already -- I believe he
- 12 answered yes initially.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And I think he has. 13
- 14 GREG DIAMOND: And so, and what is your opinion?
- RON DANIELIAN: Yes. It depends on the distance. 15
- GREG DIAMOND: Assuming the distances were the exact
- 17 same as the one that is proposed at the current site,
- 18 distances from the monopole to people's homes, just in
- 19 another part of the same neighborhood, you know, a half-
- 20 mile away, theoretical; when the effect on those homes be
- 21 the same, in your opinion, as at the proposed site?
- RON DANIELIAN: There would be an effect. But as it
- 23 was testified earlier by the appraiser as you get further
- 24 away the amount of sales value that might be lost is less.
- GREG DIAMOND: But at the theoretical site the homes

- that are immediately around it, within the 300 to 400 foot
- range to the theoretical tree monopole and communications
- facility with the effect on economic -- would your opinion
- on economic value be the same as at the current location?
- The one that's proposed in this case.
- 6 RON DANIELIAN: Yes, at some level.
- 7 GREG DIAMOND: I don't think I have anything further.
- THOMAS BARNARD: I have nothing. Thank you. 8
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Chen.
- 10 BILL CHEN: In your last answer you just said at some
- 11 level. What did you mean by that?
- RON DANIELIAN: As the site of a tower and whatever
- 13 comes with it is less and less further away. Number one,
- 14 there would be still a affect once people find out about it
- 15 or see it. But more importantly unfortunately in this
- 16 particular instance it's right next to a swim club. And
- 17 the one thing that communities have that helps increase
- 18 their value is to have a swim club, tennis club, et cetera
- 19 that they can join for their children and neighborhoods
- 20 turn over. And I realize that it's probably an older
- 21 neighborhood there right now, but that's not going to last.
- 22 And kids are going to move in and that's also going to
- 23 affect it. It's the proximity which probably -- which does
- 24 affect its -- it's like a -- it's certainly not an inherent
- 25 issue with a normal swim club.

- BILL CHEN: Is this effect that you just --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Closer.
- BILL CHEN: The affect that you just described does
- that apply to every recreational facility in a subdivision?
- 5 RON DANIELIAN: You mean does that apply to a pole
- next to every --
- BILL CHEN: In every recreation facility in a
- subdivision.
- 9 RON DANIELIAN: I think it -- yes. I believe it
- 10 would.
- 11 BILL CHEN: Okay.
- 12 RON DANIELIAN: I believe it would. It wouldn't if it
- 13 -- as the gentleman was explaining, you know, a little bit
- 14 away, but is not a little bit. If you go two miles away, a
- 15 mile away, so -- but yes. If it's within sight and
- 16 especially during marketing time it's just bad.
- BILL CHEN: And with regard to monopoles in Potomac
- 18 have you seen camouflaged, and I'm not talking about a
- 19 telecommunications facility, you know. I'm talking about
- 20 monopoles now; have you seen monopoles in Potomac that are
- 21 camouflaged?
- 22 RON DANIELIAN: Monopoles that are camouflaged?
- 23 BILL CHEN: Yes. Towers.
- 24 RON DANIELIAN: No, I haven't.
- BILL CHEN: That's all I got.

454 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. No questions before I open 1 Rockville. It's an entirely different the zoning 2 it up to Ms. Wetter, Ms. Lee and then the audience? Okay. jurisdiction. Ms. Wetter, do you have any questions? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, I'm not sure I -- yes. I'm CHERYL WETTER: No, I don't. not sure I understand the relevance in a city office 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Lee? building in Rockville. 6 SUSAN LEE: No (inaudible) BILL CHEN: Well, it's a matter of --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Anybody in the audience have a GREG DIAMOND: Bill can't really defend the question question, a piece of paper for Mr. Chen? can he? He's just repeating them out loud because then MALE VOICE: I have some questions. I have my own he's -- if he starts defending people's questions he's 10 (inaudible) 10 representing them. I'm concerned about --11 BILL CHEN: What's going on? Just say --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. He's not representing them. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I -- this is the point where if 12 GREG DIAMOND: I'm concerned about that. 13 the audience wants to ask a question they can present it to 13 BILL CHEN: I can --14 you. 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So --BILL CHEN: Okay. That's fine. Someone was --15 BILL CHEN: Okay. I think there was somebody I think 15 16 MALE VOICE: I'll start with one. 16 there was somebody else. 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Everybody come in --17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. CHERYL WETTER: But he needs to explain the rules to 18 18 BILL CHEN: Because we've taken care of the first 19 this gentleman. (Crosstalk) 19 question. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to go off the record for 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. What's the next 21 a moment. I just spilled all of my --21 question? 22 (Off the record.) 22 BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian, have you observed 80 foot 23 (On the record.) 23 telecommunications monopoles in Potomac? 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ask questions. Somebody -- you RON DANIELIAN: Well, I've observed monopoles in 25 were talking to somebody about asking questions. 25 Potomac. 453 455 BILL CHEN: Thank you very much. Thank you very, very 1 BILL CHEN: Yeah. Okay. 2 much. 2 RON DANIELIAN: The Bullis monopole. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let's just make sure the court BILL CHEN: Do you know how many residences were sold 4 reporter is ready. If he's not ready we're not ready. in East Gate subdivision within the past 10 months? 5 5 He's ready. Okay. Mr. Chen, you have any questions from RON DANIELIAN: I didn't look at that. 6 individuals that would like to ask? 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What was the answer? You have to BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner, yes. A couple of people 7 speak up. 8 have come to me. They do have questions. They haven't 8 RON DANIELIAN: I did not look at that. 9 written them. They're orally going to give them to me, and TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 10 I'm going to, hopefully, accurately convey them to the 10 RON DANIELIAN: I can find out for you. 11 witness. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 12 RON DANIELIAN: But --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Turn it off please thank 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Any other questions? 13 you. Go ahead. 13 BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian, assuming that the BILL CHEN: Thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We're back on the record at five 15 telecommunications tower conditional use is approved and 15 16 of 12:00. 16 there after the height of the supporting structure is 17 increased to 155 feet do you have an opinion as to whether 17 BILL CHEN: Thank you. Mr. Danielian, assume, sir, if 18 you would that the monopole was right here in this room. 18 or not that would have an effect on adjacent and nearby 19 Could you please convey what would be the affect of that? 19 properties? GREG DIAMOND: Objection. We're in the city of 20 RON DANIELIAN: It would. 20 21 Rockville. 21 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. This, that fact --22 COURT REPORTER: Please turn on your microphone. 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to overrule that. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Someone didn't turn their 23 GREG DIAMOND: -- is not in evidence. 24 microphone on, Mr. Diamond. 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He can give his opinion as to

25 whether he thinks height would change it. His opinion.

GREG DIAMOND: Objection. We are in the city of

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- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes.
- 3 RON DANIELIAN: My opinion is that, absolutely.
- BILL CHEN: In what way?
- 5 RON DANIELIAN: It's an affect on a buyer that is
- going to bring a lower price for the house.
- BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian, do you have any evidence to
- indicate that the proposed telecommunications conditional
- use would not have an adverse impact on adjacent and nearby 10 properties?
- 11 RON DANIELIAN: No.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Anybody else?
- BILL CHEN: Is the opinion that you expressed
- 14 pertaining to the East Gate subdivision this morning
- 15 specific to this site?
- RON DANIELIAN: Well, I have expressed an opinion
- 17 specific for the site.
- BILL CHEN: Why is it specific -- what is there about
- 19 this specific site that leads you to that conclusion?
- RON DANIELIAN: Well, the one thing mentioned in my
- 21 testimony was the proximity to the recreational facility
- 22 which will have an effect on the -- any kind of inherent
- 23 issues that involves that, and the use of it by the
- 24 individuals. New families moving in with children and not
- 25 wanting to be next to one of these facilities.
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- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Any other questions?
- 2 GREG DIAMOND: I do have one follow-up.
- 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- GREG DIAMOND: Can you give the Hearing Examiner a
- single actual example of a single house sale that was, in
- any way, impaired by the existence of a disguised tree
- 7 monopole in the neighborhood of that -- a sale in the
- 8 neighborhood of that tree monopole? So is your opinion so
- 9 far, based on just your experience as a realtor or on
- 10 actual examples where you could give us names of people
- 11 whose sales were affected?
- 12 BILL CHEN: Objection. It's beyond the cross. The
- 13 questions that have been asked from the audience.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to rule that I think
- 15 that somebody talked about that.
- BILL CHEN: Okay.
- 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I mean and it's actually a good
- 18 question. I'd like to know the answer.
- RON DANIELIAN: Repeat that again.
- GREG DIAMOND: So what it comes down to is do you have
- 21 actual examples of individuals who did not purchase a home
- 22 in the proximity of a tree monopole or is this your
- 23 conjecture based on your experience as a realtor that you
- 24 think it would prevent people from buying homes?
- BILL CHEN: Objection to the use of the word

- GREG DIAMOND: He just asked me to reword it for him,
- didn't he, or repeat it?
- RON DANIELIAN: I did.
- 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. Okay. I just --
- 6 BILL CHEN: Well --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're asking for an example. Do
- 8 you have an example specifically?
- BILL CHEN: That's a different --
- RON DANIELIAN: No. I answered that question before,
- 11 when he asked me if I, you know, it's seeing any, another
- 12 camouflaged --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. I think what he's asking you 13
- 14 is if you have any examples of a single case in which you
- 15 know that somebody didn't buy a property because of the
- 16 presence of a tree model cell tower. Is that --
- 17 GREG DIAMOND: That's the question.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's accurate. Okay. Without 18
- 19 the word conjecture in it.
- RON DANIELIAN: At this point no. 20
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. And -- okay. So Ms.
- 22 Wetter, you have a question?
- 23 CHERYL WETTER: Mr. Danielian, is there any place you
- 24 could turn to to get that information? Would there be any
- 25 place where it would be recorded that a person did not buy
- - a house because of a tree monopole?
 - RON DANIELIAN: Well, you can make a survey of all the 2
 - places where there are tree monopoles and see what happened
 - to the statistics similar to what the appraiser does.
 - CHERYL WETTER: But you wouldn't know -- but would you 5
 - know from that whether the decisions were --
 - RON DANIELIAN: No.
 - 8 CHERYL WETTER: -- made based on that?
 - RON DANIELIAN: You wouldn't know for those decisions
 - 10 unless you drove -- unless you were driving with the people
 - 11 and you were hired by the individual --
 - 12 CHERYL WETTER: Correct.
 - RON DANIELIAN: -- to find a house. 13
 - 14 CHERYL WETTER: Correct.
 - RON DANIELIAN: That's the only way I would know. 15
 - 16 CHERYL WETTER: So there's no place-- no place
 - 17 knowing. Okay.
 - RON DANIELIAN: They would just say no. Don't stop
 - 19 here. I don't want to be here.
 - 20 CHERYL WETTER: Right. Okay. Thank you.
 - 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
 - 22 MALE VOICE: Hold it. Wait a minute.
 - 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to allow them -- your
 - 24 question generated this and then at that point hopefully if
 - 25 we're generating more questions for you and then we can

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move on. But if it does, you can let me know. So you have

- a question for somebody?
- BILL CHEN: I have been handed one written and I've
- got one oral.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. And then this is the last
- opportunity to make -- to ask these questions. So go
- ahead.
- 8 BILL CHEN: This is the --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh no. I'm not. Would it be
- 10 easier for her to just ask the question?
- 11 BILL CHEN: If you would excuse us. The lady is
- 12 offering to let you --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm just asking. Would it be
- 14 easier for you to ask your question yourself?
- 15 Understanding that he's a seasoned attorney and he can
- 16 handle the objections from the other side. They have every
- 17 right to make the same objection to you and I just want to
- 18 forewarn you.
- 19 HEIKA MEINHEART: I don't mind. Sure.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay can you come forward for a 20
- 21 second. Identify yourself and, you know, that it's a
- 22 question, not a statement. It's not your time to make a --
- 23 and I'll see it (inaudible) individual time. So state your
- 24 name and your address and then ask.
- HEIKA MEINHEART: My name is Heika Meinheart. I live

- 1 before. So really, asked and answered.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. I --
- 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know. You're just reading. But
- 4 I think he said he didn't --
- BILL CHEN: Except for the ICC example.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Except for the ICC. But I
- don't think that's relevant to 40 feet from the entrance to
 - the swimming pool.
 - TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 10 BILL CHEN: The person has asked if the question could
- 11 be amended to delete the word camouflaged?
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Say that again.
- 13 BILL CHEN: The person who handed me this says, can
- 14 the question be amended to delete using the word
- 15 camouflaged.
- 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sure.
- 17 BILL CHEN: Okay. Are any of the poles within 40 feet
- 18 of a swimming pool?
- RON DANIELIAN: I don't believe they are.
- BILL CHEN: All right. And these are poles you have 20
- 21 seen is what --

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- 22 RON DANIELIAN: No. I've seen many poles and I don't
- 23 believe there are swimming pools around them.
- 24 BILL CHEN: Okay.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

1 at 8500 Scarborough Court, Potomac, in the neighborhood of

- where this vicinity will be placed. And I'm asking, given
- 3 most of the people sitting in this room are people who
- 4 bought property. It's not -- there's data available there
- 5 are people here who bought property in this very
- 6 neighborhood. So it's very relevant.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Do you have a question?
- HEIKA MEINHEART: Have you known anyone who says that
- 9 they would not have purchased the property they did
- 10 purchase if a tree monopole that is being suggested were
- 11 placed?
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Can you answer that question?
- RON DANIELIAN: No. I do not know personally of
- 14 anybody who has -- the answer is no.
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- RON DANIELIAN: All right.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. Ms. Meinheart. Okay. 17
- 18 I let you out of your chair one minute, you come back with
- 19 a piece of paper.
- CHERYL WETTER: This is some show right.
- BILL CHEN: Are any of the camouflaged holes located
- 22 within 40 feet of a swimming pool?
- GREG DIAMOND: Objection. He's testified that he did
- 24 not see any of the camouflaged poles.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I believe that was his answer

- GREG DIAMOND: Do I get a follow up on that? Just on
- that exact question? Can you tell us which monopoles at
- swimming pools you are aware of?
- 4 RON DANIELIAN: No. I said I --
- 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't think he said that.
- 6 RON DANIELIAN: I didn't say that.
- 7 BILL CHEN: He said (inaudible)
- 8 GREG DIAMOND: Oh so you --
- RON DANIELIAN: I have not seen --
- 10 GREG DIAMOND: Have not. Oh then I withdraw the
- 11 question.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay yeah.
- RON DANIELIAN: -- around a swimming pool. 13
- 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, he said no.
- 15 RON DANIELIAN: A fire station yes, but not a swimming 16 pool.
- 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Different.
- 18 RON DANIELIAN: A library, yes, but not a swimming
- 19 pool.
- 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Ms. Lee, you've been so
- 21 quiet. No questions?
- BILL CHEN: I have no more questions handed to me. 22
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So I think we can let you
- 24 off the stand.
- 25 RON DANIELIAN: All right.

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466 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. For your patience and of local governments between them and the carriers or the my incident. Okay. So at this point it is -- is your next tower companies. 3 witness --BILL CHEN: During the course of that profession do 3 BILL CHEN: It's 12:10. you become involved with evaluating applications for 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's 12:10. Do you -- your next wireless facilities? witness I'm sure won't take 20 minutes. If we stick to the 6 WITNESS: Yes. BILL CHEN: What does that entail you doing, sir? WITNESS: It basically entails reviewing and analyzing 8 BILL CHEN: No, it's going to take --8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: If we stick to the 12:30--9 the application in the context of compliance with federal 10 BILL CHEN: We can start but it's not going to be done 10 law, state law, and local law. 11 in 20 minutes. BILL CHEN: Does that involve the issues involving TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So we could break now and start 12 need for wireless facilities? 13 back at 10 after 1:00. That way --13 WITNESS: Yes, it does. 14 BILL CHEN: Logically --BILL CHEN: In fact have you drafted ordinance 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Logically I think that makes 15 language for such types of regulatory provisions? 16 sense. So if that's good everybody, it's 12:10 go enjoy 16 WITNESS: Hundreds of times, yes. 17 some lunch. Outside it's very hot. Be back here at 12:00, 17 BILL CHEN: And you operate through a business, is 18 I mean 1:10 we'll start at that time. Thank you. 18 that correct sir? 19 BILL CHEN: Thank you. 19 WITNESS: Yes. (Off the record at 12:10.) BILL CHEN: What is the name of that business? 20 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Chen, would you like to call 21 21 WITNESS: Monroe Telecom Associates. 22 your next witness? 22 BILL CHEN: And where is it located? 23 BILL CHEN: Thank you, Madam Examiner. My next 23 WITNESS: Located, excuse me, in Wake Forest, North 24 witness will be Mr. Rusty Monroe. 24 Carolina. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Monroe. Okay. Are you ready? 25 BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner I am offering Mr. Monroe as 465 467 1 Okay. I need you to raise your right hand. Do you promise an expert witness to testify on the issue of need. You've 2 to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the got his CV, and you heard his oral testimony just now about truth in giving your testimony under the penalty of perjury his experience as a consultant to the government at all 4 today? levels with regard to the issue of need and wireless 5 RUSTY MONROE: I do. facilities including drafting legislation. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. State your name and TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Voir dire? Is your mic on? your address and then wait for Mr. Chen to ask you GREG DIAMOND: Yes. My mic is on. Sir, do you hold 8 questions. an undergraduate degree in engineering? WITNESS: My name is Lawrence Monroe. 9 WITNESS: No. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is your mic on? Push it all the 10 GREG DIAMOND: Do you hold any graduate degree in 11 way to the left. 11 engineering? WITNESS: My name is Lawrence Monroe. I reside at 12 12 WITNESS: No. 13 3113 Billiard Court in Wake Forest, North Carolina. GREG DIAMOND: Do you hold any specialty educational BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe, I'm showing you Exhibit number 14 things that you can offer to the Hearing Examiner to show 15 191(a). Can you identify that sir? 15 that you have unique and special training in the field --WITNESS: That's my CV. My curriculum vitae. 16 we're discussing the area of need, is that correct? 17 17 BILL CHEN: Thank you. WITNESS: Well, I assume that's one of the areas. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What number is that? 18 18 GREG DIAMOND: Now, you have been offered as an expert 19 BILL CHEN: 191(a). 19 on the issue of need. 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. WITNESS: No. excuse me. The issue is need in the 21 BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe, what is your profession? 21 context of regulatory ordinances. Not in determining need WITNESS: I'm a consultant to local governments on the 22 from point of -- from the original situation. I do not 23 issue of permitting wireless facilities and related towers. 23 design systems. I do not do needs analyses for carriers. 24 I also am retained to draft local ordinances regulating GREG DIAMOND: So do you have an answer to the

25 question about whether you hold any advanced educational

25 that issue. And too often times negotiate leases on behalf

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- degrees or certificates in the issue of engineering or need
- for radio communications?
- 3 WITNESS: Yes, I had an answer and the answer is no.
- GREG DIAMOND: Then I would move that he not be
- accepted as an expert. Although his business provides some
- kind of consultation to government, this witness has no
- personal expertise in the field, which is radio engineering
- 8 field.
- BILL CHEN: Excuse me. Am I --
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Absolutely. Yes.
- 11 BILL CHEN: (Inaudible) okay. As Mr. Monroe said, he
- 12 is not being offered to testify about the design
- 13 (inaudible) those facilities. What's his expertise does
- 14 however go to is two issues of need as a regulatory
- 15 control. His CV that you have, he's done this thousands of
- 16 times. He reported, he has drafted legislation relative to
- 17 need. He has testified that he provides that type of
- 18 service mainly to governments at all three levels on the
- 19 issue of need. It's a very specialized area. I recognize
- 20 that. But in this case we have ordinance provision, as you
- 21 well know, on the issue of need. And that is what he is
- 22 going to be addressing as to whether or not the applicant
- 23 in this case has satisfied the ordinance requirements on
- 24 need and that's where we are on this. I think his
- 25 expertise -- he doesn't have to have an engineering degree
- 1 to provide that type of service. Indeed the gentleman has
- 2 been doing it for at least 20 years. So in that context
- 3 and for the type of expertise that he has I think he
- 4 clearly does have it and I think it does key to the
- 5 ordinance language. I mean it would be one thing, quite
- 6 candidly, you had a witness yesterday, Mr. Dugan, who
- 7 talked about designing wireless facilities things like
- 8 that. I respect that. But that's not what we're coming
- 9 from because, quite candidly, we think that the control is
- 10 the ordinance language.
- 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So -- okay go ahead.
- 12 GREG DIAMOND: So if there were legislation pending
- 13 before the Hearing Examiner and Mr. Monroe wanted to
- 14 testify as an expert in the drafting of a wireless
- 15 telecommunications ordinance that is apparently something
- 16 that his business does, that he has done many times. That
- 17 he, in essence, sells ordinances to communities and then
- 18 has a consultant business --
- WITNESS: Excuse me. We do not sell them.
- 20 GREG DIAMOND: -- that's advising --
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait a minute. Let him finish and
- 22 then --
- 23 GREG DIAMOND: And then according to his own CV he
- 24 provides ordinances to communities and then the setup is
- 25 that his company becomes the consulting company and the

- telecom companies have to pay a fee to him to get their
- towers built in those communities. There is no legislation
- pending here. We're working with an adopted ordinance.
- And so his area of expertise might be relevant before the
- County Council, but not before the Hearing Examiner.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Question. He has how many years
- experience, but what is that based on? Is it -- what I'm
- hearing is he provides something and then edits it or --
- BILL CHEN: He evaluates --
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He creates something -- he creates
- 11 it based on what knowledge?
- BILL CHEN: Okay. As I understand it, I'll ask him. 12
- 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- BILL CHEN: If I wasn't clear on this, but my instinct
- 15 is he evaluates applications for these types of facilities
- 16 as are before you and I thought I had asked him but maybe I
- 17 hadn't. He, on behalf of mainly governments evaluates
- 18 applications mainly as to whether or not the application
- 19 has demonstrated the need for the facility.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I understand that but we are 20
- 21 coming from what gives us the --
- 22 BILL CHEN: His background -- okay.
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What gives us the authority to be
- 24 able to evaluate or -- so --
- 25 BILL CHEN: Let me --

- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I need you said he has no degrees,
- that doesn't mean that he doesn't have knowledge, but we
- 3 didn't hear, or I didn't hear anything as to the basis for
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- 5 BILL CHEN: Gotcha.
- 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS:-- the job that he does.
- 7 BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe, you don't have any degrees in
- 8 engineering.
- WITNESS: That's correct. 9
- BILL CHEN: But as yours CV reports you consult with
- 11 government at all three levels as to applications similar
- 12 to what's before the Hearing Examiner in this case. Is
- 13 that correct?
- 14 WITNESS: That's correct.
- 15 BILL CHEN: Okay. Now, and you've been doing that for
- 16 many, many years
- 17 WITNESS: Probably 20 to -- more than 20 years.
- 18 BILL CHEN: How did it come to the that you got
- 19 engaged in this type of endeavor?
- WITNESS: I was originally the vice president of one
- 21 of the nation's larger cable companies. We built and owned
- 22 towers all around the country. And became acquainted with
- 23 the wireless industry, if you will, the cellular industry
- 24 when they started leasing space from us. I was involved in
- 25 the approving, supervising and approving the design,

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construction, et cetera of towers, you know, throughout the

- 2 country. I decided to change directions in my career,
- 3 moved to the public sector side for some principled
- 4 reasons, if you will. In the meantime I had become very
- 5 familiar with the wireless issue. This was circa 19 -- the
- 6 mid-1990s. I met a gentleman who had been a director of
- 7 operations for -- a COO and, yeah and COO for one of the
- 8 nation's first and largest cellular companies. A gentleman
- 9 by the name of Richard Comey. With his experience in
- 10 wireless and high experience in towers it seemed like a
- 11 natural fit and over the course of probably reviewing 2000
- 12 applications myself I became -- well, I've been recognized
- 13 a number of times as an expert in the area by any number of 14 governmental agencies.
- BILL CHEN: So as I understand your testimony, you
- 16 began your career in designing and constructing these
- 17 facilities?
- 18 WITNESS: Well, I didn't do the design. I supervised 19 and approved.
- BILL CHEN: And at some point in time apparently the
- 21 question of the need for these types of facilities became
- 22 to your knowledge in some way. Is that right?
- WITNESS: Yes. The wireless carriers started asking
- 24 us to the space on our towers.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. How did the concept of need come

BILL CHEN: When you say --

- 2 WITNESS: 99.9 percent has to do with the issues very
- similar to what's before this -- the Hearing Examiner today
- and before the County.
- BILL CHEN: When you say issues, what are you
- referring to, sir?
- WITNESS: Specifically the permitting of towers and
- wireless facilities and determining if the need has been
- proven as required under any given ordinance. If they have
- 10 met the test for the need. That's one of the first task,
- 11 if you will everything pretty much stems from there unless
- 12 you're -- I don't want to go afield here, but unless you're
- 13 talking about under some relatively new federal legislation
- 14 and in many cases state legislation that eliminates the
- 15 need to have -- all eliminates the industry's ability to
- 16 have to prove for what are called eligible facilities,
- 17 which are smaller facilities.
- BILL CHEN: And accordingly, well that's fine. The
- 19 question, I think that basis -- offered him as an expert.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: An expert of what? 20
- 21 BILL CHEN: The narrow field of testifying under
- 22 ordinance regulations requiring compliance with a need for
- 23 a telecommunications tower. And I don't mean to be
- 24 critical, but I think this is right in the -- squarely the
- 25 strike zone of what this gentleman has done for 20 years.

- 1 into being as far as your services?
- WITNESS: The concept -- if you're talking about
- wireless, the need for a wireless facility or what type of
- a wireless facility --
- 5 BILL CHEN: As in this --
- WITNESS: -- that didn't come into being until we got
- into the regulatory side; the switch to the public sector 8 side.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. And at that time I take it -- well,
- 10 excuse me. At that point in time did the issue of need
- 11 become part of that regulatory process?
- 12 WITNESS: It became critical. It became the
- 13 underlying issue.
- BILL CHEN: And Mr. Diamond has said and emphasize
- 15 that you draft legislation and sell it to governments. Is
- 16 that -- accepting that, and I know it -- but let's just
- 17 accept that for a moment. Does that accurately reflect the
- 18 scope of the services that you provide to governments?
- WITNESS: Well, first of all, we don't sell. We don't
- 20 charge for our legislative work. Secondly, and by the way,
- 21 we are, to correct the record, we are not paid by the
- 22 carriers or the applicants. Thirdly -- I'm sorry. What
- 23 was the last part of your -- oh yes. The issue of
- 24 ordinance draftsmanship is maybe 1/10 of one percent of
- 25 what I do.

- GREG DIAMOND: Merely being the owner of the tower
- would not then qualify you as an expert to talk about the
- design of the foundation and the design of the structure.
- You need to be an engineer to do that. Similarly, merely
- being the owner of a tower who leases space to people who
- want to put antennas on your tower is not by osmosis create
- the expert knowledge in engineering needed to be able to
- give an expert opinion on the issue of radio facility
- design what height is needed and what areas need to be
- 10 covered. That's an area of expertise. That's why the --
- 11 for instance the Montgomery County Tower Committee, if you
- 12 look at their webpage Tower Committee is made up of voting
- 13 members who are like committee heads of the parts of
- 14 government -- I actually have a copy of their webpage I can
- 15 show you. But they are supported by a support staff, and
- 16 that support staff is made up of four professional
- 17 engineers. And that is how the County government gets its
- 18 evaluation, an independent evaluation on the issue of need
- 19 from professional engineers. And I also have, and could
- 20 show you, that the minutes of the meeting at which this
- 21 case was discussed was presented by a gentleman by the name
- 22 of Lee Afflerbach.
- 23 THOMAS BARNARD: Fullerbach.
- 24 GREG DIAMOND: I may be torturing his name. But is
- 25 one of the professional engineers who supports our

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government's tower committee. In this case, there is this

- 2 business called the Center for Municipal Solutions, and I
- 3 believe Mr. Monroe is not the only employee of the Center
- 4 for Municipal Solutions, but he's the one here today
- testifying. And he has no credentials to establish that he
- can address the issues of radio engineering which is what
- needs is an issue all about.
- 8 BILL CHEN: If I may.
- THOMAS BARNARD: Well I have a slightly --
- 10 BILL CHEN: What -- well -- I'm (inaudible) I didn't
- 11 mean to interrupt anybody.
- THOMAS BARNARD: I have a slightly different objection
- 13 to this and I'll just say it so that Bill can respond to
- 14 both. I'm objecting on the basis of helpful to the Hearing
- 15 Examiner. The question, as I've heard Mr. Chen defined his
- 16 role is in expertise in interpreting regulations and laws
- 17 and making determinations on whether or not people meet
- 18 tests. Essentially in Maryland that role is the role of
- 19 the Hearing Examiner, not an expert witness. And generally
- 20 on the law experts are not called to help essentially tell
- 21 the Hearing Examiners or Judge what their decision should
- 22 be. That's called an expert in law and regulation, it's
- 23 not generally considered to be helpful to an examiner. So
- 24 I think on the basis of it's not specifically scientific or
- 25 technical expertise that's bringing he's essentially beign
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- 1 called to do the Hearing Examiner's job or tell the Hearing
- 2 Examiner what their opiion should be and I don't think
- that's an appropriate topic for an expert witness.
- BILL CHEN: Madam --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, I've had several experts
- tell me what their opinion is and hopefully that I follow
- their opinion so I don't know that I agree with --
- THOMAS BARNARD: The question of whether or not
- 9 someone was interpreting what a regulation means or a law
- 10 means and whether or not someone making a determination
- 11 whether or not that they meet that test my argument would
- 12 be that that's an inappropriate push to designate person in
- 13 that capacity. I understand that someone needs to talk
- 14 about that but that's the role he's been defined in his
- 15 expertise and I don't think that's an appropriate role to 16 be defined in.
- 17 BILL CHEN: Hearing examiners, as well as I think many
- 18 administrators in different regulated industries receive
- 19 testimony about compliance with standards.
- 20 FEMALE Voice: All the time.
- BILL CHEN: Yeah. And that's what's going on here.
- 22 And to respond to Mr. Diamond respectfully, when he talks
- 23 about the staff of the Tower Review Committee, what he
- 24 described as what the service is that that staff provides
- 25 to the appointed officials or Professional Staff is

- 1 virtually what Mr. Monroe does. He has been doing this for
- decades. He lists here that he's done 4,000 applications
- reviewed for 900 client communities. I mean goodness this
- -- I just am stunned quite frankly with this opposition.
 - TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't' disagree that he has the
- exposure and the knowledge. What I'm hearing from them is
- he doesn't' have the engineer background to talk about the
- RF designed. He said he wasn't going to talk about design.
- BILL CHEN: That's right.
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He wasn't talking about designing
- 11 it so I k now you all said that but I do need just further
- 12 clarification as to -- I mean people can learn and they
- 13 don't always have to have an education to have done
- 14 something with their experience. That doesn't mean that it
- 15 has to be highly technical and made into expert opinion,
- 16 but at the same time you said he has qualified as an expert
- 17 title. What has he qualified as and where and I guess I'm
- 18 -- your title got pretty long as to what you wanted him to
- 19 be an expert in and so --
- BILL CHEN: Okay. Let's maybe handle it this way.
- 21 Mr. Monroe, if you could, can you give us a succinct title
- 22 to identify your area of expertise? And once you do that
- 23 can you help the Examiner and identify those instances to
- 24 the best you can where you have been recognized to be an
- 25 expert and have that expertise to express an opinion.

- LAWRENCE MONROE: I'd be pleased to. The shortest
 - title I can give you is an expert on the permitting of
 - towers and wireless facilities. I have done so -- well, we
 - represent something in excess 900 communities in 38 states
 - that rely on us for that. I am very -- I hate to sound
 - somewhat self-aggrandizing, but I'm very pleased with the
 - fact that no recommendation I have ever made to a client
 - has ever been successfully challenged by an applicant.
 - BILL CHEN: And essentially what you're doing is
 - 10 reviewing the application documents and evaluating them in
 - 11 light of the standards required by the local ordinance or
 - 12 statute.
 - 13 LAWRENCE MONROE: That's correct and determine if they
 - 14 comply with the local ordinance. If they are technical
 - 15 documents for example, structural; we have structural
 - 16 engineers, et cetera that do that aspect. I don't. But my
 - 17 specialty happens to be analyzing someone else's design of
 - 18 a network, and you do not have to be an engineer to be able
 - 19 to analyze someone else's work. Anymore than you have to
 - 20 be a math professor to analyze someone else's solution to a
 - 21 math problem.
 - TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So how is that different than the
 - 23 real estate agent saying, you know, this is my analysis. I
 - 24 mean whether I agree with it or follow it, what he's
 - 25 saying, he's just looking at our statutes, our ordinance

482 and based on the application this is what he thinks, that is what he is being offered for and that is what he, 2 whether it complies or not. Whether I believe him or not, if allowed, that is what he will testify about is the 3 and it sounds like that's what he's been doing so -- what's adequacy of the application that is before you on the issue your response? of need. GREG DIAMOND: So it sounds like what is being 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The adequacy and I read his described is land planning. And, in fact, they have an statement as to whether the information that was provided expert named in land planning to determine, to look at the by the applicant, in his experience, has proven need or --8 application, and determine, does this application meet all BILL CHEN: Demonstration, yeah. 9 the elements in the zoning ordinance. That's a land TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- not necessarily that you didn't 10 planning function. It's why we come to Park and Planning's 10 -- issue. Is -- he's looking at it from that perspective. 11 Division to get a recommendation. They go through the 11 The application and --12 zoning ordinance with land planners who then provide a 12 BILL CHEN: Thank you. Whether it's -- yeah. Yeah. 13 Yes. 13 recommendation to the Hearing Examiner and both sides have TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. because the expert did it 14 presented, or will present land planners on the issue of 15 compliance with the Montgomery County zoning ordinance. 15 based on certain factors that based on his experience not 16 This witness is being offered only specific and unique 16 all of the information was presented to be able to make 17 issue of radio engineering need. The determination of the 17 that decision. 18 height --18 BILL CHEN: Yeah. 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's the propagation map? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is that -- that's what I took from 20 GREG DIAMOND: Yes. It's the height of the tower 20 his statement. So --21 needed, the reason that we're required to go -- we -- the BILL CHEN: But it appears to be a lay opinion at --22 reason that Verizon Wireless is required to go before the 22 like it's by being in the industry for 20 years by osmosis 23 Montgomery County Tower Committee when proposing a new 23 this witness is suggesting to you that he can provide you 24 tower is to establish for them that they are -- they're not 24 with expert advice to help you make your decision. When in 25 -- that building the tower at a place where they need the 25 fact, he has admitted he has no expert training, but has 481 483 1 tower and at the smallest possible height that they can 1 just been around the industry for 20 years. 2 achieve their goals. And they do that by presenting radio TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So all experts have a 3 engineering evidence that is reviewed by a staff of certain -- you have to have a degree and -- is that what 4 engineers who give a recommendation to the Committee. The you're saying? A degree in certification? 5 applicant presented a professional engineer with a GREG DIAMOND: Well, in -- on an issue like radio 6 specialty in radio engineering on the subject of need. I engineering, yes. It's -- for instance in Prince George's 7 don't understand where the expertise comes on this -- for County they use the same Tower Committee coordinators that 8 this witness on the issue of radio engineering need for a Montgomery does. They require the opinion of the engineer be under seal. And so Mr. Monroe could not, because he 9 tower at this height at this location. 10 BILL CHEN: This -- are you finished, Counsel? 10 can't submit opinions under seal of an engineer, he could 11 GREG DIAMOND: Yes. 11 not give an opinion. I'm not sure that the Montgomery 12 BILL CHEN: This expertise is no different than your 12 County Tower Committee, I haven't done an application 13 analogy a moment ago. When a realtor or an appraiser gives 13 recently, whether they require that it be under seal. But 14 an opinion about the value, economic value in the zoning 14 Prince George's, as an example -- these are areas of 15 ordinance that individual is not a land planner. He's not 15 expertise in engineering and no different than you know, 16 offered as a land planner. It's recognized that there are 16 designing the structure of the tower or the foundation. 17 certain provisions in ordinances and statutes including BILL CHEN: I don't think the analogy holds at all. 18 zoning ordinances where there are areas of expertise. In 18 It's a different jurisdiction. I don't have anything more. 19 this particular case you've got a section of the zoning 19 Excuse me. I think you understand the issue. I think 20 ordinance that is particular to telecommunications towers 20 we're beating a dead horse. Either we're there or not. 21 that go to need. That is why you had the one witness TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. I think that I understand now

22 yesterday to address that issue. You do not have to have

25 expertise is evaluating the adequacy of an application, and

23 an engineering degree to evaluate an application. And

24 that's what's going on here. This gentleman and his

22 and while I don't believe that he is -- how I just

23 described it. He is going to be offering his opinion based

25 have an expert that says it does meet it because of X, Y,

24 on the application, whether the information included -- you

Conducted on September 27, 2017 486 and Z. What I'm reading from his statement and his 1 BILL CHEN: Yes, I'm ready. 2 experience is that he thinks that there should be other 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let's show them what you want to 3 information in there based on his experience over the show them and --4 years, 20 some odd years, so I think that will be valuable. BILL CHEN: Mr. --But it doesn't mean that he's going to be able to tell me, 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We need to stamp it. 6 like your engineer who is an engineer in RF emissions, it's BILL CHEN: (inaudible) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's okay. You get me in trouble. another perspective but I think, by virtue of the 8 experience and the title that he just -- permitting of a BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe, going to show you Exhibit 9 wireless tower and facility, the review of it is basically number 203. Can you identify this? 10 how I'm going to be taking it. That he has reviewed it and LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. That's (inaudible) 11 based on his experience these parts are missing so the 11 59-3.5.2.c.2.b.vii of the County's regulations. 12 opinion from the other side may not be complete. So I will 12 BILL CHEN: Is this the regulation you're dealing 13 accept him based on that, and your title permitting of a 13 with? 14 wireless -- review of permitting of wireless tower and 14 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 15 facilities. BILL CHEN: Leave that for me. Now, Mr. Monroe, you 15 BILL CHEN: Okay. Mr. Monroe, you have submitted a 16 have a PowerPoint presentation that you're prepared to 17 report for the file, and for the record that's Exhibit 90 -17 present. Is that right? 18 - 191(c). Is that correct, sir? 18 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. LAWRENCE MONROE: That's correct. BILL CHEN: Okay. Could you tell us what is this 20 BILL CHEN: Okay. Now in conjunction with your report 20 PowerPoint presentation, what do you have here? And I 21 as I understand it you have provided for a PowerPoint 21 don't want you to get into what it says. I want you to 22 presentation to take the Examiner through essentially 22 explain to the Examiner and the assemblage, including 23 what's in the report to explain your opinions as to me. Is 23 Counsel, what is this PowerPoint presentation? 24 that right? LAWRENCE MONROE: It is effectively a counter to the 25 LAWRENCE MONROE: That's correct. 25 justification statement that was submitted. This will 485 487

BILL CHEN: Okay. Now also you are only focusing on demonstrate that the County does not have the needed information or the Hearing Examiner does not have before it TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Can we move those? What are those things? the information needed to make a truly informed decision. FEMALE VOICE: Easels. If this were in any one of hundreds of communities it would TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you. BILL CHEN: What is your next exhibit number? be deemed an incomplete application. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Next exhibit number would be BILL CHEN: Okay. BILL CHEN: Why don't we just do this. Ma'am may I go 7 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. 11 fix that? It's not showing the PowerPoint -TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sure. BILL CHEN: Well let me just finish getting the 13 BILL CHEN: Thank you. 9 identification of what it is first and you can object TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Yeah, he needs to fix the PowerPoint. 10 (inaudible) GREG DIAMOND: Is this 76T? Portions of it? We're 11 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. trying to figure out what BILL CHEN: (inaudible) 12 BILL CHEN: It --GREG DIAMOND: Is this word fromword from the 20 13 GREG DIAMOND: Complete. Understood. BILL CHEN: No, that's not what it -14 BILL CHEN: How does this reflect what would be your GREG DIAMOND: The exhibit that's been submitted? BILL CHEN: It's (inaudible) 15 testimony? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. That's -- you all -- you GREG DIAMOND: No. I think I can make my objection 17 now. So Exhibit 76T is Mr. Monroe's opinion, his report --18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: 76S? 19 BILL CHEN: 70 -- that's a superseded document. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You know, statement. You're 21 talking about the statement. Is that correct? 22 GREG DIAMOND: Yeah. 23 BILL CHEN: 76T, I believe it's been superseded. 24 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So there's the September 1st, 25 2017 report of Monroe Telecom.

490 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: 191B. 1 everything. All -- personally I've always liked the way BILL CHEN: 191C I think. Ronald Regan originally put it, that being; the purpose of 3 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. 191C. government in a regulatory context is to trust but verify. BILL CHEN: C. I will tell you that in hundreds of communities around the 5 GREG DIAMOND: I have the wrong number on that. country Verizon does comply with ordinances that require 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I have B. that these three factors be proven. The need for a CATHY BORTEN: 191C is photos. facility at all, the need for the specific location to the 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I have B. exclusion of any less objectionable locations and the need GREG DIAMOND: B? for something more intrusive that, excuse me, than less 10 10 intrusive alternatives or more options. As I said, Verizon BILL CHEN: Wait. Is it B? 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you Ms. Borten. 11 does, as a matter of course, comply with those. Whoops. 12 GREG DIAMOND: So if Mr. -- apparently we are now 12 I'll learn how to use this yet. Okay. Why the need to 13 getting a different report from Mr. Monroe's pre-submitted 13 verify. Here are some examples of the types of things that 14 report that we haven't seen. It's a PowerPoint, we don't 14 we find incorrect in applications. 15 have a copy of it. 15 BILL CHEN: This is this permit review process, right? BILL CHEN: It's not a report. It's his testimony. I 16 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. It is permit review process. 17 mean we can turn it off and, you know, he can read off of 17 In propagation maps; you need the modeling information or 18 sheets of paper that he's got there or --18 the variables that are inputted into the software to TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So it's being done for 19 produce them. We regrettably regularly find errors and 20 illustrative purposes while he's testifying? 20 omissions of information; basically resulting in maps 21 BILL CHEN: Yeah. I mean that --21 needing to be corrected. They are, when we asked them to. 22 22 The problem cannot be identified without the modeling TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I mean --23 23 information, however. That's an example. Another reason GREG DIAMOND: If that's all it is. If this isn't --24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's how I'm taking it. 24 for verification is dealing with structural analyses. When GREG DIAMOND: If this is information that in theory 25 the calculations are required to be submitted along with 25 491 the report, our professional engineers, our structural 1 is already covered in his report for illustrative purposes, 2 but if this is a new report then I'm going to continue my engineers, not infrequently find errors and or good-faith objection at a later date. omissions in structural analyses; especially as regards TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. If it's a new -existing facilities attaching to or modifying on existing 5 BILL CHEN: I will tell you, my understanding is it's facilities. They are, as I said, either good-faith errors not a new report. This is a, if anything, I would in calculation or omissions as to what was included as a characterize it in common language, it's a summary rather loading factor or a load on the structure. In structural than have him go through everything on every page of the design standard, we have the issue of class, excuse me, that should be Class II versus Class III towers which have 9 report. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So it's summarizing his report? 10 to do with the designed strength of the facility. Class 10 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: Summarizing and illustrative. 11 III being required under -- it was mentioned yesterday TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. So what, yeah. 12 under testimony, TIA 222 for services -- for facilities 12 13 BILL CHEN: All right. 13 that support essential services. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to allow it in you can GREG DIAMOND: So objection. Are we getting beyond 14 15 certainly renew your objection if it goes too far afield 15 the issue of need into structural engineering and he has 16 absolutely made it clear that he is not a structural 17 17 engineer. BILL CHEN: Okay. Now Mr. Monroe, would you please 18 take the Examiner through the PowerPoint presentation. BILL CHEN: He's not getting into that. He just made LAWRENCE MONROE: Certainly. It starts with, or I 19 a comment as this is one aspect that's part of the review 20 started with the fact that I believe there are some 20 process and how they handle it.

21 assumptions made, some erroneous assumptions behind what I 22 have read in the application; starting with the fact that -

23 - let me. Whoops. They taught me how to -- or showed me

24 how I'm supposed to use this. Yes. You know what is the

25 need, first of all. and secondly the need to verify

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's how I'm interpreting it, is

22 that this would be the parameters that he's not saying that

23 it's not meeting the design.

24 BILL CHEN: Exactly.

25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's how I'm interpreting it.

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- BILL CHEN: That's how I'm interpreting it.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: I don't have the information to make
- those determinations here.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.
- 5 LAWRENCE MONROE: Right.
- 6 FEMALE VOICE: We're talking about information.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: There is a --
- 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Ma'am, ma'am, this is --
- FEMALE VOICE: (inaudible) he's badgering the witness.
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. You can't do this. This is
- 11 how the process goes. It's not pretty all the time, this
- 12 is how it goes. So I'd appreciate it if you would just
- 13 restrain yourself. Thank you. Okay.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: There's another issue with
- 15 structural that is fairly common, that being, as I -- I
- 16 corrected the slide here. It should be Class II versus
- 17 Class III as regards to the strength of the structure
- 18 that's supporting the antennas; Class III being required
- 19 for essential services. And there is some discourse and
- 20 argument about that throughout the industry. I will tell
- 21 you that Verizon has recently acknowledged and is --
- GREG DIAMOND: I can, I have to object. He's now
- 23 getting into the specifics and details of engineering
- 24 design.
- BILL CHEN: Well he didn't -- he wasn't doing that. 25

- can and do regularly attach to virtually anything that will
- support their equipment. Those photos are examples of on
- needed towers. Towers that -- where there are two or more
- towers, one of which could have been used and the others
- are not needed.
- 6 GREG DIAMOND: I'm going to object.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: In other words there is towers
- 8 unnecessarily built.
- GREG DIAMOND: There is no --
- 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 11 GREG DIAMOND: Objection.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: When there's an objection,
- 13 unfortunately you have to stop. You just have to stop
- 14 because they have a right to object and he has a right to
- 15 respond and then I'll tell you what I think.
- GREG DIAMOND: So there is no foundation whatsoever
- 17 for each and every one of these photos to describe where
- 18 it's located, what the circumstances were, why if a tower
- 19 was constructed next to another structure. We have no
- 20 foundation and therefore to hear an opinion that these are
- 21 the examples of failures has no foundation.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. --
- 23 BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe can you --
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I agree. Sustained.
- BILL CHEN: -- can you provide the -- detailed 25

- 1 He was getting into which I --
- LAWRENCE MONROE: That is not what I am saying.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Why don't you let Mr. Chen
- ask you questions --
- 5 BILL CHEN: Just stick to --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to sustain your
- objection, and you're going to bring him back.
- BILL CHEN: Don't go outside like you just were about
- to, sir. Just stay with the presentation.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Why don't -- maybe just ask him
- 11 questions as he's going along to keep him on track.
- 12 BILL CHEN: Well --
- 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Or however.
- 14 BILL CHEN: I just want you to do your clicker and
- 15 just go through each page. I've got them here but --
- 16 LAWRENCE MONROE: All right.
- 17 BILL CHEN: -- explain what you're explaining.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: The size of the search ring is often
- 19 an issue. Unreasonably -- being unreasonably small so that
- 20 in effect, and I'm not asserting that that was the case
- 21 here, I'm saying there is not the information in the
- 22 application to make that determination. Some common
- 23 misconceptions and assumptions, in this case made by
- 24 Verizon apparently; that being a tower is a technical
- 25 necessity. As I think everybody knows, wireless carriers

- information for each one of these photographs?
- 2 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm sorry, can I?
- BILL CHEN: Can you provide the information as to the
- photographs that are shown on the slide? Where they are
- and what is the issue that --
- LAWRENCE MONROE: I can provide the --
- 7 BILL CHEN: -- that cause you to say there's no need.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: I can provide the information on
- one. The other two I don't recall specifically.
- 10 BILL CHEN: Okay. Okay.
- 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: The one that --
- 12 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object then because I
- 13 think why another tower failed or was not proper is totally
- 14 irrelevant to the determination of this particular
- 15 application.
- BILL CHEN: He's not going to failure. He's talking
- 17 about the analysis of the information needed. And I, you
- 18 know, I would have to concede that two of these photos are
- 19 not going to be acceptable. But the one he does have the
- 20 information on.
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But also, he is going into the
- 22 opinion as to it failing. And I don't --
- 23 BILL CHEN: Well, if he knows.
- 24 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm not talking about failures.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, okay. Well, the way in

498 which he -- you were -- your answers were -- didn't seem exhaustive examination and analysis of all potentially less 2 like it was providing information is needed. You were intrusive alternative solutions. 3 going to a conclusion and we need the information before BILL CHEN: I'm (inaudible) you. Is that, you're 3 4 you can go to that conclusion and if that -- if you can talking about the application by Verizon? make that conclusion. LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. BILL CHEN: If you have the information. But as to 6 BILL CHEN: Yeah, okav. the one photograph, tell us what you know about the details LAWRENCE MONROE: The application by Verizon. The on that photograph. quote from the report was, I have not identified any other TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: In which photograph is it? existing tall structures, underscored by me, suitable for 10 10 co-location in this target area. The search was limited to BILL CHEN: Yes. 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: The one on the left was down in --11 tall structures only, and I saw no verifiable technical 12 outside of Sarasota, Florida. We were asked to come 12 evidence submitted showing that using any other type of 13 evaluate if any of those towers were unneeded. 13 existing or less intrusive structure to attach to is not BILL CHEN: This is an actual specific project that 14 technologically feasible. Propagation maps. And I am not 15 you were involved in? 15 trying to design the service here. Maps -- these maps were 16 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. And it was probably 15 years 16 done at too small a scale, in my opinion, to have any 17 ago. 17 meaningful analytical value and they show the situation 18 BILL CHEN: Okay. And you had to make an evaluation 18 only in the most general terms. Whoops. I'll -- the 19 as to the issue of need in Sarasota? 19 gentleman told me -- there we are. This is the proposed 20 service area for this facility. This is a one mile square LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 21 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object as irrelevant. 21 area around it. The point of being you can't tell other 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to sustain that. 22 than in the most approximate vague manner what the service 23 23 situation is even for any given neighborhood at the scale. BILL CHEN: Can you with the --24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Go to the --24 And I'm not disagreeing with her conclusions. I can't LAWRENCE MONROE: All right. The antenna in that was 25 25 tell. And I've reviewed thousands of propagation maps. 497 499 That's the point. Secondly, let me move back. Excuse me. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. You have --Yeah, I wanted to stay at the 80 foot height. So it's too 2 3 LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh, I'm sorry. small a scale. There's little difference between the coverage predictions at the different heights. In point of TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You have to move on to the next 5 fact, if you look at the one from 40 feet and compare -question. LAWRENCE MONROE: All right. Cellular or -whoops -- compare that to the previous one, you'll see that TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Chen has to go on to the next in this area there are still -- I really apologize. This 8 question. is not my pointer. Gosh. Okay. This is at -- excuse me, LAWRENCE MONROE: Yeah. 40 feet. You'll notice there is some white area here. A 10 BILL CHEN: What is -- move on to your next slide, 10 little bit down in here and a little bit down in here. If 11 sir. 11 we go back to the 80 foot level you'll see that there is LAWRENCE MONROE: These are simply recounting what 12 negligible difference. So it's not a big gain doubling the 12 13 federal law requires and does not require. And I would not 13 size, the height of the tower. 14 really patronize the Hearing Examiner --BILL CHEN: These are their own propagation maps that 15 BILL CHEN: Then we don't --15 they have submitted, right? LAWRENCE MONROE: -- by going over that. Other than LAWRENCE MONROE: These are Verizon's propagation 17 the fact that one of the key issues is a community is not 17 maps. Another concern of mine is that they only show, as 18 required to permit a single facility, in other words to 18 it shows up here, 700 megahertz service and yet there are 19 grant a permit to cover an area from a single facility. It 19 multiple bands of service going as high as 2100 megahertz 20 is commonly done, nowadays especially, to require that to 20 that propagates at only a fraction of the distance that 700 21 be done from multiple smaller less intrusive facilities. 21 megahertz does, for example. It's not showing on here. So 22 There is no requirement to permit a single facility. 22 it doesn't show a fair picture, if you will, of who's going 23 BILL CHEN: Continue. 23 to be able to get what service. Yes -- where is that. 24 LAWRENCE MONROE: Okay. In the evidence that I looked 24 Here we go. Yes, these people in this area will get 700

25 service. But in all probability this is going to be the

25 at there is no evidence submitted of a reasonably

502 limit, approximately, and again because of the scale of the LAWRENCE MONROE: One of the concerns -- this is an 2 map I can't be more exact. But approximately 200 to 300 example of the concern with propagation maps. The one on 3 yards from the site will get 21 megahertz service. So the left was done to prove the need for a 199 foot tower. 4 there's going to be -- somebody's -- either there's going And it was -- this was the problem they asserted. That was 5 to have to be something different done or there's going to the gap. Do you see it's negative 85 is the green. This 6 be a segment of the population that isn't going to get all is the gap that was remaining, they asserted after if it 7 the services Verizon is offering, or will be offering. In was built at 120 feet, and they wanted 199. Upon reviewing 8 my opinion, the propagation map and what's required in any the propagation maps we found that they were done 9 of our 900 plus communities is to show the most robust incorrectly. They had a good faith error, had inputted the 10 service, in this case 700 megahertz and the least robust. 10 wrong ambient tree height and all of a sudden, magically, 11 Everything else falls in between those (inaudible). 11 the vast majority of that gap disappears. What's left are 12 BILL CHEN: Have they done that? Have they done that? 12 halls or swales if you will and those can be filled with 13 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm sorry? 13 smaller devices. But that's an example of what happens 14 BILL CHEN: Have they done that? 14 when mistakes are made in the modeling information. This LAWRENCE MONROE: No, they have not. They have not 15 is an example of the form that we applicants to fill out 15 16 shown the 21 megahertz propagation of coverage area. And 16 containing the modeling information. 17 again if we compare you'll see that there is negligible 17 THOMAS BARNARD: Object to that as is relevant. It's 18 difference at least as can be determined from these maps in 18 the State of Maryland. 19 the coverage area or service area. Now, determining the 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sustained. 20 validity, accuracy, and correctness of the propagation map, LAWRENCE MONROE: That is the modeling information I'm 20 21 propagation maps are verifiable only if accompanied by the 21 referring to. 22 modeling information. That's the variables that are 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's an example. 23 inputted into the software to produce them. The maps in 23 BILL CHEN: Well, is this typical -- if I may? 24 this application were accompanied by no modeling 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes please. 25 information and thus in my opinion are useless from a 25 BILL CHEN: Is this slide, that's my terminology, 501 503 1 regulatory or permitting perspective, since the results 1 reflect typical information required for proper modeling? 2 can't be verified. It may very well be -- they may be LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. Has -- and do you have an 2 3 accurate. They may not be. They may contain good-faith opinion as to whether or not there has been adequate 4 errors, they may not. They may be missing information. I information provided in this application to utilize can't tell because we don't have the information. Excerpt 5 modeling to verify the information supplied as to need, by from a common, and you may not want to talk about, and Verizon? language in ordinances. That's up to you if you want --7 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object as to foundation. 8 GREG DIAMOND: I'm going to object. As to knowing every -- all the information that was THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object to any language provided. 10 other than in any Maryland statute. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I agree with him. I was going to 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: Okay. 11 ask you the same thing. Does he know, I haven't heard 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So can you just talk about 12 anything as to how he would know --BILL CHEN: Well ---13 Maryland statute? The ordinance. 13 LAWRENCE MONROE: I can tell you that this is in a TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- other than to he's reviewed the 14 15 Walkersville statute and in the --15 application, but I don't know that that other information BILL CHEN: Montgomery County. 16 is available. Or is it? 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Montgomery County. 17 BILL CHEN: Well you have --BILL CHEN: Use Montgomery County. GREG DIAMOND: The Tower Committee application is a 18 19 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. No, not in Montgomery County. 19 public record. Pardon me. 20 I don't believe Walkersville is --BILL CHEN: You have reviewed the application that has BILL CHEN: Walker's not. Tie it to the language in 21 been submitted to the Office of Zoning and Administrative

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22 hearings for this application. Is that right, sir?

LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. Yes.

25 compliance with the zoning ordinance. Is that right?

BILL CHEN: They go to the issue of need to show

22 the Montgomery County zoning ordinance.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh. No. Okay. I cannot.

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LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes.

- BILL CHEN: Okay.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But we're talking about the
- modeling information. Is that -- that's what you're
- objecting to.
- THOMAS BARNARD: I'm objecting that he's comparing the 6
- Office of Zoning Hearing Application to the Tower Committee
- application and applying the Tower Committee application
- standards to an OZHA standard, and we're mixing two sets of 10 standards.
- 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm not mixing.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 13 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm not mixing. I'm not going to
- 14 the Tower Committee --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're going to fix that. Yes.
- BILL CHEN: Yeah, I've stuck so far to the
- 17 application. What they filed with the office of -- the
- 18 Tower Review committee may be one thing. What they have
- 19 filed with your office to satisfy the requirements of the
- 20 zoning ordinance is another matter. And that is where
- 21 their duty or their obligation is to supply information to
- 22 show compliance with the ordinance. And that's where these
- 23 questions go.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So are you suggesting that from
- 25 our perspective we're supposed to get exactly the same
- 505 1 verified. That's, and that's a fair attack on the
 - application. 2
 - 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
 - LAWRENCE MONROE: Without this information --4
 - 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait. Wait, wait.
 - LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh, I'm sorry.
 - TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The information that -- they're

1 or the Examiner gets to hear is the application and cannot take the input and rely on the representations and staff

work by the supporting staff when I think that we're again

I feel like we're mixing two functions here and ignoring

the fact that there's another staff section that does some

of this and looking only at this OZHA application. I don't

think that's -- I don't think the expert's opinion is being

BILL CHEN: Respectfully, the burden is on the

10 applicant. The applicant has the burden to present an

12 ordinance. And that is all that this witness is doing.

13 The witness is talking about the standard contained in

15 That's the language used in the ordinance, it's just like

17 it, but the Examiner, I think your analogy is relevant.

20 the issue of the. And that's all that this witness is

14 Section 59 3.5.2.C.2.b.vii, and that is a standard of need.

16 any other section of the zoning ordinance and I hate to say

18 The issue of economic value; that is one of the standards

19 in the zoning ordinance. It is no different basically then

21 doing. And what he is saying, and I'm not putting words in

22 his mouth, is that they have not provided information to

24 something, but they're not providing that information to

25 demonstrate that it can be -- what they're saying can be

23 demonstrate need that can be verified. They're saying

11 application to demonstrate compliance with the zoning

used to apply to this area instead that.

- objections are noted and I'm taking this more as a
- illustrative and steps that should be taken whether that
- 10 information is in the zoning ordinance that I'm required to
- 11 go down to that level of detail, we have the Tower
- 12 Committee who does that. But at the same time, I have to
- 13 have enough information that the evidence before me is --
- 14 carries weight. So that's how I'm taking this information 15 and whether I give it much weight will (inaudible) when I
- 16 do my decision. But -- so for that purpose I'm going to
- 17 allow you to go on.
- BILL CHEN: That's exactly where we are on this. 18
- 19 Literally.
- 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's how I'm --
- 21 BILL CHEN: Yeah.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- so your objections are noted
- 23 with that explanation.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes, ma'am, that's exactly what
- 25 we're trying to do.

- BILL CHEN: No. I'm not --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

1 thing that the Tower Committee gets?

- BILL CHEN: -- I'm not saying that.
- 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Just --
- BILL CHEN: No. No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying
- what you need is enough information to demonstrate that the
- question of me, the claim for need --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.
- BILL CHEN: -- is verifiable. That's as far as were
- 11 going. I think that's been very clear in this gentleman's 12 testimony.
- LAWRENCE MONROE: That is the essence of what I'm
- 14 going to be testifying --
- 15 GREG DIAMOND: Objection.
- 16 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object as well.
- GREG DIAMOND: So the standard it just stated isn't 17
- 18 anywhere in any ordinance that the standard is to prove a
- 19 need, but you don't have to necessarily have an independent
- 20 verifiable thing that says that your statement of need is
- 21 then accurate. That's adding a level of standard in the
- 22 ordinance that does not exist.
- BILL CHEN: That is not what I have said. 23
- 24 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object on the grounds 24
- 25 that it's assuming that the only thing that the Commission,

510 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. available? LAWRENCE MONROE: Without this information, there is LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 3 no way to determine the truth, accuracy, or correctness of 3 BILL CHEN: What are they? what's shown in there quote proof of need information, i.e. LAWRENCE MONROE: The most commonly accepted one is the propagation maps. what is called small cell and I heard the witnesses -- the 6 BILL CHEN: Now, Mr. Monroe, let me -witness vesterday. I would adamantly disagree and state LAWRENCE MONROE: Only the person who did the original that it's being done in this County as we speak, small cell propagation study would know that without this information. is being deployed. And I can give you a litany of other BILL CHEN: Mr. Monroe, you have given the Examiner communities where Verizon is deploying small cell to cover 10 and through your testimony a couple of examples thus far 10 large areas as opposed to what's represented in the 11 where the application filed by Verizon, in your opinion, is 11 application where it says it's limited to small areas. 12 defective as far as providing sufficient information on TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't believe we have small --13 the, you quoted the (inaudible) report. You've shown the 13 that hasn't been approved yet, has it, the small cell 14 towers. 14 propagation maps and the issues with the propagation maps. 15 Are there any other aspects of the application that has 15 BILL CHEN: The testimony is --16 been filed by Verizon as to the issue of need that has not 16 GREG DIAMOND: There is a long legislative --17 provided information that can be verified to demonstrate 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Pardon me? 18 that there has been compliance with the zoning ordinance 18 GREG DIAMOND: -- process going on. 19 requirement of need? 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's what I thought. LAWRENCE MONROE: As regards need, I would say that --GREG DIAMOND: I thought you were looking at me. 20 21 21 I'm trying to think of how to phrase this within the BILL CHEN: Well there is a --22 confines of your question. In the context of verification, 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: There's a CTA out now that -- but 23 is that permissible of what's needed to verify something? 23 it hasn't been approved yet, has it? 24 BILL CHEN: Yeah. 24 GREG DIAMOND: That we are actively involved in, but LAWRENCE MONROE: There is a no evidence submitted 25 25 has not been approved. 511 1 that the negative 95 of the white areas on the propagation 1 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 2 map represent negative 95 DBM, or worse, signal quality. 2 GREG DIAMOND: And so --3 There is no drive test information which would have 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So it's not an option here. 4 identified the specific locations for specific signal GREG DIAMOND: It's not an option in Montgomery County 4 5 strengths are what they are at any given location. This is yet (inaudible) 6 a different means of determining need. It's what's called, TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's what I thought. 7 generally, a drive test and it records as the vehicle 7 LAWRENCE MONROE: Then let's take Montgomery County 8 drives the signal strength on any given frequency that's 8 aside --9 being tuned to at any given location; and to my knowledge TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Why don't you let him ask you a 9 10 that's about to prove actual signal strengths. 10 question first. BILL CHEN: Anything else? 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh, I'm sorry. 12 LAWRENCE MONROE: Nothing that is specifically missing 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. BILL CHEN: Okay. You just heard that that type --13 that I can recall. BILL CHEN: Now in your experience in evaluating 14 that form of providing wireless service has not yet been 15 permits for wireless facilities, do you look at and make 15 approved in Montgomery County. Are you aware of that, sir? 16 determinations as to tower height? 16 LAWRENCE MONROE: I am now. 17 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. And actually you just 17 BILL CHEN: Now what is the height of the proposed 18 triggered the thought. What is missing is proof that 18 monopole in this case? 19 nothing less intrusive would work technically, or would not 19 LAWRENCE MONROE: My understanding is it's 89 feet. 20 work. And that an 80 -- I guess it's now an 89 foot 20 It's been revised, I understand to 89 feet. BILL CHEN: Okay. And how do you get to 89 feet? 21 monopole at this specific location is the only alternative, 21 22 if you will, or viable alternative that there is nothing 22 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm sorry? 23 less visually intrusive that would work too substantially 23 BILL CHEN: How do you get to 89 feet? 24 to what they are trying to do. That has not been shown. 24 LAWRENCE MONROE: How do you get to 89 feet? BILL CHEN: To your knowledge, are there alternatives 25 BILL CHEN: How do you compute 89 feet?

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1	LAWRENCE MONROE: I would have no idea how they came	1	what you said?
2	up with that.	2	BILL CHEN: Excuse me. Just, Madam Examiner. I'm
3	BILL CHEN: That was not the question. You know, in	3	going to let this go, but this report has been superseded
4	this case, how did you make the determination that the	4	by a more recent report. But, you know, Counsel
5	proposed supporting structure is 89 feet?	5	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So are you withdrawing that one?
6	LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh. I read it. In the material	6	BILL CHEN: Well, it's clear it was superseded. But I
7	that was submitted.	7	have no problems with questioning the witness about it. I
8	BILL CHEN: Fine. What did you read that leads you to	8	mean
9	that conclusion, sir?	9	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, if it superseded then you
10	LAWRENCE MONROE: I would have to find a specific	10	don't want to be in the record? Or I mean is it
11	document, but it was a revised it was part of a	11	superseded completely?
12	revision.	12	BILL CHEN: I have no objection to the line of
13	BILL CHEN: By Verizon?	13	questioning is (inaudible) where I'm going with this.
14	LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes, by Verizon.	14	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well then
15	BILL CHEN: That reported 89 feet?	15	GREG DIAMOND: I can say where I'm going with this.
16	GREG DIAMOND: Is Mr. Chen testifying?	16	Is that there are differences in the two reports and I
17	BILL CHEN: Yeah, I know. I apologize. I apologize	17	already have copies so whether I put it in the record or we
18	and withdraw it.	18	go with the one we go with the one that
19	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He'll get to the answer. Just	19	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. So that's my question.
20	asking.	20	BILL CHEN: He's entitled to do that I
21	BILL CHEN: Yeah, eventually. Okay. No, that's fine.	21	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: If which one do you want or do
22	In your understanding is that it's at 89 feet based upon	22	you just leave both of them in?
23	Verizon submissions. That's to summarize that.	23	BILL CHEN: Let him I'm fine with the cross-
24	LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes.	24	examination.
25	BILL CHEN: Okay. That's all I've got.	25	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Then they're both in, and
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1	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Cross-examination Mr. Diamond, and	1	their fair game.
2	turn on your mic. I can see it, there's no red light.	2	BILL CHEN: Yeah.
3	GREG DIAMOND: Mr. Monroe, Mr. Chen submitted a report	3	GREG DIAMOND: Exhibit 191B is a similar report dated
4	that you wrote dated December 20th, 2016. I believe it is	4	September 1, 2017. And let's confirm if I've got the right
5	Exhibit 76S. This was the first submission	5	exhibit number.
6	BILL CHEN: It was the first report.	6	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You do.
7	GREG DIAMOND: 76S.	7	BILL CHEN: Yeah, B right?
8	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I have that as his resume.	8	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: B, correct; 191B.
9	GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So it would not be S.	9	GREG DIAMOND: Let me go back to the first one. In
10	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But I could have that wrong. But		the first report which was Exhibit 76T, you referred to the
	we can double check. Let me pull out the do you know		fact that the County was in a difficult situation because
12	what off the top of your head?		they really didn't have enough data in front of them, and
13	CATHY BORTEN: (inaudible) statements.		I'm summarizing one of your first paragraphs. Is that
14	GREG DIAMOND: So T; 76T.	14	fair? You have to answer out loud.
15	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. That's what but what date	15	LAWRENCE MONROE: That's a fair assessment, yes.
16	is that one?	16	• • •
17	GREG DIAMOND: It's a report dated December 20th	17	1 /
18	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. I see.		paragraph, the first, kind of first paragraph of the
19	GREG DIAMOND: 2016.	19	agreement you stated that the Hearing Examiner
20	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Got it.	20	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
21	GREG DIAMOND: And in that report you stated, and I	21	GREG DIAMOND: I'm sorry? Your this is your
- 1	will read it exactly, but you stated that the County is	22	
23	placed in an awkward and difficult position because it's at	23	LAWRENCE MONROE: statement, not agreement. Your
10.4	- distinct discourses in the tit described and the	104	and a contract of the state of

24 statement you stated that the Hearing Examiner has been

25 placed in an awkward position and difficult, so you changed

24 a distinct disadvantage in that it doesn't have the

25 technical information that it needs. Is that generally

516 518 the wording of your report. 1 community to determine the accuracy of that assessment? LAWRENCE MONROE: In that sense, yes, I did. LAWRENCE MONROE: No, sir. 3 GREG DIAMOND: Did you write these reports yourself? GREG DIAMOND: When you wrote your report dated 4 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 4 December 20th, 2016 were you aware of the Montgomery County 5 GREG DIAMOND: And did you change the wording? Department of Technology Services Transmission Facility LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. Coordinating Group? Commonly known here as the Tower GREG DIAMOND: Because? Committee. LAWRENCE MONROE: Because I became aware procedurally 8 LAWRENCE MONROE: I was aware that something to that effect existed, yes. of what was happening. GREG DIAMOND: Okay. In your first report in Exhibit GREG DIAMOND: So on December 20th, 2016 did you know 11 76T, there are no references to the U.S. Code in that 11 what that committee does in the process of applying for a 12 document. However, in Exhibit 191B you have a number of 12 tower in Montgomery County, Maryland? 13 footnotes in which you start referencing 47 U.S.C. Section 13 LAWRENCE MONROE: No, I didn't. GREG DIAMOND: Between December 20th and September 14 14445(a). you reference 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(B)(2). Is --15 did you write that, sir? 15 1st, 2017 have you done any follow-up to determine what the LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes, sir. 16 Montgomery County Tower Committee does in the process of a 17 GREG DIAMOND: And why did you change -- what happened 17 tower application in Montgomery County? 18 between December and September that caused you to re-write 18 LAWRENCE MONROE: No, sir. 19 your report that you needed to reference the U.S. Code? GREG DIAMOND: Yet, it's still your opinion that the LAWRENCE MONROE: I thought it would be more clear. 20 Hearing Examiner doesn't have enough data in front of her 21 GREG DIAMOND: Did you undertake your own independent 21 to make a decision -- to make a determination on need? 22 study of the Snug Hill community, the topography, do any of 22 That's the opinion you've given today. 23 your drive tests? 23 LAWRENCE MONROE: Based on the record that I have 24 LAWRENCE MONROE: No, sir. And the reason was that --24 read, that I was provided, yes, I am still of that opinion. 25 GREG DIAMOND: Even though you don't know what Tower GREG DIAMOND: I -- that was a yes, no. Thank you. 517 519 LAWRENCE MONROE: No, I did not. 1 Committee does? GREG DIAMOND: Did you -- were you here yesterday to LAWRENCE MONROE: I said based on the information that hear the testimony? I have had access to that was provided to me that I have LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 5 GREG DIAMOND: And did you hear the testimony of 5 GREG DIAMOND: At any time have you reached out to Robert Posilkin regarding scrubbing the area looking for talk to anyone at the Montgomery County Tower Committee? alternate structures on which to place the antennas? LAWRENCE MONROE: Intentionally, no. LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 8 8 GREG DIAMOND: At any time have you reached out to the GREG DIAMOND: So isn't it a fact that Verizon Support Staff, which is an independent company, to their 10 Wireless, through its consultants and did attempt to look 10 professional engineers to ask them about this application? 11 for existing structures in the neighborhood on which to 11 LAWRENCE MONROE: Intentionally, no. 12 locate antennas? 12 GREG DIAMOND: At any time did you review any of the LAWRENCE MONROE: A specific type of structure, yes. 13 public records about the Tower Committee, either the 13 14 Not all structures potentially feasible. 14 application, the minutes of the meeting at which the case GREG DIAMOND: Did Verizon Wireless in fact, look for 15 was presented, or the final findings? 15 16 existing structures on which to locate antennas? 16 LAWRENCE MONROE: Intentionally, no. 17 17 BILL CHEN: Objection. Asked and answered. He gave GREG DIAMOND: No further questions. 18 18 an answer. BILL CHEN: Why didn't you --19 GREG DIAMOND: That's a yes or no. 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait a minute. Let me see --20 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes, minimally. 20 BILL CHEN: I'm sorry. Mr. --GREG DIAMOND: You can certainly, on redirect, clarify 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Did you have any questions?

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THOMAS BARNARD: No questions. Thank you.

24 or its staff, for its report and review --

BILL CHEN: Why didn't you contact the Tower Committee

LAWRENCE MONROE: I wanted to approach this from a

22 that if you'd like. And was it the testimony yesterday

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23 that an alternate structure did not exist in the community?

LAWRENCE MONROE: That was the testimony, yes.

GREG DIAMOND: And did you personally investigate the

522 1 purely objective, unbiased, untainted perspective in the BILL CHEN: Why did you not do a study in Sugar -- of 2 context of did, you know, was the information necessary to Snug Hill? 3 make an informed decision provided. That's primarily all I LAWRENCE MONROE: Because I'm not in the business of 3 4 was concerned with. Is what does the -designing. I would never represent myself to be qualified BILL CHEN: You say the -to design. My job was to determine does the County LAWRENCE MONROE: -- written record that I was adequate information, based upon the thousands of provided show as regards information that was provided. applications that we reviewed including probably, well, I BILL CHEN: And you were provided with the Verizon know hundreds by Verizon, as to -- and what they have application? provided, does the County have information, or the Hearing LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 10 Examiner have information on which to make an informed 10 11 BILL CHEN: Is that the information you were provided? 11 decision. That was it. 12 LAWRENCE MONROE: Sorry? 12 BILL CHEN: All right. Thank you. GREG DIAMOND: Objection. Which application because 13 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (inaudible) 14 there was a number of applications in this process. 14 BILL CHEN: No. That's it. BILL CHEN: I apologize. Yes. Did you receive the 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Wetter, you have any 16 amended a Verizon application? 16 questions? LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. 17 17 CHERYL WETTER: (no audible response) 18 BILL CHEN: That's the --18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Lee? GREG DIAMOND: Is that the application for the 19 SUSAN LEE: (no audible response) 20 conditional use, or Tower Committee application, because TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Is there anybody in the 20 21 there are two separate applications. 21 audience have a question for Mr. Chen to pass on? I hear BILL CHEN: He said he's never looked at anything at 23 Tower, but I'll clear it up. 23 BILL CHEN: Could changing the orientation of the 300 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. All right. 24 foot tower located in Potomac Crest, which is less than one 25 BILL CHEN: Thank you. Did you review the amended 25 mile from the proposed tower site, improve the signal 521 523 1 conditional use application that is pending before the strength so this new tower is not needed? 2 Hearing Examiner? GREG DIAMOND: Objection. This is -- he's testified 2 LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. that he can't design facilities, only comment on whether BILL CHEN: Did Verizon look at any sources for its you have enough information. wireless facility other than structures? 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Plus, I haven't heard any THOMAS BARNARD: Objection. Foundation. testimony that he has any knowledge --7 LAWRENCE MONROE: That would have been my response BILL CHEN: Well I think that's --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Repeat your question. I'm sorry. anyway. BILL CHEN: Yeah. I asked had Verizon -- let me TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- of any of that. Yeah. So 10 change it a little bit. Based upon the information that 10 sustained. Just for -- anybody? You have any others? 11 you've heard from the search that Verizon has undertaken 11 BILL CHEN: I have not been given any additional 12 has it undertaken any search to locate a wireless facility 12 questions. 13 in this general area where it says it needs service, other TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Wetter, you change your mind? 13 CHERYL WETTER: And this may not be the right person 14 than structures? LAWRENCE MONROE: Other than the tall existing --15 to ask. Does a small cell have the capability, a small 15 THOMAS BARNARD: Objection. What is there other than 16 cell tower have the capability of supporting other carriers 17 on it? 17 structures? 18 LAWRENCE MONROE: Let's --18 BILL CHEN: Tall, excuse me. I apologize. Tall 19 structures. 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait a minute. Wait a minute. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. He's (inaudible) 20 LAWRENCE MONROE: -- back up. Small --21 LAWRENCE MONROE: I'm not aware of any. 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait. BILL CHEN: In fact you showed that on your PowerPoint 22 CATHY BORTEN: Wait. 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. --23 already this morning.

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LAWRENCE MONROE: Yes. If we had gotten to that

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25 point.

LAWRENCE MONROE: Oh, I'm sorry.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Seconds. They have an

526 opportunity. So it's like a two second delay. 1 Administrative Hearings? CATHY BORTEN: No. We would object. There has RUSSELL REESE: Yes. 3 already been a discussion that small cells are not an BILL CHEN: And we've submitted your CV with that option right now in Montgomery County. That's -- that information? legislation doesn't --RUSSELL REESE: That's correct. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 6 BILL CHEN: You've even appeared, I believe, in Circuit Court for Montgomery County? CHERYL WETTER: Well, let me ask it a different way. Would Verizon be proposing this a large, tall, monopole so 8 RUSSELL REESE: That is correct, yes. that they can, not only get past small cell problem, but BILL CHEN: Madam Examiner, I offer Mr. Reese as an 10 also so they can sell carrier space? 10 expert witness as a land surveyor. 11 CATHY BORTEN: Objection. GREG DIAMOND: No objection to this witness on the 12 THOMAS BARNARD: Objection. 12 limited issue of land surveying, but not anything beyond 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Sustained. 13 that. 14 CHERYL WETTER: That's okay. It's in the record. 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm not sure what that -- I know 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But you got to ask it. Okay. Any 15 what you mean, other than --16 other before we go on? Anybody have anything in follow-up? 16 THOMAS BARNARD: Well beyond --17 Okay. Thank you, Mr. Monroe. 17 GREG DIAMOND: Well, I think it's -- so Mr. Chen, of 18 course, and his prehearing suggests what the witness might 18 LAWRENCE MONROE: Thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're free to go. How do we turn 19 be testifying to. 20 off the PowerPoint? BILL CHEN: Yeah. 20 21 21 BILL CHEN: It has to be done (inaudible) GREG DIAMOND: And I believe where the examination is TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Okay. Is there somebody up 22 going to go it goes beyond just actually surveying land. 23 there? Thank you. Oh, Mr. Monroe, (inaudible) Okay. 23 But then giving opinions about construction of 24 GREG DIAMOND: Proving that somebody is up there. 24 communication facilities, which would be beyond the scope 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, exactly. Okay. So Mr. 25 of his expertise. 525 527 1 Chen, call your next witness. I lost a pen. Oh. BILL CHEN: Well, let's -- let me -- I don't think I'm BILL CHEN: Russell Reece please. going where Mr. Diamond anticipates, but let's talk about TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Do you promise to tell the one aspect just to maybe clear things up as we go down the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in your road. As part of your services as a land surveyor, 5 testimony under the penalty of perjury today? particularly in Montgomery County, does that type of RUSSELL REESE: I do. service, land surveying, include identification and establishment of setback locations? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: State your name and your address and then wait for Mr. Chen to ask you questions. And is RUSSELL REESE: Yes, it does. the red button, is it red? BILL CHEN: That would be setbacks which are contained 10 RUSSELL REESE: It is. 10 within various provisions of the Montgomery County zoning 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're good. 11 ordinance. RUSSELL REESE: My name is Russell E. Reese. I'm with 12 12 RUSSELL REESE: That's correct, yes. 13 Maddox Engineers and Surveyors. I'm -- we practice at 3204 BILL CHEN: How often have you done that? 13 14 Tower Oaks Boulevard, Rockville, 20852. RUSSELL REESE: To numerous to count. 14 BILL CHEN: Mr. Reese, I'm showing you Exhibit 191(i). BILL CHEN: Among your activities as a land surveyor 15 16 Can you identify that? 16 is to survey land for the determination of setback 17 17 locations? RUSSELL REESE: That's my resume. 18 BILL CHEN: Mr. Reese, what is your occupation? 18 RUSSELL REESE: Yes. 19 RUSSELL REESE: I'm a professional land surveyor. BILL CHEN: Okay. With -- so that Madam Examiner, 20 BILL CHEN: Okay. And have you testified as an expert 20 just to maybe go back a little bit. I submit that within 21 witness as a professional land surveyor? 21 this gentleman's area of expertise as a land surveyor it

22 does include, and this is maybe for Counsel is going and so

23 I'm trying to head it off, it does include the survey work

24 for setbacks, particularly setbacks as required under the

25 provisions of the Montgomery County zoning ordinance.

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RUSSELL REESE: Yes I have.

RUSSELL REESE: Yes, sir.

BILL CHEN: In Montgomery County?

BILL CHEN: Before the Board of Zoning and

Conducted on September 27, 2017 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. And response to that? I BILL CHEN: Okay. Mr. Reese, I'm showing you what has 2 mean I'm looking at his resume and that seems to be part of been marked as Exhibit, at one place it's as you said 3 his expertise. earlier, it's 195, but that was filed with darker lines and GREG DIAMOND: I have no problem with his ability to the darker lined one is 191(j). 5 give testimony about surveying this property. However, RUSSELL REESE: Well, reverse that. But -there is a question of -- I guess well, maybe I'll wait 6 BILL CHEN: Yes. I'm sorry. The darker lines is 195. until we get into the questions. RUSSELL REESE: Mm-hmm (affirmative). 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well I'm going to qualify 8 BILL CHEN: What is this document? 9 RUSSELL REESE: This is a graphic representation of him. GREG DIAMOND: Qualify him as an expert witness. 10 our survey results. It shows the subject property in the 10 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He has -- yeah, he -- well, and 11 main field of the plat. It's comprised of two adjacent 12 his resume seems to include, I mean you can certainly 12 platted parcels. And this is pretty much reproducing what 13 object at any point you want, but I think his resume 13 was shown on the applicant's site plan, and just showing 14 some of the found property evidence we used to reestablish 14 includes the information that you're concerned about. That 15 will address it when it comes up and we'll do it then. But 15 it. It also, around the perimeter of that area, shows the 16 go ahead Mr. Chen. 16 adjacent, or confronting homes that were shown on the BILL CHEN: Thank you very much. Have you surveyed 17 setback exhibit to be used to calculate the 300 foot tower 18 the area that is known as the East Gate Recreation property 18 setbacks. 19 located at 10200 Gainsborough Road in Potomac? BILL CHEN: Okay. Now could you explain to the RUSSELL REESE: Yes, we have. 20 Examiner just what the setbacks, where they are on this 21 BILL CHEN: Okay. And just for future reference, I'll 21 graphic and what they're trying to depict? 22 probably call it East Gate or the Recreation area, that's 22 RUSSELL REESE: Certainly. Can I approach the 23 what I'm talking about. 23 exhibit? 24 RUSSELL REESE: Understood. 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. 25 BILL CHEN: And that is the area --25 RUSSELL REESE: Thank you. 531 529 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Water? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm just be mindful that the mic is right there. Don't sit on it. Sometimes --BILL CHEN: I --CHERYL WETTER: (inaudible) any of these things? 3 RUSSELL REESE: No. So this area here represents the BILL CHEN: No. I don't (inaudible) 4 5 CHERYL WETTER: Oh. Okay. 5 BILL CHEN: I apologize. BILL CHEN: That is the property that is the subject TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. Hold on a second. of the proceedings for the Hearing Examiner. Is that BILL CHEN: Let me give you (inaudible) hang on. A 8 red felt tip and when you mark just use the red felt tip. correct? RUSSELL REESE: That's correct, yes sir. RUSSELL REESE: Understood. In the area I'm outlining 10 BILL CHEN: What was the assignment? 10 in red is the 80 foot setback requirement per the RUSSELL REESE: We were engaged to verify the boundary 11 application at 80 foot one for one. These dimensions that 12 as shown on the applicant's Site Plans, specifically C1 and 12 I'm circling are offset dimensions to the nearby homes. 13 to establish both the property line setbacks, the 80 feet 13 The 300 foot setback requirement to the west, north, and 14 in question per the application and the setbacks from the 14 east and then a measured offset to the proposed tower 15 nearby homes. And to do that by survey and show it on a 15 location for the Site Plan and that's this dimension down 16 document, that's Exhibit 191(j) and then resubmit it as a 16 here. 17 darker version Exhibit 195. 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Say that dimension. 18 BILL CHEN: What is that dimension? BILL CHEN: And is that the setbacks that are required 19 for the telecommunications tower that's before the Hearing 19 RUSSELL REESE: Oh.

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20 BILL CHEN: Sorry. (inaudible)

21 RUSSELL REESE: That's 307.1 feet. It differs

22 slightly from the Site Plan. It's actually a little bit

23 greater than shown on the applicant's Site Plan.

24 BILL CHEN: What is the portion of the graphic that

25 has the title inset?

25 RUSSELL REESE: That's correct, yes.

RUSSELL REESE: That was our initial understanding,

BILL CHEN: Okay. And you did undertake that survey?

22 was that the -- and per the application that it was an 80

20 Examiner?

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23 foot one, per one.

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- RUSSELL REESE: Yeah this is a blowup of this area.
- And this shows a --
- 3 BILL CHEN: When you say this area, what --
- RUSSELL REESE: I'm sorry. This area on the main body
- of the plat --
- BILL CHEN: Why don't you highlight that area in
- vellow. I think --
- RUSSELL REESE: Very good. The area I'm highlighting
- in yellow is what was referred to yesterday as the sliver,
- 10 or the area --
- 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The hatched area?
- 12 RUSSELL REESE: The hatched area within the available
- 13 offset. And we determined and actual -- one of the
- 14 purposes of the survey was to just term in the square
- 15 footage and we've labeled it here on the plan as 729 square
- 16 feet. That 729 square feet is what shown in the inset.
- 17 We've also borrowed some of the graphics from the
- 18 applicant's plan to overlay that setback area on top of
- 19 those existing features. We've also provided some
- 20 dimensions showing the depth, or width of that setback 21 area.
- 22 BILL CHEN: Okay. And what is the widest width of
- 23 that hatched or slivered area?
- RUSSELL REESE: That's 8.6 feet and it's at the very
- 25 eastern end of it.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. The area that -- do you know the
- 2 area that Verizon is proposing on its plans to have the
- enclosure to area for its support structure and related
- equipment?
- 5 RUSSELL REESE: Yes. The principal area there showing
- the 700 square feet. The additional future area adds
- another 400 some square feet for a total of about 1200
- 8 square feet.
- BILL CHEN: Okay.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Dun, could you turn on your
- 11 mic when he standing near you so that we get him as well?
- 12 Thank you.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. You heard the testimony of the
- 14 engineer who testified yesterday. Is that correct?
- RUSSELL REESE: Yes. 15
- BILL CHEN: And I think you -- did you hear his
- 17 testimony about the height of the structure of the 80 feet?
- 18 RUSSELL REESE: Yes.
- BILL CHEN: And you also, on questions from me,
- 20 express the statement that he could not put the equipment
- 21 and the --
- 22 GREG DIAMOND: Objection.
- 23 BILL CHEN: Well --
- 24 GREG DIAMOND: I'm sorry. You haven't finished.
- 25 BILL CHEN: Yeah.

- GREG DIAMOND: Okay.
- 2 BILL CHEN: Did you hear his testimony yesterday
- relative to placing the conditional use, the proposed
- conditional used within the setback area?
- RUSSELL REESE: Yes.
- 6 BILL CHEN: Okay. What is your recollection of --
 - GREG DIAMOND: Objection.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: There's an objection.
- GREG DIAMOND: So my objection now we're going to
- 10 design of the communications facility which is beyond the
- 11 scope of this applicant's expertise. This applicant can --
- 12 with expertise does it show us the outside boundaries of
- 13 the property and crosshatch places within the property.
- 14 But once it reaches the issue of design of a communications
- 15 facility he does not have the expertise to express an
- 16 opinion.

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- 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That wasn't the question I heard.
- 18 BILL CHEN: That's not my question.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: My question -- what I heard, and I
- 20 could be wrong and he'll clarify is that the
- 21 telecommunications towers with the equipment facility, the
- 22 way that you all have represented it would fit in that
- 23 hatched area, is what I'm hearing.
- 24 BILL CHEN: That's right.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is that what you meant?

- BILL CHEN: Yes. Yes. 1
- 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think that's a little different
- than what -- or what --
- BILL CHEN: And that doesn't go to design. We're
- using their own numbers.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. I --
- GREG DIAMOND: So does it -- is this witness capable
- of designing the communications facility? Because what --
- here's what we don't know. We don't know whether this
- 10 witness knows that, for instance, the equipment on the
- 11 ground doesn't necessarily have to be immediately adjacent
- 12 to the pole, because he's not an expert in the field of
- 13 designing communications facilities he can't reach this
- 14 issue.
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, I think that he can break
- 16 that question down. So I'm going to overrule, and --
- BILL CHEN: Well, answer the question. But I want to
- 18 respond to that to this extent. They have to stand on the
- 19 information that they've given. The numbers that they have
- 20 given, okay, they have said that we are proposing 700
- 21 square feet for the enclosure for the telecommunications
- 22 conditional use. Please. Under the definition --
- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know what the definition is.
- 24 BILL CHEN: Okay. Fine.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I (inaudible)

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BILL CHEN: So they have represented 700 square feet

- and the additional expansion which they have as of right --
- some, I'm sorry.
- THOMAS BARNARD: Well, Mr. Reese has already given
- 5 that number.
- 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.
- BILL CHEN: Okay. We're not making up numbers. He's
- not trying to tell, you know, you what they should have.
- He is using their numbers.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. I think that's what I was 10
- 11 saying.
- 12 GREG DIAMOND: So there is an assumption in evidence
- 13 here that the 700 square feet must be contiguous. Now, if
- 14 you were the -- an engineer who designs communications
- 15 facilities you would know you can put the communications
- 16 pole on one portion of the property and as was testified
- 17 yesterday, have the equipment be somewhere else on the
- 18 property. And so because this witness does not have that
- 19 expertise he should not be reaching that issue.
- BILL CHEN: (inaudible)
- 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I've heard both sides and I
- 22 -- he's -- I think he can answer based on what you have.
- 23 Yes. It could -- and maybe that's not, but he's asking as
- 24 you have proposed it right now, not at the -- you know, as
- 25 you have proposed it if it was moved over to the alternate

15 BILL CHEN: So they can't put it in there? 16 RUSSELL REESE: Correct.

14 result of this setback study.

to. So I'm going to overrule --

BILL CHEN: (inaudible)

THOMAS BARNARD: Okay.

BILL CHEN: No, he remembers.

- 17 GREG DIAMOND: Objections.
- 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: They can't put it in there based

specifically show what the shape is and the dimensions are

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- and he can answer the question.

and the location are and I think that's what he's referring

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You want to re--

11 gentleman's testimony yesterday, the engineer from MRA.

12 And those two combined areas, just in square footage, not 13 in shape exceeds the available 729 square feet that's a

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He remembers. Okav.

RUSSELL REESE: I think I remember. I do recall the

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- GREG DIAMOND: That's the --20
- 21 BILL CHEN: Obviously. They cannot put it in there
- 22 based on --
- 23 GREG DIAMOND: Is this a question or testimony?
- 24 BILL CHEN: I was responding to the Hearing Examiner.
- 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

1 the size that you have represented would it fit. That's --

- 2 I don't -- I don't hear him asking all the other
- 3 alternative questions. So I don't -- I think that that
- question is valid and he can answer it.
- 5 THOMAS BARNARD: Can I make an objection too?
- 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- THOMAS BARNARD: I think my objection is the
- 8 representation that our application is in a single -- I
- 9 think the (inaudible) was the representation that our
- 10 application it's a total number of the not in a particular
- 11 shape or location. So I think the representation their
- 12 application is limited to a particular shape and contiguous
- 13 nature of the distance is not an accurate representation of
- 14 the possibilities.
- 15 BILL CHEN: Well, you know --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Wait a minute. Just --
- 17 (inaudible) for a second. I can't hear because people are
- 18 talking. I know this is -- I need to be able to hear what
- 19 they're saying. You'll have to say that again.
- THOMAS BARNARD: My objection is to the
- 21 characterization of the application to be, in this
- 22 instance, 700 contiguous single location feet. All it is
- 23 is a total of number of feet not in a particular shape or
- 24 combination.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, I think your plats

- BILL CHEN: Based upon your own --
- 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Rephrase.
- BILL CHEN: Based upon their own information can they
- put it in that setback -- the permissible setback area?
- 5 THOMAS BARNARD: I'm going to object to the
- GREG DIAMOND: Objection to permissible setback area.
- 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. Okay. This --
- BILL CHEN: Well --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: In the hatched area, the size of
- 11 the hatched area versus, is that what I'm hearing?
- BILL CHEN: Yeah. I think that is the permissible
- 13 setback area, but I'll use hatchback area.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, I think they want to know --
- 15 hypothetically, with the way that you have put it on your
- 16 amended application and based on his drawing which shows a
- 17 sliver the size doesn't fit. Or is that what you're
- 18 saying? That it will fit in that area? All that will fit
- 19 in that area. I mean that's --
- 20 BILL CHEN: I thought that he had already answered
- 21 that question.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right, and they objected to it.
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- 24 point. And all I was doing was a follow-up that we're
- 25 talking about the permissible setback area, which I

BILL CHEN: Yeah, but he's already testified to that

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Conducted on September 27, 2017 understand to be based upon his previous testimony is that slivered area. That is the permissible setback area. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. That is the --3

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THOMAS BARNARD: I was objecting to the use of

(inaudible) as undefined, vague, and (inaudible) and I

don't know what he was including that definition of it.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Okay. Well, that's fair.

8 BILL CHEN: Fine. I mean it pertains to the compound

9 areas that Verizon has proposed for both its compound and

10 the two carriers. So that --

11 RUSSELL REESE: May I elaborate on that?

12 BILL CHEN: Yes.

13 RUSSELL REESE: My understanding of that definition

14 was the area required to construct the tower structure

15 itself, and its associated equipment. I'm not saying that

16 you're locked into the equipment yard as shown on the Site

17 Plan. I don't know. But we were giving square footage for

18 the required area the tower and its associated equipment

19 and its eventual expansion area. Assuming those are

20 minimal areas added together, they don't fit on the

21 allowable setback area.

22 BILL CHEN: Your next is 20?

23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The next exhibit would be 204.

24 BILL CHEN: Do you want me to use the stamp on this

25 document?

smaller area is a mistake in the reading of the ordinance.

BILL CHEN: He -- that's misleading. May I respond?

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You may respond. All right, your

microphone Mr. Chen. Thank you.

BILL CHEN: If I may, the full reading on that says

that a reduced setback may be approved only if there is a

location on the property where the setback requirements can

be made. And that sentence means they, in seeking a waiver

for the setback, they still, nonetheless, must be able to

10 demonstrate a location on the site where the conditional

11 use, the superstructure the -- okay. You understand what

12 I'm saying?

13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I totally understand. I knew

14 where you were going yesterday. And it's an argument as to

15 the language in the ordinance and I -- he just has an

16 alternate interpretation of it and it's arguable. Whether

17 it's a valid, but it's arguable and so I'm going to allow

18 it and so you may continue.

19 RUSSELL REESE: Thank you.

20 BILL CHEN: Mr. --

21 RUSSELL REESE: Reese.

22 BILL CHEN: Mr. Reese --

23 RUSSELL REESE: He usually just calls me guy.

24 BILL CHEN: Maybe some other things too. But you were

25 in the middle -- about to give an answer and I --

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. Just -- oh, yeah. Just put

204 and I'll put the case number. I'm going to have in my

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GREG DIAMOND: I'd like to renew an objection at this

time, read a section of the Code to try to help clarify and

maybe provide the clarity to help you rule on the

7 objection.

8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I think I did rule on the

GREG DIAMOND: So that I'm renewing an objection at

11 this time with the help of the Code. And specifically what

12 the zoning ordinance says is the Hearing -- is it okay to

13 read? The Hearing Examiner may reduce the setback

14 requirement to not less than the building setback for a

15 detached house building type in the applicable zone or to a

16 distance of one foot from an off-site dwelling for every

17 foot of height of the support structure. The support

18 structure, whichever is greater. If the evidence indicates

19 that a reduced setback will allow the support structure to

20 be located on the property in a less visual -- less

21 visually intrusive location. The focus on that section is

22 on the setbacks for the support structure, and not the

23 other, you know, portions of the communications facility.

24 So this line of questioning which is trying to establish

25 that the entire 700 square feet can't fit within the

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Do you remember the question?

BILL CHEN: I'm (inaudible)

RUSSELL REESE: I do. Well, we were still discussing

the -- whether or not the facility could fit within the

shaded area that depicts the allowable setback zone. There

were still a couple of issues pending which I think you're

getting to but one of the things I would point to was

yesterday's testimony of the engineer who said that he

doesn't even know if the support structure would fit in

10 this area because they haven't designed it. And that --

11 and he explained very eloquently that, you know, you need

12 your technical data and you need to design a foundation for

13 it. But if that foundation goes beyond $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 feet, even

14 that alone won't fit in this area.

15 BILL CHEN: That does not include the related

16 equipment?

17 RUSSELL REESE: Correct.

BILL CHEN: Okay. I've marked a document as Exhibit

19 204. Can you identify what that is?

RUSSELL REESE: Yes. We've labeled it Exhibit M2,

21 just it was the second one I produced for you. And it

22 shows a shaded area that illustrates the number of parking

spaces that would be affected by the proposed application.

BILL CHEN: And it shows the enclosures for the

25 conditional use plus the two carriers?

546 RUSSELL REESE: The initial 35 foot length of the 1 is 205. equipment yard and then the additional 29. 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. BILL CHEN: Where did you get the data to prepare that 3 BILL CHEN: And could you please identify 205? document? RUSSELL REESE: Yeah. It's a in partial plotting of 5 RUSSELL REESE: From the applicants' package. the subject property. And we -- on this drawing we have 6 BILL CHEN: Okay. And let me show you, direct your applied and 89 foot setback versus an 80 foot setback to attention to exhibit --illustrate that when doing so there is no allowable setback TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You need to talk louder understand 8 8 area for an alternate location for the tower. your mic. BILL CHEN: I don't have any further questions BILL CHEN: Oh, I'm sorry. 10 (inaudible) 10 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're wandering. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Mr. Diamond? Will you BILL CHEN: Let's go to 205. Can you identify that 12 12 please --13 document please? GREG DIAMOND: Mr. Reese, we've got --13 RUSSELL REESE: Yes. This is just a partial plotting TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 14 15 of the same survey we looked at on --15 GREG DIAMOND: Mr. Reese, you don't design BILL CHEN: When you say the survey you are looking at 16 communications facilities for a living. Is that correct? 17 you mean Exhibit 20 --17 RUSSELL REESE: That's correct. RUSSELL REESE: No. Exhibit 191(j). 18 GREG DIAMOND: Do you know whether the ground 19 BILL CHEN: Fine. Okay. 19 equipment that helps to operate the antennas at the top of RUSSELL REESE: And slash 195. 20 a tower must be immediately adjacent, next to a 20 GREG DIAMOND: Injection in that these exhibits are 21 21 communications facility, or is that beyond the scope of 22 new and were not submitted previously to the record for 22 your knowledge? 23 evaluation. 23 RUSSELL REESE: That would be beyond the scope of my 24 BILL CHEN: Okay. There's no need to. It's not a 24 expertise. 25 GREG DIAMOND: And is it also fair to say you don't --25 report. 545 547 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, do they have copies? Have 1 you also don't know whether the foundation of the tree they seen them? monopole whether it would fit in the sliver area that has 3 BILL CHEN: That's all I even have (inaudible) are been identified as the alternate potential location of -for the tower. You don't know whether or not a tower could those. 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well, they should probably fit in that space? be able to look at them before you start describing them. RUSSELL REESE: That's correct. Apparently nobody 6 BILL CHEN: Fine. Well, wait a minute. We've had 7 does. GREG DIAMOND: Not the entire 700 square feet, but things come in before --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know. But -- okay. So you 9 just the tower. 10 don't have extra copies? 10 RUSSELL REESE: Just a tower, yes. 11 BILL CHEN: I -- I might. 11 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. And so you're expressing no TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You all can look at it from 12 opinion on that subject? 12 13 (inaudible) gave me. There you go. 13 RUSSELL REESE: Correct. MALE VOICE: Questions from people that (inaudible) GREG DIAMOND: I don't have any further questions. 14 15 she had to pick up her child from school. Can she submit 15 THOMAS BARNARD: None, thank you. 16 written testimony later on? Or what time is this going to? 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. BILL CHEN: Excuse me. You heard the testimony of the 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let's get through this and I'll 17 18 answer your question. 18 engineer yesterday about the --MALE VOICE: Okay. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Your mic. We're going to have to TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Did you mark this one? 20 pin a mic on you. 20 21 BILL CHEN: I haven't marked (inaudible) I thought I BILL CHEN: You heard the testimony yesterday from the 22 had (inaudible) 22 Verizon engineer about the caisson and the size of the TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What were you referring to? I 23 caisson for the foundation. Is that correct?

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RUSSELL REESE: That's correct.

BILL CHEN: What was the size that the engineer for

24 thought you said 204 and 205.

BILL CHEN: The exhibit that says M2 is 204. And M3

550 Verizon used? (Off the record.) RUSSELL REESE: Well --2 (On the record.) 3 GREG DIAMOND: Objection. So he says he doesn't have TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's just after 3:15. Okay. I the expertise to do it himself and that was asked and understand we have two students that are here and have asked if they can -- I think they need to get home to do answered yesterday by an engineer. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I actually think it was already homework so I think they would like to give their testimony now and Mr. Chen has graciously agreed to let them go asked whether --BILL CHEN: Well, you're right. I think he already 8 before he finishes his other witness so if the applicant doesn't have any problem with that. Could I see the two or did get into --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He did testify already --10 whoever, who are the students? Okay. Come on up. Right 10 11 BILL CHEN: Yes he did, you're right. 11 over here. Okay. Come on up. Welcome. You're first. 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- that he heard it and --12 Public speaking? Okay. Go ahead and have a seat and I'll 13 BILL CHEN: Yeah, he --13 just tell you how are going to do this. Okay. So you have 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- based on what he said it --14 a statement to read? BILL CHEN: That if you -- remember that, that's why GRACE CHEN: Yeah. 15 15 16 I'm -- that's fine by me. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So how this process works 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's what I remember. 17 is am going to swear you in so everything that you're 18 BILL CHEN: Fine. That works for me. 18 saying is true. And these individuals here, they can ask 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (inaudible) yeah okay. 19 you questions about your statement. They may, they may BILL CHEN: I have no further questions. 20 not. But, this is your opportunity to tell them and tell 20 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. Now I can go on to Ms. 21 me what you think about this. So I need you to raise your 22 Wetter. 22 right hand. Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole 23 23 truth and nothing but the truth in your testimony today CHERYL WETTER: No, thank you. 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Lee? 24 under the penalty of perjury? SUSAN LEE: No. GRACE CHEN: Yes, I do. 25 549 551 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Any individuals have a question TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. You need to say your name, 2 for Mr. Reese? I don't hear any paper or -- okay. All your address, into that microphone so everybody can hear right. Thank you Mr. Reese. you. Take your time. It's okay. We've all been there. So state your name and your address. And then go ahead and RUSSELL REESE: Thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to answer the read your statement. gentleman's question real quick in the audience. He just GRACE CHEN: Okay. My name is Grace Chen. My address asked about -is 10217 Gainsborough Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Go ahead and read your MALE VOICE: A lady here had to go pick up her 8 9 children she was wondering that if she (inaudible) statement. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. Because we will have a GRACE CHEN: Hello. I am here to oppose the building 11 limited third hearing for, as we discussed yesterday. So 11 of a cell phone communication tower at East Gate Swim and 12 the record was still be open. Absolutely. Anybody can 12 Tennis on Democracy Boulevard and Gainsborough Road. 13 Although some people might say that constructing the cell 13 submit --MALE VOICE: And where do they send it to? 14 14 tower is beneficial, it must be realized that having a cell TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: They send it to the office 15 tower is not only a safety hazard and unnecessary, but will 15 16 downstairs. 16 also ruin the lives of the hundreds of people living there. 17 17 First off, having a cell tower in the middle of the street MALE VOICE: Okay. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Where they've been sending all of 18 is potentially dangerous for children and adults. There 19 them. I've got them all. (crosstalk) okay. Okay. 19 are two bus stops directly at the site of construction. A BILL CHEN: Can we take a 10 minute break? 20 bus from Bell's Mill Elementary school stops at Snug Hill 20 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. We can take a break. 21 Road and every morning and afternoon dozens of parents 22 THOMAS BARNARD: There's hands at the back of the 22 parked their cars and wait for their children. There is 23 also a Ride-On bus stop in front of the East Gate pool 23 room.

24 entrance. Many people use this bus to get to the nearby

25 Montgomery Mall. Students also use this Ride-On bus to get

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know. I'm going to answer his

25 question. Let's -- so we'll go off the record.

back and forth from Winston Churchill High School. Every

- 2 day students ride the public bus as a quick way to arrive
- 3 home or to school safely. Bell's Mill Elementary and
- 4 Churchill High School are not only the school nearby the
- 5 proposed location for the cell tower. Calvin John Middle
- 6 School and Seven Locks Elementary School are also
- 7 dangerously close. And both schools have bus routes going
- 8 through Gainsborough Road. Adults are also harmed by the
- 9 building of the cell tower. During the day many adults
- 10 take walks and runs on the street. Many people also walk
- 11 their dogs. In this community in particular there are many
- 12 elderly resting and homes and taking daily struggles. At
- 13 night the loud hum of the engine at the base will keep
- 14 everyone awake. Adults and students who get up early for
- 15 work and other events will suffer dramatically lowering the
- 16 ability of work. Students who do not get enough sleep will
- 17 experience stress at school and grades will drop. This
- 18 could affect the schools test averages and performance
- 19 level. The proposed tower location is right by the side of
- 20 a community swimming and tennis center. All kids that use
- 21 this facility will be under direct radiation of the cell
- 22 tower. Also, there is a possibility that the cell tower
- 23 will fall down. Although some of you might ask what are
- 24 the chances of a cell tower falling down, the question is
- 25 if it actually falls down what will happen to the community
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- 1 there. There will always be a risk of a cell tower
- 2 destroying houses and blocking roads. We are also in a
- 3 flooding zone area. We have gotten various flood warnings
- 4 in the area. The tower will also ruin the environment,
- 5 community, and the lives of people. Instead of a calming
- 6 view of trees swaving behind houses and clouds floating
- 7 peacefully in a clear blue sky you will see a gigantic
- 8 tower looming over and blocking everything in view. No one
- 9 will want to live in such a horrible place. The community
- 10 here is extremely welcoming and supportive of one another.
- 11 With the building of a cell tower the positive and lovable
- 12 community will be destroyed and the value of residences
- 13 will drop significantly. The impact of community life is
- 14 great. People can no longer sacrifice their life quality
- 15 and personal happiness for technology. Human life, without
- 16 question, is more important than money and technology. The
- 17 cell tower situated so close to communities would ruin the
- 18 childhood of many children. On Halloween night the nearby
- 19 communities have children running up and down the street
- 20 ringing doorbells for candy and treats. The hill right
- 21 next to the proposed constructional area of the tower is a
- 22 popular place for children to sled in the winter, snowy
- 23 months. Usually cell towers are hidden in forest and are
- 24 now out in the open. Especially not in the middle of a
- 25 street and parking lot. The cell tower should be moved to

- a different area where it is hidden and doesn't bother
- 2 human life. The cell tower could easily affect people.
- 3 Especially when they are so close to its dangerous
- 4 radiation every single day. The telecommunications tower
- 5 is also extremely unnecessary. I Verizon signal is always
- 5 -- is already very strong in the area so there is no need
- 7 to locate a cell tower here. Some people's coverage is bad
- 8 due to the various signals from other cell towers bouncing
- 9 off of each other. More than 32 cell phone towers already
- 10 exist in the area within a (inaudible) mile radius making
- 11 it even more unnecessary. The communities nearby had
- 12 absolutely no say in the construction of the tower which is
- 12 absolutely no say in the construction of the tower which is
- 13 less than 50 feet away from the nearest community. The
- 14 cell tower is so close to the residences yet no one knew
- 15 about it until a year later the contract was signed. Would
- 16 you want to have a cell tower in your backyard? Do you
- 17 want your children to live under a dangerous tower with
- 18 radiation and then end up getting bad grades? Would you
- 19 want your house value to decrease? Do you want to live
- 20 with the constant worry of having a cell tower in your
- 21 backyard? Do you want a hideous tower in your beautiful
- 22 neighborhood? Our community and people elected you to
- 23 represent and stand up with our voices. We expect you to
- 24 fulfill your duty and support us. As County representative
- 25 you are our voice. Speak up for us and defend our views.
- 1 Thank you.
 - 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you Ms. Chen. Questions
 - 3 anybody? Questions? Pardon me? Any questions? Thank you
 - 4 very much for coming out.
 - 5 GRACE CHEN: Thank you.
 - 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You did great. Okay. So we will
 - go on to Mr. Chen -- you have? Pardon me?
 - 8 BILL CHEN: There were two.
 - 9 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I thought there were two. I don't
 - 10 see, is there another student? Is it just one student?
 - 11 Yeah. I don't know where I got two. Sorry. Okay. Mr.
 - 12 Chen, your next witness. Is this your -- all right. Mr.
 - 13 Davis. Is that on red?
 - 14 JOSEPH DAVIS: On red.
 - 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Do you promise to tell the
 - 16 truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in your
 - 17 testimony under the penalty of perjury?
 - 18 JOSEPH DAVIS: I do.
 - 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. State your name and your
 - 20 address and wait for Mr. Chen's questions.
 - 21 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. My name is Joseph Davis. My
 - 22 address is 172 Tuckers Road, Pawley's Island, South
 - 23 Carolina 29585.
 - 24 BILL CHEN: Mr. Davis, I'm showing you exhibit number
 - 25 191(d). Can you identify it?

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JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. That's my curriculum vitae, and subdivision supervisor and I did approximately eight years or so is the subdivision supervisor and then I was again resume. 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What number did you have, 191? promoted to chief of the development and review division. BILL CHEN: D. Is that wrong? I retired from the Park and Planning commission in 2004. I 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: For his resume? September 4th, then took a position with Montgomery County where I was 2017 or is that -director of redevelopment working primarily in the Wheaton BILL CHEN: That's my understanding. area. Then I was working with a broader range of issues in 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's his statement. I have it terms of redevelopment and those activities. I left the County in 2007 and I opened my planning consultant as F. BILL CHEN: I've got, well maybe I've --10 business, (inaudible) Planning Solutions, Inc., a Maryland 10 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's D? Wait a minute. 11 corporation; and I operated that business until I closed in 12 BILL CHEN: I've got the CV as D. 12 2014. And then I retired. But from time to time I get TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Give me a moment. It's 13 13 called back for some reason. 14 important we reference the right one. BILL CHEN: And have you been recognized as an expert BILL CHEN: The statement I've got as F. All right. 15 witness, sir, in any agencies or courts? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: One ninety-one. This is -- Okay. JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes, I have been recognized as an 17 So it is D. That's different than the career summary, 17 expert witness in land planning in Montgomery County 18 right? Which one are you looking at? 18 Circuit Court. I have been recognized by the Hearing BILL CHEN: Yes. Yes. 19 Examiners. I have been recognized by the Board of Appeals 20 to testify in their proceedings as an expert witness. 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The CV? 21 BILL CHEN: Yes, you've got a career summary as E. 21 Montgomery County property review board. I qualified with 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: E, and then F is his statement. 22 them on some combination cases I was working with it as a 23 Okay. Thank you. I had it wrong. 23 land planner. And obviously before the planning commission 24 BILL CHEN: Okay. Mr. Davis, what is your occupation? 24 and the Park and Planning commission and the County JOSEPH DAVIS: A land planner. 25 Council. Infer that you don't really, as a staff member 25 557 559 BILL CHEN: And what does that encompass? you don't really qualify -- have to qualify as an expert. JOSEPH DAVIS: In my experience it has covered from BILL CHEN: Did that -- did I cut you off? working with Master Plans, to zoning, to subdivision and 3 JOSEPH DAVIS: That's all right. then basically doing studies, special studies. I've BILL CHEN: Does that area of expertise include 4 5 involved in legislation, zoning legislations, subdivision expressing opinions relative to compliance with the zoning legislation. ordinance? 7 BILL CHEN: You were employed by the Maryland National JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. Capital Park and Planning Commission? 8 BILL CHEN: Subdivision regulations? JOSEPH DAVIS: That's correct. I was --9 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. 10 BILL CHEN: It's on your CV. 10 BILL CHEN: Master plan? 11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. 11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. Master plans as well. BILL CHEN: Could you just, in a summary, brief away 12 12 GREG DIAMOND: So I guess I have an objection 13 explain to the Hearing Examiner your career with the 13 regarding qualifying as an expert on subdivisions. There's 14 Maryland National Capital Park and planning Commission? 14 no subdivision in this case. This is only a zoning matter 15 Your positions and your responsibilities. 15 and subdivision is an entirely different ordinance of the JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. Well I started with the Maryland 16 code. 17 national capital Park and planning commission on the Prince 17 BILL CHEN: Well, this is a area -- we're in the 18 George's site back in 1972 and then I moved, and basically 18 opposition. 19 the work I did there, I was working with a comprehensive 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's in an area of his expertise -20 rezoning division, so there I learned a lot about in terms 20 -21 of implementation and Master Plan recommendation is through BILL CHEN: Not only that, if I may help the Examiner

22 we're in the opposition case and we contend through our

23 prior filings that there is a subdivision regulation

25 Your nodding -- from nodding your head I --

24 involved in this case that precludes this development.

22 that. I then transferred to Montgomery County in 1980

23 where I took a position as principal planner working with

24 zoning applications and was on the legislation. And I did

25 that work for about 8½ years and then I was promoted to the

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. I -- your objection is noted. 2 He's been recognized as an expert in land planning and I 3 believe subdivision, if that is part of their defense then it's within his expertise. Whether you agree with it, and you certainly will argue against it, I think it's within his area of expertise (inaudible) you are qualified again. JOSEPH DAVIS: Thank you. 8 BILL CHEN: Mr. Davis while we're on that subdivision aspect I want to direct your attention to several exhibits 10 in the record that have been filed. Specifically have you 11 had an opportunity to review the subdivision approval 12 documents for the East Gate of Potomac Subdivision? JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes, I have. 13 14 BILL CHEN: Okay. What are those documents? JOSEPH DAVIS: Well, first is the preliminary plan of 15 16 subdivision which was approved in 1970, or actually 17 approved in 1969, excuse me. There are two record plants 18 that encompass the subject property and these are East Gate 19 of Potomac plans. At, I believe for your record, Madam 20 hearing Examiner, the plat numbers are 96, 529660. I just 21 say that because it's Park and planning commission and 22 these 508 numbers at the bottom. 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is it marked as exhibits? 24 BILL CHEN: Yes. I'm going to (inaudible) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 25

562 the preliminary plan of the East Gate Recreational -- East Gate subdivision. 3 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. BILL CHEN: Have you got it there? JOSEPH DAVIS: This was a document you sent to me and it's the East Gate preliminary plan and I'm just looking for the preliminary plan number on it; 1-96144 is the preliminary plan number for this. It is a cluster plan and it shows the subject property for the modification is 10 special exception for the conditional use application. It 11 identifies it as proposed Recreation Association. BILL CHEN: And you say you've got the plats as well? 13 JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct. Two plats, the first one all 14 described as plat number 9652 and that plat is for the 15 eastern portion of the area and it includes the eastern 16 portion of the subject site and is identified as parcel C 17 3.12 acres to be conveyed to East Gate Recreation 18 Association Inc. There's also a note on that plat which is 19 very important and is required to be on this plat. And it 20 says, note: This land lies within an approved cluster 21 subdivision. Subdivision or resubdivision is not permitted 22 and development of the land is only permitted in accordance 23 with the land use shown on the approved development plan 24 which is the cluster preliminary plan. That same note also 25 applies on the second record plat in almost the same 563

561 BILL CHEN: Did you get these Technical Staff report 2 too? JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. I have a Technical Staff report -- on the this is a Technical Staff report on the -- not only subdivision, on the subdivision is pretty much of those documents. I take that back there is a letter to John Broda that you had sent to me. John Broda is a former subdivision supervisor, Park and planning commission, concerning the subdivision applications. BILL CHEN: Okay. If I may Madam Examiner to help you 11 and Counsel, these documents were prefiled back in December 12 and I'm referring to Exhibit 76A, B, C, D. what type of 13 subdivision is the East Gate subdivision? JOSEPH DAVIS: It's a residential cluster subdivision. 15 BILL CHEN: And what type of subdivision is that? JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. That's the type of subdivision 17 and it occurs in the one family residential zones R90, 18 R200. A variety of those zones. And what it is it's an 19 ability to reduce lot sizes in exchange for the provision 20 open space. It's also a provision of open space could be 21 far stream valley protection, steep slope protection, or

22 for active recreation. So that's -- it's a basic trade-off

23 to try and gain additional open space for the community.

25 need, the preliminary plan -- excuse me. Directing you to

BILL CHEN: Would you please, utilizing the, as you

location, towards the bottom center and the subject site, the western portion is parcel C and it's 1.366 acres. And those two pieces comprise the subject site. BILL CHEN: What do those -- that form of development, a cluster, and those notes mean? JOSEPH DAVIS: What it means is that the land area which is subject to this special method of development is in fact. It's for perpetuity. It's not intended to be resubdivided. It's not intended to create additional lots. 10 It's intended to maintain for perpetuity the open space 11 associated with it. And in this case where you have 12 recreational involved with it it's to convey those to the 13 proper entity. And I say that as it's sort of a normal 14 feature of subdivision that there would often be a 15 different -- there would be a group establish that would be 16 responsible for the long-term maintenance and operation of 17 any facility associated with it like a swim and tennis 18 club. BILL CHEN: And in this particular case what is the 20 use that is -- that the subdivision plat approval required 21 for this property? JOSEPH DAVIS: It did require a swim club and the

23 document I'm looking at -- well, first of all it says on

24 the plat to be conveyed to East Gate Recreation

25 Association.

566 BILL CHEN: What's the use for that area again? scope was did not include that. I understand that there JOSEPH DAVIS: And it says that it is -- on the plat may be issues of subdivision but this, going back to the it says to be conveyed to that group, but on the approved original plots, the covenants, the means, the intended uses cluster plan it's shown as proposed recreation association. is way beyond the scope. Intended use is not an issue for THOMAS BARNARD: Madam Hearing Examiner, I'm going to the Hearing Examiner to decide. object on a scope ground. And this is the ground. As BILL CHEN: Well, I agree with that last statement. The intended use is for you. Counsel is aware, there is a pending state Circuit Court 8 action about the appropriateness of the planning and the 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He said it is not for me. Is that 9 meaning of the various covenants and deeds. And unless what you said? 10 we're prepared to try that case also in front of you, THOMAS BARNARD: That's correct. 11 because he's kind of tiptoeing to open that door, and once 11 BILL CHEN: Well --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He said it is not for me. 12 we open the door then I'm going to have to retry that, or 12 BILL CHEN: Well, excuse me. The use of the land is 13 pre-try that entire case here. And I don't think that's 13 14 really part of the elements of the -- and so I would 14 before you. And I've heard the reference to the 15 object to expanding the scope of this hearing to step into 15 declarations in the covenants. We're not using them. I 16 the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court and advise that we 16 know they've been prefiled, but that again, is where, as I 17 stick to the hearing application standards and not into the 17 explained, I think the first day and Mr. Barnard wasn't 18 interpretation of the deeds. 18 here, that was filed in that expansive way as a consequence BILL CHEN: That is admittedly a count in the lawsuit 19 of the language in your one ruling. But subdivision is 20 involves the subdivision, however this is a zoning matter. 20 part of zoning. We are not going to get into the 21 And again, going back to your ruling on that one motion. 21 covenants. I recognize the issues involving the covenants 22 Ouite frankly I'm not clear jurisdiction. I think zoning's 22 and that type of matter, but I think you made it very clear 23 primary jurisdiction is here. And when I use the word 23 in your ruling. 24 primary jurisdiction I use that as a technical word that's 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's not before me. 25 BILL CHEN: Yeah. 25 recognizing the law. I think the primary jurisdiction for 565 567 1 a zoning matter including, and subdivision is part of TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 2 zoning, as you well know, is before this Agency. Now quite 2 BILL CHEN: And we're not -- we are not proposing to 3 candidly, I'm not sure what the Circuit Court would you as raise that. I will tell you that right now. We're going to -- and a preliminary plan, the plants, that's all part 4 jurisdiction. I know we got our stay for instance, which 5 is a voluntary stay is pending the outcome of these 5 of zoning. 6 proceedings. And there is an overlap. I'll candidly admit THOMAS BARNARD: I'll just follow up and then I'll let 7 that. But it is our position and it always has been our Mr. Diamond say his. The clear testimony a second ago that 8 position since we got involved in this case which was attempted to start the door was this idea of the 9 before the lawsuit, that the subdivision issue is before -recreation, he even use the phrase recreational use, 10 properly before this Agency because it's part of the zoning 10 recreational purpose, that is the essence of the definition 11 process and regulates the use of the land. And that's the 11 of that. And the meaning within the East Gate Recreation 12 basic reason why that issue is properly before you. 12 Association bylaws is the essence of the circuit course 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Response. 13 case. And I know whether it's directly or indirectly the THOMAS BARNARD: We'll respond briefly that the phrase 14 intended point of that point is to lead the Hearing 15 subdivision issue designed to then allow an interpretation 15 Examiner to believe that this is somehow violating of the 16 of the plots, the covenants, the very essence of the 16 intended use of the property, which is not the issue for 17 Circuit Court case --17 this hearing. And that is my objection. And that kind of, 18 18 either doing it directly or indirectly is the same problem. BILL CHEN: I'm not (inaudible) THOMAS BARNARD: -- essentially getting an 19 BILL CHEN: May I respond to that? There is no --20 administrative opinion on something before the parties are 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think Mr. Diamond was motioning 21 --21 prepared, the parties are understanding that that issue is 22 BILL CHEN: Oh, I'm sorry. 22 going to be litigated in the subsequent case is a kind of, 23 you know, it's kind of a backdoor way of essentially 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That way you can respond to both 24 litigating this issue here before parties are prepared. I 24 of their --25 think the clear ruling of the Hearing examiner on what the 25 BILL CHEN: Sure.

570 GREG DIAMOND: I'm going to let Bill respond. 1 the scope of your required findings. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. BILL CHEN: If I may respond to that. If you look at 3 GREG DIAMOND: But then I would like to join. section 7.3.1.E.I.a the language for a necessary findings TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You would like to what? says to approve a conditional use application the Hearing 5 GREG DIAMOND: Join this discussion. Examiner must find that the proposed development a) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. Okay. I thought you said satisfies any applicable previous approval on the subject something else. site or if not that the previous approval must be amended. GREG DIAMOND: No. 8 That is straight down the pipe on why the subdivision BILL CHEN: There are multiple reasons why this approval for this site is part of the zoning process and 10 project is, in view of my clients, not permissible. Some 10 has to be addressed as part of the necessary findings and 11 have been presented in the Circuit Court lawsuit. Those 11 as we are coming from 12 issues particularly I'm alluding to the representations in TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So your interpretation of that is 13 the covenants, they are not being raised in this forum. We 13 that it includes not previous special exceptions or 14 are raising the subdivision issue because this subdivision, 14 modifications, you are saying that any approval on this 15 the land was involved -- I'm about to sneeze, is subject to 15 particular property --16 a zoning restriction. Excuse me. Okay. I mean thank you. BILL CHEN: Any land use approval has to be addressed 17 The subdivision of this land and its use is under the 17 in this subsection. Yes, Madam Examiner. That is correct. 18 zoning. It's a part of it. And if it involves zoning it 18 That includes subdivision and what to me is more basic 19 is the primary forum, primary jurisdiction for that type of 19 about it or not more, but just as basic is that it is 20 determination is this Agency and not the Circuit Court. 20 recognized that a subdivision is part of the zoning 21 And that is very simply our position. And I appreciate Mr. 21 process. It's part of the land use process. 22 Barnard's concern about the covenants, but I've said, we're 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is this an issue that Staff is 23 not going to get into that. We're sticking, hewing closely 23 charged with picking up? 24 to only the zoning issues. BILL CHEN: They missed. And I attended meetings. I TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The history of the zoning of this 25 will tell you that the word cluster was raised in the 569 571 1 land, is that what you're talking about, as opposed to -meeting. They missed it. BILL CHEN: Yeah. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What? 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- going into the bylaws and the BILL CHEN: That the word cluster subdivision, they missed it. They flat-out missed it. So it was presented covenants? BILL CHEN: We're not getting into the bylaws at a meeting last year, was it last year? (inaudible). FEMALE VOICE: Yes. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Diamond. GREG DIAMOND: So the applicants' thought is what GREG DIAMOND: Okay. So I think the part that's we're really looking at here is an issue in building 9 missing in part of this dialog are the rules and permits that as part of the building permit process if 10 regulations that govern the Hearing Examiner's supposed 10 there are any issues related to obtaining a permit 11 list of findings in this case. And those are found in 11 including any necessary additional subdivision that it 12 Division 7.3.1 on a conditional use, subsection E, 12 would be handled then. But it's not part -- it's really 13 necessary finding. Subsections F and the extent to which 13 not part of the list of necessary findings of this hearing 14 this zoning hearing reaches just the slightest bit into 14 examiner as to whether the proposed use is compatible with 15 subdivision concerns whether the subject property and the 15 the property and the conditions in the ordinance. 16 subject use will be adequately served by public facilities, BILL CHEN: I don't know how he can say that when I 17 schools, police, fire, there's a list and if that public 17 just referred to --18 facility's test is required; if you find it is required in 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. I totally get both sides and 19 this case then you have to determine whether a preliminary 19 --20 subdivision plat is part of it. So the only testimony in 20 THOMAS BARNARD: Well, I'll just add that the idea of 21 this case so far is that the property is already adequately 21 statutory interpretation if we were to take Mr. Chen's

22 interpretation that he would essentially undercut any

23 limitations the rest of the regulations places on the scope

25 ever ruled upon in any forum, about this land before, the

24 of the hearing examiner by saying, well, any issue that was

22 served by all the facilities. If Mr. Chen wants to be

23 asking this witness about adequate public facilities and

24 that certainly is appropriate. But getting into the deep

25 weeds of the subdivision from the 1950s is going way beyond

572 574 hearing examiner should read and see if this is consistent 1 land by virtue of the subdivision. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. with. So I don't think that his reading of it is limited 3 to those topics which are made by the essential findings THOMAS BARNARD: Also known as a covenant. 3 4 later in the regulation, not in and above those. Otherwise BILL CHEN: No. those limitations would be superfluous in the THOMAS BARNARD: An implied covenant or whatever he interpretation of the regulation. wants to call it, and some kind of restriction. BILL CHEN: I've not said any issue. I said the BILL CHEN: It's not a covenant. It is -- we learned 8 zoning reg says any prior approval, and this is a prior use that at a preliminary hearing. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So you all voluntarily approval. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Your same prior approval goes back 10 stayed this. Why didn't you get a decision on this before 10 11 to --11 you came here? BILL CHEN: The subdivision. THOMAS BARNARD: Because the idea was to have the 12 12 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- the moment it was subdivided. 13 zoning decision made and then if that were appealed and BILL CHEN: The subdivision. Because this is a 14 adverse to the plaintiffs then all these issues would be 15 cluster subdivision and it control the approval of that 15 taken up at the same time by the Circuit Court rather than 16 controls use. 16 piecemeal. And I think this is now attempting to reverse TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. And when you raised it with 17 that into a piecemeal. 18 Staff they said what? 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. And I don't want to do BILL CHEN: They didn't. They didn't understand. 19 that. BILL CHEN: We're not doing that. This is a use 20 Honestly, they didn't. 20 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: If they didn't understand, we're 21 issue. It is a zoning issue. 22 in trouble. 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So this is what I'm going BILL CHEN: It went right over their head. Their 23 23 to do. I'll give you a little bit of latitude but the 24 lawyer was there, they -- you know, I --24 objection, and if it comes in, you all can certainly give GREG DIAMOND: And so there is a Staff Report which 25 me briefs on this. But at this point, you know, I don't 573 575 1 addresses this direct finding of the -- and it does not want to open up that door and it needs to be very, very address subdivision. limited. I'm not sure I agree with your interpretation of TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. I know that. I've read all approvals but then again, if we get to that point you 4 the staff report. And we're -- I feel like we are will provide me with legal support for that, legislative splitting hairs to a certain degree. Because I don't want history that -- I'm just saying. Because I think it's open that door opened. The circuit door -- the Circuit Court for interpretation. When I look at it's -- you know, the 7 door. approvals that are on at like for a special exception or a BILL CHEN: I don't want to open it either. I'm with private conditional use, that doesn't mean that I'm right. 9 you on that. 9 That's why we have lawyers to make arguments and file TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Because it's not rightly before 10 briefs. And so I'll give you a little bit of latitude but 11 me. That is beyond my scope. I could say something and it 11 if it starts to open that door I'm going to agree with the 12 would mean nothing in that regard because I don't have the 12 applicant that we're not going to open that door. 13 power or the jurisdiction to address that. And I BILL CHEN: No. I think --13 14 shouldn't. Otherwise zoning -- we wouldn't be able to 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's something that you can deal 15 handle the zoning issues. 15 with at this point. BILL CHEN: There is, and there is a count on it, as 16 THOMAS BARNARD: Thank you. 17 Mr. Barnard represented. There is an account involving the 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And --18 bylaws and the covenants and you're not going to hear about BILL CHEN: Well, just if I may repeat. The ordinance 19 that at all. 19 language says applicable previous approval on the subject TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. But I believe you're going 20 site. 21 down the road to say this subdivision is not being complied 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I heard you the first time. 22 with. 22 BILL CHEN: Okay. Okay. And quite frankly, we've 23 23 already got evidence before you that subdivision of this BILL CHEN: Yeah.

24 property on this parcel in particular is restricted to

25 recreational use. That's already been --

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Is that --

BILL CHEN: Well, there's a restriction on the use of

GREG DIAMOND: Objection.

BILL CHEN: That's already been -- that's testimony

3 already.

GREG DIAMOND: Objection.

5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. All right. He can tell us

that -- what the subdivision process is for properties, not

necessarily go down to the specifics of this property

because to me that is walking towards the door in the other

case.

10 BILL CHEN: Well, you know --

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Again. You can argue the other

12 way but at the same time it's -- I don't know how you're

13 going to get around that.

BILL CHEN: Well, the testimony has been that this

15 site is subdivided as a cluster subdivision and it

16 restricts, and that on the subject parcel it's restricted

17 to recreational use.

GREG DIAMOND: Objection. I mean that --18

THOMAS BARNARD: I think the solution would be if you

20 want to allow the testimony for them to, like how he just

21 said; it's been said already, all you, I think, as the

22 Hearing Examiner have to say is the testimony has been

23 entered. There's been an objection. At this point I'm

24 not considering it in making my ultimate decision. If it's

25 not relative to an issue that you have to decide. He has

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1 then made his -- it's been put in the record as he said,

2 however there's an objection and you've made a decision,

and we can move on to finish the witness's testimony.

BILL CHEN: Well --

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: All right. And I think that's

with any witness that I hear.

BILL CHEN: I'm basic --

8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Essentially. But (inaudible)

BILL CHEN: I'm not sure I disagree with that.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

11 BILL CHEN: I think that maybe the best way to handle 12 this.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think it is the best way to

14 handle it and well said. Thank you. And you agree.

BILL CHEN: Yeah, and we're in the opposition case.

16 This is a land-use issue we are in.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Exactly. And at the end of the

18 dam not going to decide covenants. And I'm not going to

19 decide it's -- it is an issue and whether -- I'll give it

20 the weight that I think it deserves but if the door starts

21 to open I am going to not let it go open. I -- thank you

22 Mr. -- I think Ms. Borten wanted to say something, but that

23 was -- okay.

24 BILL CHEN: All right.

25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Still over there? BILL CHEN: Was there a question pending? I'm not

sure there was.

JOSEPH DAVIS: No. I think I had finished answering.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think he had to.

5 BILL CHEN: How was that recreational use on the

subject property implemented?

JOSEPH DAVIS: It was implemented through a special

exception application --

GREG DIAMOND: Objection. There is no recreational

10 use on the property is the nature of the objection.

THOMAS BARNARD: We just objected and said the

12 testimony has come in it's been done, and were going to

13 move on and then we went right back to it.

BILL CHEN: It's been -- and I agree that he can

15 object but the way that recreational restriction has been

16 implemented is through the special exception and that's

17 been recognized.

18 CATHY BORTEN: Madam Hearing Examiner, if I may.

19 That's the issue. The restriction. Everybody knows there

20 is currently a recreational use on the property.

21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.

22 CATHY BORTEN: It has not been decided because it is

23 pending in the Circuit Court if there is a restriction and

24 any testimony that goes towards these documents creating a

25 restriction is not appropriate in this venue.

BILL CHEN: I'm not trying to get into the lawsuit. But what I am getting at is that there is an underlying

special exception that is the subject of this proceeding

and I'm entitled to go to that area.

5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Case S596?

6 BILL CHEN: Yes.

7 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So that's the restriction

8 he's talking about?

BILL CHEN: Yes. That's what I'm talking about.

10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

11 CATHY BORTEN: It's not a restriction.

THOMAS BARNARD: That's -- that's --12

13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

CATHY BORTEN: And that's what he's trying --14

15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The special -- Oh I see.

16 BILL CHEN: I never used the word restriction.. I

17 said how is the

18 CATHY BORTEN: Yes you did.

19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I think you did.

20 BILL CHEN: I apologize.

21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But in that special -- the

22 underlying --

23 BILL CHEN: How is the --

24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- underlying special exception.

25 BILL CHEN: How is that -- I apologize. If I used the

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word restriction I sincerely apologize.

2 THOMAS BARNARD: That's why we objected.

3 BILL CHEN: Okay.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's -- sustained.

5 BILL CHEN: You know -- how has the recreational

6 designation on the subdivision been implemented?

JOSEPH DAVIS: A special exception that was applied

8 for and approved and it was applied for and approved back

9 in 1970 -- well, eight.

10 BILL CHEN: And that is a special exception that's

11 involved in the modification in this proceeding?

12 JOSEPH DAVIS: That's correct.

13 BILL CHEN: Okay. Great.

14 JOSEPH DAVIS: I don't have anything more to say about

15 the subdivision.

16 BILL CHEN: No. I know that. I don't have -- I have

17 no more to ask you about it.

18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That was good. Thank you. We

19 needed that levity.

20 BILL CHEN: Okay. But I do want to talk about the

21 special exception. Okay. Now have you reviewed the

22 application that is before the hearing examiner that

23 proposes to modify that special exception?

24 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes, I have.

25 BILL CHEN: Okay. And is that proposal permissible --

1 was that I was identifying issues associated with that, but

2 I didn't see them in those reports. So in effect, I was

3 having to initiate my own sort of mini-staff review as if I

4 was on the staff, but to look at it from the standpoint of

5 trying to determine what issues are here that would create

6 a problem in terms of the application being able to go

7 forward on it because of a procedural or a regulatory --

8 adherence to some sort of procedure or --

9 BILL CHEN: And you're talking about modification of 10 the special exception?

11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. The modification. As well as

12 then looking at the --

13 BILL CHEN: Conditional use.

14 JOSEPH DAVIS: -- conditional use.

15 BILL CHEN: I understand but I just want to talk about

16 the modification yet.

17 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay.

18 BILL CHEN: Okay. With regard to the proposed

19 modification, the requested modification what are the

20 issues raised by the modification that is requested --

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay.

22 BILL CHEN: -- and taking into conjunction the

23 proposed development on the site.

24 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. The proposal is for the

25 construction of a telecommunications tower and it's a

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1 excuse me. Do you have an opinion -- do you agree with the

2 report and testimony of Mr. Landfair about the modification

3 being permissible for the special exception?

4 JOSEPH DAVIS: I -- no. I don't agree with that.

5 BILL CHEN: Why?

6 JOSEPH DAVIS: Let me see. How to begin with this. I

think that I have an issue with the report that Mr.

8 Landfair prepared as well as the Technical Staff report and

9 that concern is that when I was looking at the material

10 that was sent to me to prepare and to do my work of

11 analyzing the items I've already referenced, and then

12 looking at the special exception, the approved special

13 exception and the modification to that special exception

14 when I looked at those reports to be honest with you I just

15 felt like there wasn't anything there that I could utilize

16 in terms of my approach to analyzing the case. And what I

17 mean to say by that is that in my review of the plans I

18 could begin to spot issues as I compared them to the zoning

19 ordinance. And for this case we have to look at not only

20 the current 2014 zoning ordinance, but we also have to look

21 at the pre-2014 zoning ordinance.

22 BILL CHEN: Why is that?

23 JOSEPH DAVIS: That's because special exceptions that

24 were approved prior to 2014 still, under the former zoning

25 ordinance requirements. And so the problem I was having

being, in effect, retrofitted into a recreational area and

2 both are being reviewed together under the authority of the

3 Hearing Examiner, the Board of Appeals has referred that

4 matter to the Hearing Examiner procedurally to analyze the

5 modification as well as the conditional use, and the new

6 proposed use for the property. I think one of the -- in

7 looking at the standards for that I looked at setback

8 standards I was looking at height issues, I was looking at

9 all of the various requirements that are established for

10 both uses in terms of using an older subdivision for the

11 modification -- excuse me. The older zoning ordinance for

 $12\,$ the modification and the new ordinance for the new uses.

13 With regard to the conditional use application I did have

14 issues with the setbacks. I had some issues with the

15 parking in terms of that change. That actually related

16 more towards the modification issue. I had some issues as

17 well with looking at the need for additional landscaping,

18 and in my review of that I found that actually under the

19 parking regulations of the 2004 zoning ordinance there

20 would be a necessity for this case to bring parking into

21 compliance with the requirements, basically, of the 2004

22 zoning ordinance. Now there are some however that are

23 associated with that. I don't have the language right in

24 front of me. And still there's the opportunity, the idea

25 is bring it into compliance. It's too difficult to bring

into compliance then maybe you do part of it. But the

- element that was there was a perimeter landscaping around
- the edges of the parking area so then I said, well, this is
- another feature. This is something that has to be
- considered by the Hearing Examiner and it's not part of the
- application. It's not part of the modification to have
- that landscaping and it's not part of the new case. So
- that created a little bit of a dilemma. Then again when
- 9 I'm looking at the tower, excuse me. I should say the
- 10 telecommunications tower proposal I was having some
- 11 additional difficulty with the fact that locating that
- 12 within the existing special exception area raised internal
- 13 compatibility issues in my mind. That created internal
- 14 compatibility issues that needed to be looked at and
- 15 addressed. Again, I didn't have anything to work from the
- 16 reports other than I will notice the Technical Staff report
- 17 did highlight a need I think for landscaping up by Snug
- 18 Hill Lane and that was shown.
- BILL CHEN: As that shown on the modification request?
- 20 The special exception modification request?
- JOSEPH DAVIS: It's on the -- I think that shown in
- 22 the conditional use but the -- it would be 145C, the land -
- 23 the Site Plan for the case so it's shown there. So
- 24 there's another element to this and that's a little
- 25 concerning and that is there's a condition of the original

- or if it is appropriate and still a viable condition then
- there should be some proposal in terms of providing that
- required driveway access to Democracy Boulevard. So in
- terms of the S596, those are the kind of issues that I was
- coming up with. Then when I looked at the conditional use
- application to bring the tower onto the property I was also
- struck, I mentioned previously about what I see as internal
- compatibility. It's almost as if in reviewing this tower
- the language of the special exception, and now I'm talking
- 10 about the current zoning ordinance for the conditional use
- 11 application, talks about effects on surrounding properties.
- 12 But I think that under the Master Plan there was sort of a
- 13 recommendation as part of the special exception policy, I
- 14 believe, for a heightened review of special exceptions.
- 15 And that brings me now to the Master Plan being the 2003
- 16 Potomac Sub-region Master Plan. And there, there is a
- 17 policy enunciated in the Plan for the treatment of special
- 18 exceptions. And that was also laid out in terms of the
- 19 Technical Staff Report and the Landfair Report. But -- I
- 20 lost my train of thought for a second. But in terms of
- 21 that special exception recommendations in the Master Plan
- 22 there are a number of items identified that I thought were
- 23 important that I don't feel were addressed. And I'm
- 24 talking about things like, in terms of the policy when it
- 25 was talking about a heightened review or a more scrutiny

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1 special exception S596 that specified that at the time

- 2 Democracy Boulevard was extended west across the frontage 2
- 3 of this property that there was supposed to be a second
- access driveway provided to the swim club. That was never
- done. So again I'm looking at it and thinking well, it
- should've been done sooner, but this is probably the time
- it should be looked at. So I was beginning to see a number
- of little issues that were association with the
- 9 modification coming up but I wasn't sure in terms of the
- 10 modification process, since this is in effect a minor
- 11 modification as to whether or not you'd be able to deal
- 12 with these. You being the Hearing Examiner. But I think
- 13 in reviewing the amendment procedures I think you have
- 14 obviously that flexibility and opportunity as a part of
- 15 this process. But I don't think there's nothing -- we
- 16 don't have anything here upon which to review it. Now to
- 17 finish what I was saying about the access driveway. This
- 18 is, it's like touching a base, going around the, you know,
- 19 the infield in that it wasn't put in. Maybe it should,
- 20 maybe it shouldn't. I don't have the judgment as to
- 21 whether it should or not, but it's a requirement. So it
- 22 would seem to me that at the minimum either the County
- 23 Department of Transportation needs to be contacted to say
- 24 no, they never want an access point there, which would be
- 25 appropriate then for modification (inaudible) part of this,

- been paid to special exceptions within the area I thought
- that that had application to the site. It was talking
- about the issue of making sure that in the review of
- special exceptions that there's adherence to all of the
- requirements. Another recommendation was looking towards
- the idea of multiplicity of special exceptions within the
- area. I do note that in the Landfair report, I believe he
- identified that there's one previous special exception
- which is the modifications which is S596, and then this is
- 10 on top of that. Well, I saw that potentially there is a
- 11 need for heightened scrutiny there because while they are
- 12 the only two being that they're right there with each
- 13 other, is this an over intensification associated with
- 14 that. Another issue is that there's a bike path that's
- 15 proposed in the Master Plan. It's a Class I bike path that
- 16 will run along Democracy Boulevard. The plan didn't state
- 17 which side of the road, but yet that's in there and it
- 18 seems to me that we need to be careful if we've got this
- 19 special exception at this location along Democracy
- 20 Boulevard, that with the introduction of the
- 21 telecommunications tower if that path, because this is a
- 22 wooded frontage along the road. If that off-road path
- 23 takes trees out that you're going to be affecting the
- 24 screening and the buffering that have been very important
- 25 for the special exception uses. So I, in terms of my

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opinion of looking at them Master Plan aspects of this I

felt that this was not in compliance with the Master Plan,

and I saw that is problematic.

BILL CHEN: Do you have an opinion as to whether or not given the overall proposal of improvements that are to

occur on the site, not outside of the 700 square foot area,

that whether or not the proposed Master Plan, excuse me,

special exception modification should be treated as a major

or a minor modification?

JOSEPH DAVIS: I would say that in my opinion I would

11 think that it's risen to the level of being a major

12 modification.

13 BILL CHEN: Why is that?

JOSEPH DAVIS: Because of the number of items, the

15 number of issues that are becoming a part of it. The

16 introduction of a new use within it. You know there's, I

17 think that the language tends to be generalized language in

18 terms of, you know, when it would be required to be a major

19 modification.

BILL CHEN: Does that include the parking? 20

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.

22 BILL CHEN: Landscaping?

23 JOSEPH DAVIS: Landscaping. The use has been affected 23 as being the area where that requirement could be

24 by this and I think that that makes it sort of rise to that

25 level. But I noticed that some flexibility here so I don't

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1 want to just absolutely say no, it must be a major, but I'm

2 inclined to say it certainly seems to smell like and look

like it's a major modification. But I think possibly a

week something could be addressed as part of this current

5 process.

BILL CHEN: Okay. Now do you have an opinion as to

whether or not the proposed conditional use satisfies the

setback requirements for a telecommunications tower?

JOSEPH DAVIS: I do. And I believe that it does not

10 meet the zoning ordinance requirements for that.

11 BILL CHEN: Can you explain why?

12 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. Do we have the Site Plan? The

13 145C, I believe is the exhibit number.

BILL CHEN: It's mounted.

JOSEPH DAVIS: C1, I think it is. 15

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The furthest from the wall. It's

17 been marked. What number is that again?

JOSEPH DAVIS: This is Exhibit 145C.

19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you.

20 JOSEPH DAVIS: Can you hear me?

21 BILL CHEN: Yeah. Just (inaudible)

JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay. In terms of the setbacks that

23 are required at this location the tower height is proposed

24 at 80 feet. And as is already basically been discussed,

25 the application can meet the eight foot setback from the

property boundary on the west, north, and east sides. But

at the current location where it is proposed it does not

meet the 80 foot requirement and a waiver has been included

as part of this application to help address that particular

issue. Now the problem with that is the ordinance is

structured, it talks about meeting the one foot setback for

each foot of height or 300 feet to the nearest units,

dwelling units. And this particular drawing does appear to

me and satisfy the 300 feet requirement, 300 feet to the

10 dwelling units but it does not address the boundary, but

11 the fact is that under the requirement you have to be able

12 to demonstrate that you could otherwise locate the tower on

13 the property, or you don't qualify for consideration for

14 consideration of a waiver. That brought rise to this wedge

15 area which was -- and this is on Exhibit 1--

16 BILL CHEN: Ninety-five.

17 JOSEPH DAVIS: And then there's a number under it.

BILL CHEN: That's the old --18

19 JOSEPH DAVIS: The old number?

20 BILL CHEN: Yeah, the more current one is 195.

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: One ninety-five, which created an area

22 that under the 80 foot height limit is sort of identified

24 satisfied. But it also has been noted in testimony earlier

25 today and testimony yesterday afternoon there does to seem

to be some questions as to the ability to provide for

location of the telecommunications tower within this wedge

area. In fact there's concerns to whether the support

structure can be located in it and I think not -- I think

the argument has been made that that maybe depend on some

further study. But, I think what's important in terms of

my reading of the zoning ordinance is that while it talks

about measuring to the base of the support structure, which

is fine, I understand that provides an ease of measurement.

10 That it's appropriate then to begin to site it based on

11 that. But I'm not aware of anything that otherwise says

12 that the equipment, supporting equipment is allowed to be

13 located within the minimum setback area. And I say that

14 because I know the measurements are structured but the

15 definition of telecommunications tower talks about the

16 support structure and related equipment. So I see that as

17 being problematic. Particularly in light when the fact

18 that I know that in the zoning ordinance and there are

19 provisions that deal with encroachment and to setbacks.

20 And this is not identified as an area where you can have

21 features of the use encroached into that setback area. So

22 that makes me basically determine that if they cannot 23 locate those areas -- if the only way they can located this

24 into a minimum setback which is the problem that you have

25 here they can't really locate the telecommunications tower

1 and meet the setback standards of the zone. Now, as if we 2 need to compound that, we now have a -- it was originally 2 exhaustr 3 submitted I guess, as a just plain pole but now it's being 3 that ther

4 proposed as a tree type facility at a height of 89 feet.

5 And if you go to a height of 89 feet, and I believe it was

6 testified to yesterday you have no area on the site that

7 could qualify for being able to accommodate the equipment

8 necessary, in fact, including even the support structure.

9 So this is a very important issue for the site. And I

10 think that the fact that it does not, if it's not able to

11 accommodate it and then you're not able to have a waiver.

12 And if you can have the waiver then that location that's

13 been proposed cannot work on the site. I do note that in

14 terms of the height of 89 feet that the reports would note

15 the 89 feet associated with the additional branches, I

16 guess, for the structures but the height at 80 feet, I find

17 interesting in light of a couple of cases that have been,

18 you know, that have been before the Hearing Examiner for

19 special exceptions that have involved this type of a tree

20 telecommunications tower, and the fact that they were

21 measured before measurement was to the top of the branches 21

22 because in effect it became part of the visual structure.

23 I will say in the cases I looked at the didn't seem to be

24 much in the way of discussion about it, it just showed that

25 it was to the top of those items. Now I can give you the

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1 cases that we looked at, S2729. This was a 2008 case the

2 site of the Trolley Museum I guess on Bellprey (phonetic)

3 Road. And there it was a tree pole. This involved land

4 that was owned by the Trolley Museum. It was owned by the

5 Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

6 Tree pole is 140 feet in height. I believe on Page 11 of

7 the hearing examiner report the report recommended approval

8 with conditions. But it was a noted, and there is actually

9 a drawing depicting that telecommunications tower with

10 those dimensions. So it was 100 and feet measured to the

11 top. The second case, S2706. This was a 2009 case. This

12 was West Grove United Methodist Church. It's an 80 foot

13 pole with stealth tree branches extending the overall

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 $14\,$ height to 87 feet. Eighty-seven feet was utilized for the

15 height as part of that application. And even looked, there

16 was a mandatory referral case which, you know, is reviewed

17 and approved by the Planning Board and the mandatory

18 referral case was for a large telecommunications tower on

19 land owned by International Monetary Fund, so I guess

20 that's why it was a mandatory referral. It's a

21 governmental agency. And the height of the tree pole there

22 was 155 feet. But, in the course of the review, it was

23 changed to a flag type pole, I guess I'll say a flagpole,

24 155 feet in height. And I believe that that mandatory

25 referral was approved. So in terms of looking at a few

1 cases, and we haven't had time to do any kind of a

2 exhaustive search, but I felt that it was important to note

3 that there is precedent associated with doing measuring to

4 the top of the branches.

5 BILL CHEN: Is a telecommunications tower a

6 recreational use under the zoning ordinance?

7 CATHY BORTEN: Objection.

8 THOMAS BARNARD: Objection.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What was the question again?

10 BILL CHEN: Is a telecommunications tower conditional

11 use a recreational use?

12 GREG DIAMOND: Objection.

13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Generally --

14 BILL CHEN: Huh?

15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Not in this particular, are you

16 just saying --

17 BILL CHEN: I'm

18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You're just saying is it a

19 recreational use?

20 BILL CHEN: Yeah, exactly. Exactly.

21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (inaudible) answer --

22 GREG DIAMOND: Isn't that closing argument?

23 BILL CHEN: Well I -- no. I beg your pardon.

24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He's just asking him his opinion

25 if it's a -- do you know if it's a recreational use?

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JOSEPH DAVIS: No, it is not a recreational use.

2 BILL CHEN: Why is that?

3 JOSEPH DAVIS: Well, the easy answer is when you look

4 at the list of uses in the zoning ordinance for the zone in

5 its, you know, it's listed as communications, for

6 communications uses.

7 BILL CHEN: So it's a separate use in a -- okay. Are

8 you aware of the requirements under the zoning ordinance of

9 the analysis of the inherent and non-inherent adverse

10 effects?

11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.

12 BILL CHEN: How are you aware of that provision in the

13 zoning ordinance?

14 JOSEPH DAVIS: Well, this goes back to like the mid-

15 1990s, but there was a case called the Mossberg case, which

16 the County I think was very unhappy with the outcome where

17 in the County felt that they had a case and this was, I

18 think for like (inaudible) landfill or -- I'll say a

19 landfill because I think that's really what it was. The

20 County wanted to deny it but in effect they were forced to

21 approve it because the feeling of the court was that going

22 back to, I guess, in the Schultz decisions earlier

23 decisions that those decisions sort of recognized that

24 there are certain inherent uses associated with special

25 exceptions. And that when you identified the user also

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1 identifying it's appropriate based on the inherent features

- 2 of the special exception. Then there was a need, the
- 3 County decided that they wanted to have legislation. The
- 4 felt that they had had the ability and the authority to
- 5 legislate in addition to inherent uses to recognize that
- 6 there could be non-inherent uses of that in a fact could be
- 7 -- could posit for a special exception to have issues that
- 8 would be ripe to disapprove. And the legislation was
- 9 approved in 1999 and it basically established the inherent,
- 10 non-inherent features associated with a special exception
- 11 review. It also brought in the idea of Master Plan
- 12 compliance --
- 13 BILL CHEN: How are you familiar with this legislative 14 history?
- 15 JOSEPH DAVIS: I was the chief of the Development
- 16 Review Division then and this was a project that was being
- 17 worked on. Dennis Canavan (phonetic)was the zoning
- 18 supervisor that work for me, and he was assigned to that,
- 19 but I did work with him on it and --
- 20 BILL CHEN: Actually drafted legislation?
- 21 JOSEPH DAVIS: The legislation was sort of drafted by
- 22 committee, I think you might say. There were a lot of
- 23 hands involved in that. But it was a very important -- it
- 24 was very important to the County, the County executive was
- 25 actually involved in it, the County Council, the County
- 1 attorney, Park and planning, Planning Board, the Staff. It
- 2 was a significant project. And I think in terms of today,
- 3 looking at the inherent, non-inherent issues I think that
- 4 it's really dramatically improved, I think, the county's
- 5 ability to deal with these special, excuse me, conditional
- 6 uses. And I think Peter a better understanding of what
- 7 conditional use is in the County now.
- 8 BILL CHEN: In your opinion are there any non-inherent
- 9 or non-inherent in combination with inherent adverse
- 10 effects that are associated with the proposal for the
- 11 conditional use in this case?
- 12 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.
- 13 BILL CHEN: What are they?
- 14 JOSEPH DAVIS: I believe that the setback problem
- 15 becomes a non-inherent issue for the property. This is
- 16 kind of a site specific issue that comes to mind and I
- 17 think that it's appropriate that it's in the realm of a
- 18 non-inherent effect that needs to be addressed.
- 19 BILL CHEN: A non-inherent?
- 20 JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct.
- 21 BILL CHEN: Okay. And what, if any, non-inherent
- 22 effects are there?
- 23 JOSEPH DAVIS: I think that the setback problem
- 24 represents a non-inherent effect.
- 25 BILL CHEN: Any others?

- 1 JOSEPH DAVIS: I think that some other issues
- 2 potentially could rise to that level. Yes I do. Another
- 3 aspect of this is the telecommunications tower is located
- 4 in the parking lot area. It was testified yesterday the
- 5 fence around the compound would be something on the order
- 6 of about 42 feet to the sidewalk entrance to the pool. In
- 7 my own opinion, I believe that the -- that compound is not
- 8 in harmony, or not -- I don't think that it's appropriate.
- 9 I think that what it does is create an incompatibility
- 10 within the site and I think that that has to be addressed.
- 11 It could be addressed through landscaping which would be, I
- 12 think the best way to do it, but the problem is, as it
- 13 sited you really don't have much opportunity to landscaper
- 14 screen it without having to do further modification to
- 15 parking circulation and that sort of thing. So I think
- 16 that that rises to a level of a non-inherent issue because
- 17 again, it's one of the site specific kinds of things that
- 18 is not -- you usually don't find that with these
- 19 telecommunication towers.
- 20 BILL CHEN: Do you have an opinion as to whether or
- 21 not the proposed conditional use complies with the
- 22 requirements of the zoning ordinance?
- 23 JOSEPH DAVIS: I believe, well in terms of the setback
- 24 issues I believe it does not comply with the zoning
- 25 ordinance. In terms of the height, I think that the height

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It 1 should be evaluated at 89 feet. But if it's not, if it

- 2 somehow determined to somehow be 80, I think that there is
- 3 still a problem with being able to fit the equipment into
- 4 the site without it encroaching into setbacks which I
- 5 believe is impermissible.
- 6 BILL CHEN: And I think -- and the last thing on my
- 7 list Master Plan, but you spoken a lot about the Master
- 8 Plan. Have you addressed all the Master Plan issues that
- 9 you --
- 10 JOSEPH DAVIS: I believe so. The bike path, I think
- 11 so.
- 12 BILL CHEN: I have no further questions.
- 13 GREG DIAMOND: Mr. Davis, (inaudible) button.
- 14 BILL CHEN: Ms. Wetter?
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Wait, I think Ms. Wetter.
- 16 CHERYL WETTER: No. I --
- 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. It's late in the day.
- 18 Sorry. You're finished your questions? Right. And
- 19 they're going to be able to -- do you have a question? Are
- 20 you -- I've been calling on you after they've had their --
- 21 SUSAN LEE: Oh. Okay.
- 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Throw me off there. Guess I'll go
- 23 ahead.
- 24 GREG DIAMOND: Okay. Mr. Davis, can you tell us
- 25 approximately when you were contacted to be an expert

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Transcript of Hearing - Day 2 Conducted on September 27, 2017 witness in this case? JOSEPH DAVIS: I was first contacted I believe it was back in probably mid June.

GREG DIAMOND: And did you prepare a written report to submit to the Hearing Examiner?

6 JOSEPH DAVIS: No. I did not.

GREG DIAMOND: Now you were at Parking Planning for

over 30 years, is that right?

JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct.

10 GREG DIAMOND: Wouldn't it be fair to say that the

11 standard in land use and planning is to draft a Technical

12 Report which runs through the elements and explains

13 compliance or inconsistency with compliance?

JOSEPH DAVIS: I think in this instance that I didn't

15 really have the time, nor was it part of my assignment.

16 But I would say that often cases I work with in terms of

17 even testimony in the Circuit Court I don't have a written

18 report per se. I respond to the questions posed by the

19 attorneys who --

GREG DIAMOND: Isn't it fair to say --

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: -- in court and deposition.

GREG DIAMOND: I didn't mean to interrupt you. Isn't

23 it fair to say that Parking Planning staff did a detailed

24 report in this case? Which then provided you the

25 opportunity to evaluate it? Is that correct?

GREG DIAMOND: When you were at Park and planning as a

supervisor and higher positions did you work on any of the

tree monopoles that were approved in Potomac, Maryland?

JOSEPH DAVIS: No. I haven't been in Park and

Planning since 2004 but I mean I know that Avenel was a big

issue, but that was after I think that was after my time.

7 GREG DIAMOND: What about the communications monopole

at the Bullis School which goes back while you were at

parking planning?

JOSEPH DAVIS: I don't recall being involved in that

11 particular case. My involvement with telecommunications

12 towers was primarily legislative back in the '80s when they

13 were beginning to deal with the ordinance requirements for

14 it. My assignments were not to review the special

15 exceptions.

GREG DIAMOND: Indulgence for a second. With regard

17 to the question of inherent and non-inherent, I believe you

18 were using the phrase inherent uses. In the current code

19 is actually inherent adverse effects.

20 JOSEPH DAVIS: Okay.

21 GREG DIAMOND: Isn't that correct?

22 JOSEPH DAVIS: You're correct.

23 GREG DIAMOND: I can provide you a copy of the

24 ordinance if you --

25 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. Yes, I remember that.

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JOSEPH DAVIS: They did provide a report, yes.

GREG DIAMOND: And isn't it fair to say that Mr.

3 Landfair on behalf of the applicant wrote a report in this case and so that you had the opportunity to evaluate it?

JOSEPH DAVIS: That's correct.

5 GREG DIAMOND: But you did not submit a report for

evaluation by the Hearing Examiner?

JOSEPH DAVIS: No. Because I was spending my time

9 evaluating the application to identify the issues and the

10 problems with it.

GREG DIAMOND: Did you contact Park and Planning staff

12 regarding this case?

13 JOSEPH DAVIS: No, I did not.

GREG DIAMOND: Is there any reason that you couldn't 14

15 have met with Parking Planning staff to talk with them

16 about this case?

17 JOSEPH DAVIS: I typically don't meet with the staffs.

18 I like to do an independent assessment.

GREG DIAMOND: Did you review parking planning staff 20 support?

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.

22 GREG DIAMOND: And is it fair to say that the opinions

23 that you have expressed today are not consistent with the

24 findings of Park and planning staff's?

JOSEPH DAVIS: That's correct.

GREG DIAMOND: So you described as one of this

inherent, non-inherent problems is the setback. Is that

3 correct?

JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct. 4

GREG DIAMOND: However you've indicated, and I think

you understand there is a waiver of applied for in this

case. 7

8 JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.

9 GREG DIAMOND: And that if the waiver is granted then

10 there's no longer a setback violation. Is that correct?

11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct.

12 GREG DIAMOND: So that's not really an inherent, non-

13 inherent if the zoning hearing Examiner grants the waiver

14 is a nonissue.

15 JOSEPH DAVIS: In my opinion is not going to qualify

16 and therefore I think it would be non-inherent.

GREG DIAMOND: Well, if it doesn't qualify then in 18 theory the application may not be able to be approved. Is

19 that correct?

20 JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct.

GREG DIAMOND: So it's really not inherent, non-

22 inherent, it's either you're going to get the waiver or

23 not.

24 JOSEPH DAVIS: Well, but I think that it's a non-

25 inherent adverse effect if they can't get the waiver.

606 Understand what I'm saying? You show placement of a tower effect reducing the area available for recreation. I just 2 down at that lower edge, it's not supposed to be there. want to note that as an issue that I think would have to be 3 And there are issues associated with that. I think that -- should be looked at and address as part of a 4 even if it were determined to be there I still think modification, or as part of the new application. 5 they're still compatibility issues that have to be 5 CHERYL WETTER: Nothing else, thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Lee. 6 addressed associated with that tower. I'm not saying it 6 can't be done, but it would have to be addressed. SUSAN LEE: No, thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Do you have any follow-up GREG DIAMOND: Okay. There are special exception 8 9 sites in Montgomery County that have two uses on one questions, Mr. Chen? 10 property. Isn't that correct? BILL CHEN: Adjust to observe that you have submitted 11 JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct. 11 a summary of your testimony which is Exhibit 191(f). isn't GREG DIAMOND: So there is no explicit place in the 12 that correct, sir? 13 13 County zoning ordinance which says you may not have two JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. 14 special exceptions on one property. BILL CHEN: That's all it got. And that was submitted JOSEPH DAVIS: You are correct. I was only addressing 15 back in September. 16 it in the context of the Master Plan emphasis on the issue GREG DIAMOND: So it was my understanding that that 17 of the proliferation of special exceptions. I know that 17 was Mr. Chen's summary of the applicants --18 18 there is a requirement there, I did a head scratch looking BILL CHEN: (inaudible) 19 at, you know, we have one, and then another one is right on GREG DIAMOND: Yes, it's written in the third person. 20 top of it. I mean that's sort of a proliferation right at 20 Joe Davis will do this. Joe Davis will do -- Mr. Davis, it 21 that spot but I'm not sure that that's impermissible. 21 was written by you. 22 22 BILL CHEN: No. It was not written by me. GREG DIAMOND: No further questions. 23 23 THOMAS BARNARD: Nothing. Thank you. GREG DIAMOND: So was this a Planning report? 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Ms. Wetter? 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What out you ask him who wrote it? CHERYL WETTER: Cheryl Wetter. I think part of your 25 25 BILL CHEN: Mr. Davis --607 1 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, just ask him. 1 answer got lost before when you talked about in 2004 there 2 was a new compliance rule for this -- for the parking and 2 BILL CHEN: Mr. Davis, directing your attention to 3 with the conditional use request are asking that the Exhibit 191(f). JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. 4 parking spaces be moved to an area that was not -- may be a 5 special exception was not able to be approved. We did try BILL CHEN: Who wrote this statement? to move them there. Could you address that a little bit? JOSEPH DAVIS: I wrote it. I wrote it in third person because I thought was the stylistic aspect of it. JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes. I'm actually you brought that up 8 because there's something I forgot to mention related to BILL CHEN: I have no further questions. 9 that area. But the 2000 --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's certainly an argument you can CHERYL WETTER: But wait, let me just backstep one 10 make. But he just said he wrote it. You can challenge 11 step. I'm referring back to S596 --11 that. 12 12 GREG DIAMOND: So this was identified as --JOSEPH DAVIS: Correct. CHERYL WETTER: -- that said we could not put the 13 BILL CHEN: What? 13 14 GREG DIAMOND: -- as the expert report of Mr. Davis? 14 parking spaces around the tennis court. JOSEPH DAVIS: I'm not aware of the requirements and BILL CHEN: The rules require a summary statement from 16 you could not put them there. 16 experts. I asked for a summary report, or summary from Mr. 17 Davis, and he gave me this and I filed it. It's a 191(f). 17 CHERYL WETTER: Okay. Sorry. 18 I didn't write this. 18 JOSEPH DAVIS: My point about 2004 was it's the 2004 19 zoning ordinance that would apply. The relocation of 19 GREG DIAMOND: You wrote all the summaries of your 20 spaces that are proposed, I have an issue with that in the 20 other experts. 21 context of its pushing it into what is, in effect, a 21 BILL CHEN: No, I don't think I did. 22 recreation area. It could either be passive or it could be 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't know where that came from.

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BILL CHEN: I thought -- yeah. I asked --

GREG DIAMOND: I'll withdraw it.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

23 active. My understanding in discussions of what I've heard

24 from people in the neighborhood is that there some active

25 components on there, sled riding in the winter. So it's in

BILL CHEN: By the way, just over on this, one point

that were done with Mr. Davis.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, I haven't asked -- yeah, no

we're not done.

BILL CHEN: Fine.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But you have another question for 6

you?

8 BILL CHEN: No.

MALE VOICE: I have one because I was saying you

10 haven't asked the --

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Yeah, that's what I was

12 going to do. Is there anyone who wants to pass a question

13 to Mr. Chen?

BILL CHEN: Let me change glasses.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Change glasses. Your individual 15

16 reading glasses.

BILL CHEN: Do you know whether the proposed

18 modifications to S596 specifically changes to the parking

19 lot would trigger requirements for compliance with the

20 Maryland Accessibility Code?

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: It actually requires compliance with

22 all of the requirements of the parking regulations. But in

23 my testimony I did indicate that there was -- if it's too

24 grievous a -- like if it affects more than a certain number

25 of spaces and then they can back down. There's

to really deal with it now unless another carrier comes in.

BILL CHEN: But this approval does seek approval for two additional carriers.

JOSEPH DAVIS: I don't believe that it six approval

for them at all. It's just that I believe that it's the

capacity on the --

BILL CHEN: Oh I (crosstalk) -- pardon me. I didn't'

mean approve carriers, but the authority to add two

10 carriers

11 JOSEPH DAVIS: My understanding is that that's part of

12 it. But then again, I'm not focusing on the technical use

13 --

BILL CHEN: Yeah. We don't know who they're going to

15 be. They're down the road.

JOSEPH DAVIS: I just like to go, I can hear you now.

17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Nobody else? I do have one

18 question. Just going back to the administrative

19 modification request you mentioned something about

20 extinguishing a second driveway. Is it your testimony that

21 -- or access -- this access point you're saying it's a

22 requirement that this would impair that ability and as part

23 of the review Board should consider that, or -- I wasn't

24 just a clarification.

JOSEPH DAVIS: I was stating that it is a condition of

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1 opportunities to waive some of it, but it seems like the

2 predominant requirement is for the perimeter landscaping to

3 be provided for these areas. And I know that, because I

4 wrote the parking regulations with Alex (inaudible) in

5 1983, '84.

6 BILL CHEN: A second question, Madam Examiner.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.

BILL CHEN: I'm more telecommunication towers that are

9 reviewed as conditional uses the zoning ordinance says a

10 support structure must be constructed to hold a minimum of

11 three wireless communication carriers unless a Hearing

12 Examiner finds the equipment compound must have sufficient

13 area to accommodate equipment, sheds, or cabinets

14 associated with all carriers. Please explain the

15 description in the plans were a future expanded compound

16 and relocated remote parking spaces, if the constructed

17 compound would accommodate all three carriers plan for the 18 site.

19 JOSEPH DAVIS: You want me to?

20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Can you answer that question?

JOSEPH DAVIS: I know -- based in terms of just the

22 knowledge of knowing that is required that when you build

23 one of these facilities that you have to create the

24 capacity for the additional towers. And it will require,

25 his testimony was provided yesterday, by others it will

the original special exception approval. It has not been

done. The road at that time, Democracy Boulevard did not

extend across the frontage of the property. It is there

now. I'm not indicating where that access should be. I

think that would be a determination basically by County

Department of Transportation working with the property owners. I see it as sort of an unfulfilled condition that

needs to be addressed one way or the other and that's why I

wanted to raise that. As this would be the mechanism for

10 dealing with that.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And would that be something that

12 the Board of Appeals should pick up, or is that something

13 that should have been in the application, or, and/or both.

JOSEPH DAVIS: Well, I would say and/or both. I think

15 I would leave it to you in terms of the procedural aspect

16 of, you know, can you do it as part of your, you know,

17 charge (inaudible)

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm my role is just to make a

19 recommendation on whether it's (inaudible) modification and 20 (crosstalk)

21 JOSEPH DAVIS: And I saw that. So I thought of that -

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, it's going to go straight 23

24 back to them and they are going to --

JOSEPH DAVIS: Then I can decide what they want to do.

1 require additional area for equipment. But they don't have

614 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I was just curious procedurally as BILL CHEN: Well, I'm -that was the first I have heard of that and I know if it 2 GREG DIAMOND: And so --3 was --3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mr. Diamond, your red light's not JOSEPH DAVIS: Right. But I do think it is an 4 on important issue since it is a condition prior approval and 5 GREG DIAMOND: I'm sorry. So --BILL CHEN: I'm not arguing.. I just -should be dealt with one way or another. 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Or raised. Okay. Did my question 7 GREG DIAMOND: Sure. If we could address that just as an issue of law and interpretation I'm prepared to actually generate any questions? GREG DIAMOND: Actually, Ms. Wetter's question raised address it. 10 BILL CHEN: Well could I get the cite? 10 one for me. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh, okay. 11 GREG DIAMOND: No. Yes. I don't think there is a 12 12 cite. And the reason for this is in the VFW tree monopole GREG DIAMOND: If I might. 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. 13 case we actually litigated this issue, and -- on two GREG DIAMOND: Your asked about parking relocation and 14 special exceptions on one property. The zoning ordinance 15 indicated oh, yeah, you said you meant to address that 15 is silent in that it doesn't say that you can't have two 16 before. You think the relocated parking is in an 16 special exceptions on one property. There is not an 17 affirmative line in the ordinance this says, oh yeah, you 17 unacceptable location? JOSEPH DAVIS: I think it's a problem from the 18 18 can have. It's just --19 standpoint of the space available for recreational use on 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. GREG DIAMOND: It's silent. And ultimately that 20 the site. 20 21 GREG DIAMOND: Would you concede that again, Parking 21 silence is the expression of the County Council saying 22 Planning Staff in writing their report on this case 22 that's not a problem. If you can otherwise meet each 23 disagrees with you? 23 special exceptions conditions of approval. JOSEPH DAVIS: They can disagree if they want to. I'm BILL CHEN: I appreciate the information. There's no 25 just establishing that I think that that's an important 25 zoning ordinance cite, but there is a case that's been 613 615 1 issue in this case. decided on that issue. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Did that generate any questions? GREG DIAMOND: You know it (inaudible) reported. It 2 Thank you very much. You are free to go. Okay. wasn't a special exception. It wasn't reported. And it BILL CHEN: While we were at break, Mr. Landfair, wasn't a reported opinion. yesterday, if you recall, I asked a question about the 5 BILL CHEN: Okay we can --6 authority to have more than one use on a special exception TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. (crosstalk) talk about that 7 site and he said there was a zoning ordinance provision 7 later. Ms. Wetter, you raised your hand? 8 that he would give us. And I'm just -- I'm looking for it. CHERYL WETTER: I just had a question about something 9 He said he would give us a cite to it. that Mr. Diamond just said. He said that -- can I ask? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, they're not listening so 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, go ahead. 11 they would know. CHERYL WETTER: You just said that there was no 12 CATHY BORTEN: I'm sorry. 12 problem having two special exceptions on one property as 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I know. It's -- we're all 13 long as they didn't something to the effect that that as 14 starting to fade a little bit. It's getting warmer in 14 long as they didn't interfere with the purpose, what did 15 here. It's naptime. 15 you just say? BILL CHEN: Mr. Landfair yesterday in response to one 16 GREG DIAMOND: That's not what I said. 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, I don't think that's what he 17 of my questions about the authority for having multiple 18 special exceptions are conditional uses on one site, he 18 said. 19 said there was a provision in there somewhere --19 CHERYL WETTER: Okay, but what --20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You need to talk up. GREG DIAMOND: Each special exception must come before 21 BILL CHEN: He said there was a provision in the 21 the appropriate authority and at the time satisfy the 22 zoning ordinance and that he would give us the cite. 22 condition.

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CHERYL WETTER: Okay. Satisfy the condition.

25 the zoning authority at that time and satisfy the

GREG DIAMOND: Each one separately must come before

GREG DIAMOND: Right. And I think it's really an

24 issue of law. It's either they're in the ordinance or it

25 isn't.

618 conditions of approval but there is no explicit band in the stay until 6:00, I can stay until 6:00 and -- but I would ordinance from having two special exceptions on one really, I don't want to send anybody home. 3 property. SUSAN LEE: My only -- I just wondered -- my concern CHERYL WETTER: Okay. is that I may be unavailable for a good chunk of the next 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. couple of months and I just wondered if you had any idea CHERYL WETTER: So if a property's purpose is to what the next date might be. Because if they don't finish by 6:00 and I would have to come back for the next day, create a recreation association --8 that would help. GREG DIAMOND: Objection. 8 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah. I --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. 10 10 BILL CHEN: Do you want to go now? CHERYL WETTER: Okay. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh, yeah. If you want to --12 BILL CHEN: This, if I may between, on a housekeeping 12 SUSAN LEE: (crosstalk) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'd be happy to take that. I mean 13 matter --13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well let --14 I have a list. I'm going to go down the list, but --14 SUSAN LEE: I'm sorry for them because I really, I 15 BILL CHEN: Okay. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. This is where we are. You 16 really appreciate that they've come and they've stayed so 17 have, besides the expert witness that you are going to --17 long. And if you have a hearing date that's just next week 18 the one extra photo sims, besides that you have no more 18 or anytime between -- before about October 27th, I'm okay. 19 witnesses to present? 19 But --BILL CHEN: No. No more experts. Two of my clients TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The idea is I do have some hearing 20 21 want to testify among other people. 21 dates and I'm going to throw them out. But Mr. Chen is, 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And so you're not finished. Okay. 22 I'm going to give him 10 days to find an expert and then 23 BILL CHEN: But I'm not calling anybody. As far as 23 how much time do you all need to receive the report? I'm 24 Bill Chen is concerned there are members of the community 24 talking to Mr. Diamond, Ms. Borten -- in terms of him 25 who wish to speak and --25 getting an expert and -- do you need much time to receive 617 619 his report or are you find just --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. But my question is are you calling any lay witnesses? GREG DIAMOND: No. I think we could follow up quickly 2 3 BILL CHEN: No. 3 after --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So if the individuals that are TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I was thinking the same thing but 4 speaking happen to be your clients the coming in under the I just wanted to be fair and make sure because -individual giving their narrative. GREG DIAMOND: We could follow up quickly. BILL CHEN: Yeah. I think they've tried to cut things TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes, you have shown that. Okay. So I am looking at October 10th, 13th. This hearing room in half and be (inaudible) TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right. So we don't have -- you is available those dates and I'm available those dates. We 10 have to speak up. You're speaking --10 need to pick one of those dates. BILL CHEN: I'm sorry. I think what they're trying to SUSAN LEE: That was my only consideration because I 12 do is coordinate things so that --12 wanted to make sure that I get a chance and I --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I appreciate that. That's really TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Absolutely. You've (crosstalk) 13 14 a good idea. Okay. So you're done basically with the 14 SUSAN LEE: The 10th and 13th is good. 15 exception of the one expert that were going to be dealing 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We're going to pick one of those 16 with later. So we're going into the individual stage. It 16 dates. 17 is a quarter to 5:00. We have all of these people have 17 SUSAN LEE: Either one is fine for me. 18 been waiting and I really would like to give them the TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And I will say, well I'll wait 19 opportunity so that they don't have to come back. I mean 19 until everybody's looked at their calendars. 20 they can come back, because --20 BILL CHEN: I'm not electronic. 21 BILL CHEN: I don't have any more witnesses. 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh. 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- we're fun to be with but you 22 SUSAN LEE: Neither am I. 23 don't -- they can get their testimony in. Is everybody 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Are you okay with that date? 24 free with that? That we, you know, proceed forward? I 24 BILL CHEN: I'm looking now.

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SUSAN LEE: That's all right. Take your time.

25 know were all fading, but that if the court reporter can

622 BILL CHEN: The 13th. BILL CHEN: Wait. What was the date? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The 13th works? 2 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It would be October 13th. Let's BILL CHEN: Better, yeah. I'm looking at what I've see, that is a -got stuff that I have to do. BILL CHEN: Friday. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: The 13th, would that work? 5 MALE VOICE: My birthday. 6 BILL CHEN: But you also (crosstalk) BILL CHEN: Between the two, yeah. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: For you? Works on the applicant's 7 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: We're not suspicious. We are not side? Ms. Wetter's fine. Mr. Chen is fine. Ms. Lee is going to worry about that. The red will wear it off. 9 fine, the 13th will be the next hearing. The last hearing. Okay. So the 13th, 9:30, the hearing will be in this room. 10 It will be limited to -- although wait a minute. We've got BILL CHEN: I'm trying to find a (inaudible) you were, 11 to talk about rebuttal and so --11 when I was looking for my calendar you made mention that, I 12 thought, a deadline when I have to identify an expert on 12 BILL CHEN: Yeah. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And closing. But we'll get to 13 the --13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. So you have --14 that in a second. So it might be a little bit longer than 14 15 just the witness because I really do need -- you all have 15 BILL CHEN: Just give me the --16 to -- I'm sure you might have rebuttal witnesses and so it TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No. Your expert. I asked him how 17 much lead time they needed from your identification to the 17 may be a full day. But the idea is that -- sorry Mr. Chen. 18 You gotta follow the process. 18 hearing and they said how much? CHERYL WETTER: It would include me to right? GREG DIAMOND: Almost none. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Absolutely. Yes, yes, yes. And 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Almost none. 20 21 Ms. Wetter she's can do it. So we're good. 21 CATHY BORTEN: He has 10 days to identify. 22 SUSAN LEE: We're good. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: He has, yeah. I --23 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: There is --BILL CHEN: That's what I was looking for. 24 SUSAN LEE: Together time. 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I (inaudible) his time and that's, 25 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But I just wanted to also point 25 I mean -- because technically you had the last two weeks 621 623 1 out that that we're going to take all of the individuals and you've already been searching --2 now and we've had a request as I was mentioning to you that 2 BILL CHEN: No, no, I'm 3 there are three individuals who need an interpreter. We TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- so I'm just that's why I 4 were not able to get that interpreter. They were notified (inaudible) on that week instead. I know, I know you're 5 but also there going to let us know if they want to not trying to get away with anything. I'm just --6 testify. We're going to give them the opportunity now that 6 BILL CHEN: I just wanted to know if there was a day, 7 I have a date and if they say yes we definitely want to, that's all. 8 that will be the limited individual part at that point. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You lawyers can you just can ask a 9 Because we will have already completed it here, but I just straight question. Right. 10 wanted to let that be a caveat that was because we couldn't 10 CATHY BORTEN: So the 7th. 11 accommodate that today. But this, in the meantime, the 11 BILL CHEN: Is it the 7th? 12 Director is dealing with finding somebody that can do it. 12 THOMAS BRADFORD: Ten days from now. 13 So it might not happen. But just so that everybody is 13 CATHY BORTEN: It would be the 7th of October. 14 aware that that, besides the expert, rebuttal, closing. 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's a Saturday so we're looking CATHY BORTEN: Right, so just on the closing matter. 15 at the 9th. 16 I don't think it's something that we do want to address 16 BILL CHEN: Okay. 17 today. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So hopefully it will have 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I don't think so. 18 somebody and if they have a written report you can -- and 18 19 CATHY BORTEN: I think there's too much left to do. 19 photo sim stuff definitely. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think there's too much left to 20 BILL CHEN: If I got one is going to be sim, photo 21 do and I think it would be too early. I need to hear all 21 sims. 22 of it at once. And, you know, so I think --22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's what I mean. Never mind. 23 BILL CHEN: I agree with Ms. Borten. 23 That's what I meant. So yes. So the night. And certainly 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So everything -- okay. That's 24 if there's an issue you all can talk about it because I'm 25 good. So at this point --25 sure nobody wants to delay the hearing. All right.

626 BILL CHEN: Do you want us to get out of the way for TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Just one second. the people that are testifying? 2 BILL CHEN: Mr. Danielian just said to me that he TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, no. This will going to do. wasn't sure if he made a misstatement or not. So let me just I have a lot of people signed up. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Who? BILL CHEN: Yeah, you can go. BILL CHEN: Mr. Dannielian. He's the gentleman and 6 (Crosstalk) yeah. And I don't know what it is, but he's concerned that TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So we're going to have Ms. Lee go | 7 he may have made a misstatement that's -- you want -first. Is that what --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Wait a minute. Wait a SUSAN LEE: Oh you --9 minute. All right. Let's go off the record for a minute. 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, because you'll be here. (Off the record.) 10 11 SUSAN LEE: I'll be here the (crosstalk) 11 (On the record.) 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You'll be here. Never mind. 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Let's mark them up at the top. 13 SUSAN LEE: That's why we did it that way. 13 Exhibit 1 and it says Reznik testimony, but I will give you TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: See that's why there's all of us 14 the exhibit number. Exhibit 1 is Exhibit 206. Number 2 is 15 here. We're all slipping. Okay. So this is where we are 15 207. Number 3 is 208. Number 4 is 209. Number 5 is 210. 16 at this stage. It's an opportunity for citizens to come up 16 Number 6 is 211. Seven is 212. Eight is 213. 17 and do exactly what everybody else did. You have seen the 17 JANINE REZNIK: I didn't give them those because those 18 process this is your opportunity to make a narrative 18 already the photos that are in there. Those are Verizon's 19 statement. To make a statement about what your position is 19 photos. 20 on this. Of course the attorneys have the right to object TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, you didn't provide them with 20 21 during narratives. They'll just cross it you but you know 21 the exhibit number so they have these exhibit numbers. 22 the procedure. You've been watching it all day. And you 22 They're yours because you --23 can be cross-examined and then you can go. So I will-- I 23 JANINE REZNIK: Right. I --24 can start on list or have you all amongst yourselves said -24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, this one --25 JANINE REZNIK: Right. (Inaudible) file. 25 -625 627 FEMALE VOICE: I didn't sign the list, but I signed TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Just hold on a second. yesterday but I didn't sign today. We'll just have to identify these then, because they don't TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay that's fine. I'm going to have the numbers on them. Goes up to -- she'll identify 4 even, even when I look at the list all say okay, is there the pictures, but it goes up to 219. anybody else in there. All right. So I can start with the 5 BILL CHEN: 219? list. I have several pages. Or I can just start --TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Mm-hmm (affirmative). I'm going FEMALE VOICE: But I don't know if everyone knew that to give you these because I -- it's imperative that you 8 that was the list to actually testify. refer to the exhibit number, not your exhibit number, until you get to the ones that don't have your own. MALE VOICE: That's right. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Well that's okay. Then who 10 JANINE REZNIK: Okay. 11 else wants to testify? Okay. So all right. Okay. So TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So I'm going to swear you in. Do 12 we'll start with this young lady. And just also another 12 you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing 13 thing too. If there's anybody, you know, that wants to 13 but the truth in giving your testimony under the penalty of 14 have one person express your thoughts because, you know, to 14 perjury today? 15 go over the same thing over and over again becomes 15 JANINE REZNIK: I do. 16 repetitive. And I conservatively limit you at that point TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So state your name, your 17 or if it becomes irrelevant. So if you would like to step 17 address, and is that a statement that you have already 18 up here. 18 submitted? JANINE REZNIK: I just have some pictures and quick 19 JANINE REZNIK: Now, this is just (inaudible). 20 references for you things I'm talking about. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's just your notes. Okay. And 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Have you provided them with 21 you understand that once you're -- if you refer to

24 questions.

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22 exhibits, you need to identify those exhibits, and you

23 understand that they are going to be would ask you

JANINE REZNIK: Okay.

22 anything?

25 housekeeping matter.

JANINE REZNIK: I haven't.

BILL CHEN: Madam, examiner, just while -- on a

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. So if you hear an

objection, I have to deal with it. Obviously, you've seen

3 so far.

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4 JANINE REZNIK: Okay.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But make sure your mic is on.

Good. And go.

JANINE REZNIK: My name is Janine Reznik, and I reside

8 at 4 Snug Hill Court.

9 BILL CHEN: (Inaudible) swear in the witness.

10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I just did.

11 BILL CHEN: Oh.

12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: It's okay. (Inaudible) Reznik.

JANINE REZNIK: My name is Janine Reznik and I reside

14 at 4 Snug Hill Court, directly across the street from the

15 location of the proposed cell phone tower, about 350 feet

16 away. I'm vehemently opposed to this conditional use

17 application to erect an 89 foot telecommunications tower

18 and equipment compound in the middle of the parking lot of

19 our community's recreational area. The photo that I have

20 up on the board there, which is I guess Exhibit 206, is the

21 beautiful winter view from my front door overlooking our

22 lovely community green space, swimming pool, and tennis

22 is to y continuously ground spaces, and a second spaces, and to in

23 courts. We purchased our home 13 years ago and paid

24 \$840,000.00 a house built in 1972 that needed to be

25 completely updated; new roof, windows, furnace, sighting,

1 known that there would be an 89 foot cell phone tower

2 across the street from our house -- sorry -- my husband and

3 I would never in a million years have invested the kind of

4 money we did into renovating our home. We could have

5 chosen to move. Oh, we would have chosen to move as I do

6 not wish to raise my children within 350 feet of a cell

7 phone tower and allow them to be the guinea pigs in this

8 cell tower radiation experiment. I'm extremely concerned

9 about the effect the tower will have on my property value

10 and here's why. Our home appraised for \$1.25 million last

11 year in July 2016 and I have provided a copy of my

12 appraisal as Exhibit 207. One of the comps used to

13 determine this appraised value was the house of the street

14 on Snug Hill Lane, that sold for \$1.2 million in June 2016,

15 which was only on the market for one day before going under

16 contract. You see, that is how quickly houses used to sell

17 in our neighborhood. The neighborhood is so desirable that

18 many original owner sold to their own children. Realtors

19 used to joke about the neighborhood having a waitlist to

20 get in. Many residents have sold their houses to friends

21 or to a friend of a friend. I use to have friends

22 constantly asking me of one of my neighbors were getting

23 close to retiring so they could knock on the door and ask

24 them if they were interested to sell -- and selling to

25 them. In fact, I was the one who informed my dear friends,

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1 kitchen, bathrooms, the list goes on and on. And although

2 the house wasn't perfect, the neighborhood and the view

3 from my front door was picturesque. We were so fortunate

4 to have found the perfect neighborhood to raise our two

5 children. East Gate Three, or Snug Hill as we fondly call

6 it, is truly a hidden gem where the children are always

7 outside playing whether it's running around, playing soccer

8 and tag in our community green space, or hopscotch and

9 foursquare in the street of the cul-de-sacs, riding bikes,

10 lemonade stands, and participating in the neighborhood get-

11 togethers, are at our favorite -- or our favorite being the

12 Halloween party. And in the winter, our favorite memories

13 were made when all the kids in the neighborhood would

14 gather at the hill at East Gate to go sleigh riding. When

15 we finally saved up the money to renovate our home, we

16 struggled with the decision to invest the money, time, and

17 aggravation into remodeling our Snug Hill home, or to move

18 to a house that was already finished. After searching for

19 a few years and seeing many beautifully renovated homes, we

20 discovered that there was just no other neighborhoods that

21 had the community feel, the outdoor lifestyle for our

22 children, and wonderful neighbors who truly looked out for

23 one another and all the children like East Gate did. So we

24 decided to invest our -- invest in our home and stay in our

25 wonderful neighborhood which we love so dearly. But had we

1 the Bayranas (phonetic) about a home that was about to go

2 on the market and Snug Hill Lane, which is an adjoining

3 property to East Gate Swim Club. And they been living

4 there for one and a half years now. And now, only one year

5 later, because of the giant zoning change sign at the

6 entrance to our neighborhood and the potential for the

7 construction of a cell tower, we already realizing the

8 effects the tower will have on our property values and the

9 tower hasn't even been built. The houses aren't selling

10 fast and they are not selling for \$1.2 million anymore. My

11 neighbors by me on Snug Hill Lane put their house on the

12 market in October 2016, the same month that the zoning

13 change sign one up, and they list it for \$1.2 million.

14 This home had comparable updates in size to the house up

15 the street that I mentioned before that sold for -- that

16 sold out one day on the market \$1,2 million, four months

17 prior. However, this house took nine months to sell and

18 sold for \$1,038,000.00, which is \$186,000.00 less than the

19 original list price. And this is what concerns me the

20 most; \$186,000.00 is a huge loss. And remember, the tower

21 hasn't even been built yet. My husband and I own a small

22 business. We don't have a pension and we don't have a

23 matching 401(k) plan from our employer. Our home on Snug

24 Hill Court is our retirement income. We are depending on

25 every penny when we sell her house to go towards our

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- retirement. We cannot afford to lose \$186,000.00. Getting
- back to the view from my front door, Exhibit 206. Because
- my house at a much higher elevation than the base of the
- 4 tower, I will look directly down into the equipment
- 5 compound in the middle of the parking lot. The equipment
- 6 will be directly behind the tennis courts and in front of
- the trees along Democracy Boulevard along the Democracy
- 8 Boulevard property line and I will be over to see it
- 9 perfectly to the base of the existing trees along the
- 10 tennis court. Because Verizon has failed to provide any
- 11 details that are simulations of what the base and equipment
- 12 compound is going to look like, I did some research and I
- 13 provided an example of a photo of what one of these
- 14 industrial looking equipment compounds look like and that
- 15 is my second photo, Exhibit 208. The equipment compound in
- 16 this photo is similar -- has a similar fence as the one
- 17 that Verizon is proposing to install in their amended
- 18 application except Verizon plans to put a green slat in and
- 19 these are brown. Also, the equipment compound in this
- 20 photo appears to be much smaller than the 1280 square feet
- 21 compound Verizon proposes to install when they have their
- 22 co-locators on it. The angle that this photo was taken
- 23 from them, upon a hill looking down into the compound, is a
- 24 very similar viewpoint as I will have into the equipment
- 25 compound proposed by East Gate -- proposed at East Gate.

- the cost of its own pool management and maintenance. There
- is no way the monopine tower will blend in with the
- existing trees especially since it will be 20 feet tall --
- 20 feet higher than the trees behind and it will be located
- in front of the other trees along the southern property
- line, many of which lose their leaves and are bare six
- months out of the year.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Excuse me. I don't think these
- are the ones that don't -- you have to look at the exhibit
- 10 number on the back.
- 11 JANINE REZNIK: Oh, okay.
- 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: But you have to describe it so
- 13 they match up so I know which one you're talking about.
- JANINE REZNIK: Okay.
- 15 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You can't just say picture because
- 16 you've got four up there.
- 17 JANINE REZNIK: Okay. Just thought I would refer to
- 18 them as they were referred to in the file. Okay.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Do they have different captions?
- JANINE REZNIK: Up there they do. No, they all say, 20
- 21 Snug Hill proposed monopole. So I just want to put this up
- 22 there.

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- 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Call it by its exhibit number and
- 24 I will know which --
- JANINE REZNIK: Okay. 25

1 As you can clearly see in this photo, the slats in the

- 2 chain-link fence provide minimal screening of the equipment 2
- 3 and provides completely -- and proves completely
- 4 ineffective at camouflaging the equipment and storage sheds
- 5 when looking down from up above at a higher elevation, as
- 6 all the houses in our neighborhood do; they set up at a
- 7 higher elevation than the base of the tower. The it will
- 8 look hideous. It will look like an industrial compound
- 9 that is completely out of place. It absolutely will not be
- 10 compatible with the character of our beautiful residential 11 neighborhood. In Verizon's amended application, which I
- 12 might point out was never signed by the co-applicant EGRA,
- 13 they propose to plant trees in front of the tennis courts 14 to minimize the visual impact of the properties to the
- 15 north. But if EGRA had never signed the amended
- 16 application, where's the evidence that they are even aware
- 17 of this landscape plan? Verizon has failed to provide
- 18 photo simulations of what the streets will look like and if
- 19 in fact they will completely camouflage the base compound
- 20 from the higher elevation homes such as mine. And who will
- 21 be responsible for ensuring that the trees actually get
- 22 planted and who will bear the cost of the maintenance of
- 23 the trees and cleanup of the fallen leaves? I can't
- 24 imagine Verizon expects East Gate Swim Club to take on this 24 and pointed out the misleading photo simulations. I've
- 25 additional financial burden when the pool cannot even cover

- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- It is. I'll have that.
- JANINE REZNIK: The photo simulations that Verizon
- provided in their amended application are completely
- inaccurate and misleading. Let me mind you -- let me
- remind you of the photos of the monopine that Verizon has
- submitted with their amended application on June 29 and are
- Exhibit 145 in this case file. Sorry. (Inaudible). This
- is Exhibit 145, the photos submitted with their amended
- application. As you can see, that show the mono pine
- 10 within the trees along the property line, when in fact, the
- 11 tower will be in the parking lot in front of the property
- 12 line trees, as per the drawings, the sketches that were
- 13 previously provided by Verizon. But Verizon tried to slide
- 14 this deception three with the original application as well.
- 15 I'm about to show you the photos that were included in the
- 16 original application, which are both in Exhibits 3 and 5B
- 17 of the case file. So these are the photos that were
- 18 included in the original application, the ones on the left. BILL CHEN: The numbers?
- JANINE REZNIK: They are Exhibit 3 and 5B in the
- 21 (inaudible) case file and they are 215 and 216 in this
- 22 file. It wasn't until a resident on Snug Hill Lane, Joe
- 23 Pace (phonetic), emailed Mastech, the greater the photos,

25 included a copy of that email exchange dated 12-16 -- 12-6-

638 16 --members will walk and drive by and it will be the first thing they see every time they enter the once a serene and TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (Inaudible). JANINE REZNIK: -- As my exhibit (inaudible) I'm sorry peaceful, private swim club. The land planning witness, -- 209 (inaudible). Okay. Joshua Shicola (phonetic) from William Landfair, testified that the minimum requirement Mastech responded in this email that I provided, and for a two-way driveway the pool is 20 feet. After taking amended their photo simulations to more actively reflect measurements on site, must point out that the maximum the proposed location of the monopole in the parking lot. distance between the curbs in front of the entrance is 18 Although, still conveniently omits the industrial compound feet, 2 feet short of the minimum. And I provided a photo enclosure beneath the tower in the middle of the parking of that in Exhibit 210. If the expert witness wasn't 10 lot. So just be clear, the only reason Verizon submitted 10 correct with this measurement, what other measurements are 11 amended photos that more accurately reflected the location 11 inaccurate in his testimony? And with this narrow were 12 of the cell tower on -- and they amended -- and they sent 12 driveway, how are the service trucks is supposed to get 13 these in on 12-16, and that was Exhibit 74 in the OZHA 13 through? And with two additional unknown co-locaters, how 14 file. The only reason they resubmitted these corrected 14 many other maintenance vehicles will be coming into the 15 photos is because a resident pointed out the misleading 15 swimming pool lot and how often will they visit? The 16 photo. So now let's look at the amended application photos 16 construction of this tower will absolutely, without a 17 again and you'll see that Verizon has this tree pole within 17 doubt, be the demise of the East Gate Swim Club. 18 the tree line. 18 Membership is already down due to change in demographics in COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, can you say that a little 19 the area and too many swim clubs. Putting an 89-foot cell 20 louder? 20 tower right next to a sewing pool will not attract new 21 JANINE REZNIK: Oh, I'm sorry. 21 members. In fact, it will cause many to find another pool 22 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, you've got to be mindful of 22 without a cell tower as there are at least five other pools 23 in a two-mile radius that they can choose from. And when 23 the mics (inaudible). 24 JANINE REZNIK: Yeah. 24 this pool eventually closes due to an even greater TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's a good idea. Just speak 25 reduction membership because of the unsightly cell tower at 25 637 639 1 louder. its entrance, our beautiful neighborhood will be left with JANINE REZNIK: You can see that this is the amended a cell tower and an abandoned pool on our recreational application photo simulations and this tree pine monopole space. And this combination is sure to bring our home (inaudible) is within the trees as they were similarly values down even more and I just provided a picture of an misrepresented in the initial application. They were abandoned pool, which I guess I will put back up. 6 corrected and fixed and now you can see how it is outside (Inaudible) here. 7 the trees in the parking lot and much more visible. BILL CHEN: Exhibit number? 8 However, they failed to accurately represent monopine, JANINE REZNIK: It is, abandoned pool, Exhibit 211. 9 which (inaudible) when they sent in their amended So this is the Oak View community pool in Silver Spring, 10 application. Let me remind you that Park and Planning 10 Maryland. It is an abandoned -- it is abandoned and it has 11 issued its most recent recommendation dated September 15, 11 a Verizon cell tower on the property. Not only will the 12 2017, based on these inaccurate and misleading photos of 12 inevitable amended pool at the entrance to our neighborhood 13 the monopole hidden within the trees. I've been 13 be an eyesore, it will be unsafe. Once again, this tower 14 emphasizing the phrase, the middle the parking lot, for a 14 will change the nature and character of our neighborhood 15 reason. This proposed hours not going to be located in the 15 and recreational area. At a public informational meeting 16 back corner of the property in an obscure location where 16 that Verizon held on November 2 of last year in the Potomac 17 nobody notices it, where nobody is going to walk by it or 17 community library, one of the many questions asked by 18 drive by it. It can't be located in the back corner 18 community members was, why didn't Verizon try to disguise 19 because it wouldn't meet the 300-foot residential setback 19 the monopole as a tree. The response that the Verizon, I 20 requirements stipulated in the zoning ordinance. And I 20 believe it was an engineer one of the people, gave was, do 21 must point out that witnesses testified to the fact that 21 you mean make it look like a Franken-tree (phonetic). 22 there is no location on the property where the 89-foot 22 Those things are horrible looking and they don't look 23 tower would meet all required setbacks. Instead, Verizon 23 anything like a real tree, or something along those lines. 24 is proposing to place the tower in the middle of the 24 He even went on to point out the Franken-tree on the

25 intercounty connector just east of Olney as an example. So

25 parking lot at the entrance to the swimming pool where

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(inaudible) checked out this Franken-tree, and is my

- Exhibit 212, on the intercounty connector and it doesn't
- look like a tree. It is so ugly, does not look like a
- tree, and since Verizon's engineer cannot provide us with
- the exact model tree that will be used in this proposed
- 6 application, who knows? The one we end up with at East
- Gate could end up looking exactly like this one on the ICC.
- 8 On Verizon's original application, the mission idea of a
- 9 tree disguised -- a tree disguised for the monopole. I've
- 10 included a copy of the Transmission Facility Coordinating
- 11 Group's record of action, which is already in as Exhibit 5
- 12 in the case file, but now it's 213. It is just a quick
- 13 reference. And on page 2 of this report it states the
- 14 applicant's report that Verizon Wireless did not consider a
- 15 tree disguise because the monopole will be partially
- 16 camouflaged by the existing trees surrounding the site. As
- 17 I showed you before on the board with Verizon's photo
- 18 simulations, the photo of the proposed monopole and
- 19 Verizon's original application is misleading as it looks
- 20 like it is mostly hidden within the trees. However, as
- 21 mentioned previously and is shown in the photos, Verizon
- 22 subsequently submitted corrected photos of the tower in
- 23 front of the trees and it is not camouflaged by trees
- 24 whatsoever. To continue with that same paragraph on page 2
- 25 of the TFCG report, goes on to say, in addition, tree
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- 1 design would not allow for co-location from at least two
- additional carriers, which is required by the Montgomery
- County zoning ordinance. Let me just repeat that. Verizon
- 4 said a tree design would not allow for co-location from at
- least two additional carriers. That's a very interesting
- statement considering that Verizon's amended application
- proposes a monopole with a tree disguised with the ability
- of at least two additional carriers to co-locate. Yet
- 9 another false statement made by Verizon. On page 3 of the
- 10 same TFCG report, the fourth paragraph and concluding
- 11 sentence says, the plans show that the location for the
- 12 monopole on the property will meet required setbacks. This
- 13 statement, and we know for fact, is not true as Verizon is
- 14 not requesting a 51-foot waiver of the property line
- 15 setback requirement on the southern side of the recreation
- 16 area along Democracy Boulevard. So to summarize this
- 17 report, the Tower Coordinating Facility Group never saw
- 18 Verizon's corrected photos that show the monopole in the
- 19 parking lot in front of the trees. They did not review the
- 20 amended application submitted one year after the original
- 21 Tower Committee recommendation was given which proposes a
- 22 new height of the tree and antenna -- a new antenna height
- 23 as well. And it did not see Verizon's corrected statement
- 24 that the monopole does not meet all the required setbacks
- 25 and it is now seeking a waiver, which means that the Tower

- Correlating Facility Group made a recommendation based on
- erroneous, incomplete, and inaccurate information. Also,
- Verizon entered into a lease with EGRA over two years ago
- in October 2015. This means they had over two years to
- prepare their case and their witnesses and their witnesses'
- reports. Verizon's amended application was filed on June
- 29, 2017, which means the opposition only had 2½ months to
- find expert witnesses, prepare the reports, and submit the
- report within 20 days of the hearing, which really gave
- 10 them less than two months to prepare. I just wanted to
- 11 make note of that since Verizon kept asking why we didn't
- 12 have certain reports and (inaudible). I would also like to
- 13 mention for the record, that I have excellent cell service
- 14 in my home. I do not agree at all with Verizon's claim
- 15 that there is a need for an 89-foot cell tower to improve
- 16 the coverage in our area. Verizon's electrical engineer
- 17 expert, Paul Dugan, stated in his testimony that this
- 18 proposed tower at East Gate is supposed to provide
- 19 increased data speed to the house within a three-quarter
- 20 mile radius of the tower. When I'm using my phone in home
- 21 -- in my home, I'm not using cellular data and speed is not
- 22 a concern for me because I'm using my Wi-Fi when I'm at
- 23 home, which is always faster than cellular data speed. In
- 24 Verizon's application, they include a property value report
- written and prepared by Valbridge Property Advisors, which

- is Exhibit 53B in the OZHA file. The report is called, Impact on Residential Values. Two specific neighborhoods
- they do a property analysis on and this is Kentsdale and
- Potomac Crest. What you will notice about the reports is
- that there are no photos included in it. They didn't
- provide any photos of what the tower views are from any of
- the properties that are analyzed. If they did, they would
- show that the house is in Kentsdale Estates do not face the
- tower. Most of the homes cannot even see the tower. You
- 10 can't even compare our neighborhood's visual impact of a
- 11 cell phone tower and equipment compound with theirs. None
- 12 of the homes in Kentsdale Estate strictly face the tower
- 13 and equipment compound like ours will in Snug Hill. Again,
- 14 another report that is completely misleading as are the
- 15 photo simulations that Verizon provided. I would also like
- 16 to point out that Potomac Crest neighborhood is along the
- 17 power line where there is overhead transmission lines,
- 18 which zoning ordinance talks about that's where they should
- 19 be placed. They split towers along the overhead
- 20 transmission lines so that you're not placing towers in the
- 21 middle of people's neighborhoods and that's where there are
- 22 multiple antennas along those power lines. Our
- 23 neighborhood, we don't even have overhead power lines. We
- 24 don't have any large lights or any electrical equipment,
- 25 which is what adds to the beauty and uniqueness of this

1 neighborhood. I would like to conclude with one final JANINE REZNIK: Thank you. Okay. Who's next? Come 2 analogy, that this application for conditional use to on up. Okay. Go ahead and give that to them and I will --3 install an 89-foot cell tower and a 1280 square feet they are all exactly the same? 4 equipment compound on a $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres of private property in the GREER DELLAFIORA: Yes. (Inaudible). 5 middle of a residential neighborhood so that the co-5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh, they're already marked? 6 applicant can make \$26,500.00 a year in additional revenue GREER DELLAFIORA: Yes, I put the Exhibit (inaudible). 7 is approved, it will set quite a precedent. The president 7 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I have some of them with my 8 will be that anyone can put up a cell tower and equipment 8 9 compound on their front lawn as long as the residential GREER DELLAFIORA: Yeah. 10 dwelling setback of 300 feet is made. They can install the 10 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- With my number. Okay. Just 11 tower 25 feet or less from the property line if they can 11 give me a moment just to make sure I got -- if they're not 12 already stuff that's -- okay. So that's well, actually, 12 ask for a waiver of that property line setback and have it 13 granted. Imagine if this were to happen, what this County 13 this when you can refer to -- well, I'll just go ahead and 14 would become. Everyone would be requesting a cell phone 14 keep it simple. Don't be nervous. You're okay. I just 15 tower to be installed on the property because \$26,500.00 a 15 have to follow this so the record is clear. Let me ask you 16 year is more than some people make in a year. And they 16 this so: do these go to this or --17 17 would be approved because if an exception was made for East GREER DELLAFIORA: (Inaudible) Exhibit (inaudible). 18 Gate, then why not Jane Doe. We do not want a cell phone 18 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh, got it. Okay. Never mind. 19 tower to be the focal point of our neighborhood. I do not 19 Okay. Let me do this. (Inaudible) 218. It's two pages. 20 want to walk outside my front door every day and have the 20 I'm going to have you refer to these and then you can do 21 first thing I see the 89-foot cell phone tower and 1280 21 that. We're just trying to get everybody heard today. 22 square feet industrial equipment compound. Madam Hearing 22 (Inaudible). Okay. So where's the copy? This is the 23 Examiner, I sincerely request that you deny Verizon's 23 copy? I'll keep this one. Get this one back to me and we 24 application to erect an 89-foot cell phone tower at the 24 will switch, but this way you will have the exhibit number. 25 entrance to the swimming pool on our community's GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay. 645 647 1 recreational space in the middle of our beautiful TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: And you will give them their 2 residential neighborhood. The tower will have a negative copies. Okay. I need to have her start. You can take it 3 visual impact, a negative impact on our property values, with you and bring it back to me. 4 and it will change the nature and character of our GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. You ready? recreational area and our neighborhood forever. Thank you. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Does anybody have any questions? 6 GREER DELLAFIORA: No. JANINE REZNIK: You want these back, right? TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You'll be fine. Raise your right TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Questions? Do the (inaudible) hand. Do promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth in your testimony under the penalty 9 have any questions? Thank you, very much. Could I get 10 those back from you --10 of perjury? 11 JANINE REZNIK: Yes, you can. 11 GREER DELLAFIORA: I do. 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: -- So that I can properly mark 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. State your name and your 13 (inaudible)? 13 address and when you refer to a document, you have to --JANINE REZNIK: Do you want them in order to question 14 14 they don't have the number. Just get the title and the 15 exhibit number so they know what you are referring to. 15 mark TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: No, if you can just put them back GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay. 17 17 (inaudible) the folder. The one thing that I do need from TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay? So go ahead. State your 18 you is if you can -- do you have these that -- you are 18 name and your address. GREER DELLAFIORA: I am (inaudible) Dellafiora. I 19 supposed to submit them in a CD. 20 JANINE REZNIK: (Inaudible). In a CD? 20 live at 8201 Snug Hill Lane, Potomac, Maryland. I just 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Just -- yes. 21 want to say that I'm not going to be quite as kind as

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: On a CD, the photos and the CDs. 23 I'm very appreciative of being able to speak today about my

22 Janine because I'm so angry about this. So I apologize.

24 concerns about the proposed a cell tower in our

25 neighborhood. I'm a 17 year resident of East Gate

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23 24 JANINE REZNIK: Okay.

JANINE REZNIK: Okay.

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Thank you, Ms. Reznik.

neighborhood and a member of the East Gate Recreation

- Association. I was also on the unelected board of the East
- 3 Gate Recreation Association for a number of years as
- 4 treasurer. Because my testimony today might be used in the
- 5 currently staid lawsuit, I want to make sure I've gone on
- 6 record now about this so that I may defend myself if need
- be. In my testimony today, I will explain why am adamantly
- opposed to the installation of an enormous cell tower in
- 9 the middle of our neighborhood. Even more so of its
- 10 placement in our recreation area. I live on Snug Hill
- 11 Lane. Snug Hill Lane, if you've not been there, is a
- 12 narrow lane that winds up a hill and ins into small cul-de-
- 13 sacs. They're only 31 homes in our little neighborhood.
- 14 At the entrance to our neighborhood, lining the left side
- 15 of the lane is a green square of land. It has grassy
- 16 (inaudible), trees, a pool, two tennis courts, and a field.
- 17 This is our neighborhood recreation area. It is on this
- 18 little (inaudible) of land that the East Gate Recreation
- 19 Association has contracted with Verizon to install a giant
- 20 cell tower. Twenty years ago, when we were younger, my
- 21 husband and I were looking to leave the DC area. We are
- 22 not city folk, but life has a way of scuttling plans and we
- 23 had to stay in the area for the time being. The best we
- 24 could do was move further out of the city where houses were
- 25 not as closely packed and where there was more green space.
- 1 When we saw a house in Snug Hill Lane, we cannot believe
- 2 our luck. It was a gem of a neighborhood. It was a quiet,
- 3 sleepy, bucolic little lane with green, spaces, and best of
- 4 all, a recreation area right outside our front door. One
- 5 of the biggest reasons we bought our house was this
- 6 recreation area. What could be more perfect than that for
- a family with two small kids and a dog? Over the next 10
- 8 years, we used that recreation area as an extension of our
- 9 backyard. Every summer, the kids swam on the swim team,
- 10 the adults burned things on the grill, and we all played
- 11 ping-pong under the canopy. Besides the pool, there was
- 12 also the tennis courts, a rusty basketball hoop, and a
- 13 field to be enjoyed. During adult swim, we would either
- 14 run over to the courts and hit a few balls were run over to
- 15 the field to enjoy a little soccer until we could run back
- 16 to the pool and cool off again. That was the summer.
- 17 During the rest of the year when the pool was closed, we
- 18 would play tennis. The kids had tennis lessons. I play
- 19 with friends and our family enjoyed games of round robin
- 20 when the mood took us. One of the great spots in our
- 21 recreation area is the small field. We used this field all
- 22 year round and this is the only place in our neighborhood
- 23 that is where enough, flat enough, and big enough to play
- 24 soccer, lacrosse, rugby, and kick the can. It is also the
- 25 place where the kids laid. The recreation area is

- surrounded by berms on three of its four sides. Whenever
- it snowed, the kids make a beeline for the berm by the
- field. They jumped on their sleds and whizzed down the
- hill knowing that they will come to us a stop by the time
- they have (inaudible) the field without hitting anything.
- We also spent many hours on the field over the years
- playing with or walking our dog Daisy, especially as
- neighbors begin -- began putting up privacy fences. Over
- 9 the past few years, we have not used the pool as we once
- 10 did. The kids lost their passion for swimming and moved on
- 11 to other pursuits. My husband and I started working crazy
- 12 hours to pay for kids' college. We still sled when it
- 13 snows, but Daisy is now 17 and is no longer able to gallop
- 14 around the field as she was good. However, my last child
- 15 just left for college and my husband and I are once again
- 16 looking forward to swimming and enjoying an adult beverage
- 17 with friends on the pool deck. I know our experience of
- 18 that wonderful little spot is not unique to us. The East
- 19 Gate Recreation Area was established for the residents of
- 20 our neighborhood. It was established for a reason. If the
- 21 developer could have built more houses on the land, he
- 22 would have. Businessmen do not give up prime pieces of
- 23 real estate without cause. The reason in this case, is
- 24 that ours is a cluster development. In order for the
- 25 developer to build houses on our hilly piece of land, yet
- to make the parcels of land smaller than the R200 large
 - lots mandated by the zoning designation. In order for the
 - County zoning office to agree to this, the developer had to
 - give up something in return. The something in return was
 - East Gate Recreation Area. In fact, a letter dated January
 - 10, 1978, filed with the zoning office from the developer
 - of the neighborhood, Robert Mitchell, says the following;
 - the NNC (inaudible) --
 - GREG DIAMOND: I'm just going to have to object to the 9 10 scope.
 - 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm going to --
 - 12 BILL CHEN: It's in the record.
 - 13 GREG DIAMOND: It's, pardon?
 - 14 BILL CHEN: It's in the record.
 - 15 GREER DELLAFIORA: I'm quoting a letter.
 - 16 BILL CHEN: It's in the special exception record.
 - 17 GREG DIAMOND: The scope. I'm just objecting on the 18 scope.
 - 19 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (Inaudible).
 - 20 GREER DELLAFIORA: I was going to give to the exhibit.
 - 21 It's Exhibit 1. I'm sorry. I should have said that first.
 - TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Oh, no. He is objecting to the
 - 23 scope. Were you here earlier when they were talking about
 - 24 -- when the gentleman was talking about the subdivision
 - 25 cluster? Maybe not.

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GREER DELLAFIORA: Well, I've prepared my testimony.

- 2 I've been taking a year to prepare the test money and I
- 3 didn't adjust it --
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay.
- 5 GREER DELLAFIORA: (Inaudible).
- 6 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Their objection will be noted.
- BILL CHEN: I guess I object to the objection. I
- 8 think we've had to disagree before and I respect the
- ruling.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Good. 10
- 11 BILL CHEN: Just on behalf of my clients, I think this
- 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Well, she is -- I'm letting her
- 14 read it.
- BILL CHEN: I understand you are. Thank you. 15
- 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: You can go ahead.
- GREER DELLAFIORA: There might be a lot you object to 17 18 them.
- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's possible and we'll address
- 20 it, but they have a right to object.
- GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay. In a meeting of pool members
- 22 on November 28, 2016, the volunteers leading the meeting
- 23 explain to the pool members that he had signed a lease to
- 24 save the pool. He said that if we did not save the pool
- 25 and it went belly up, the land could become a 7/11 or
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- 1 something equally unsavory. To be honest, he scared the
- 2 heck out of us because what could be worse than that. My
- 3 husband and I immediately sent him \$1000.00 to help stave
- 4 off this horror. But as time passed, I came to find out
- 5 that the volunteer's words were not true. This passively
- 6 cannot be made into a 7/11. It's recreation land overlaid
- 7 with a special exception. I would like it noted that the
- 8 East Gate Recreation Association without his parking lot to
- 9 the Heights School. Again, I'm blown away by the fact that
- 10 at least one of the three attorney volunteers is a real
- 11 estate attorney and is either not aware, or just chooses to
- 12 flagrantly ignore the fact that this is not a permitted use
- 13 of the land and it is a violation of the special exception.
- GREG DIAMOND: I'm just going to object any kind of
- 15 personal tax about any members of the East Gate Rec 16 Association.
- 17 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: So noted.
- GREER DELLAFIORA: The Association has to get
- 19 permission to set up a basketball hoop, for goodness sake.
- 20 The request is in the OZHA file. Is the -- I guess I will
- 21 start and you just object whenever you want. I'm not sure
- 22 what I can say what I can't say. I mean, I'm not naming
- 23 any names.
- 24 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Just keep reading.
- 25 GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay.

- TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Just --
- 2 GREER DELLAFIORA: Is the volunteer just a really bad
- attorney or does he feel at liberty to do as he wishes with
- an 800-pound gorilla on his back -- in his back pocket?
- Are they counting on the fact that we do not have unlimited
- funds to continually challenge them on all their irregular
- actions including not filing the tax returns are prepared
- for them? It would appear so. It is my sincerest hope
- that you, Madam Hearing Examiner, when not allow a
- 10 conditional use exception -- and you know, maybe I'm using
- 11 the words incorrectly -- to be laid on top of an already
- 12 existing special exception and put an end to this. Or put
- 13 another way, not create a hole in the special exception in
- 14 which to place the tower. The creation -- the recreation
- 15 area belongs to the neighborhood. This is our recreation
- 16 area. It does not belong to the secret society that now
- 17 runs the pool and other doesn't belong to Verizon. We do
- 18 not exist because of the recreation area. The recreation
- 19 area exists because of us. If we had thought that there
- 20 was a possibility that are recreational green space could
- 21 be turned into an industrial business owner, we never would
- 22 have purchased the house. We relied on the representations
- 23 that were made to us that this was a recreation area and I
- 24 have that representation in writing. If you look at
- 25 Exhibit 2, this was the sailed document --
- - GREG DIAMOND: Again, I'm going to object to the
 - scope, but I understand you are making a statement. But
 - we're going back to the purpose and use and representations
 - at the time. It's outside the scope of this hearing.
 - 5 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: What you -- what is the document
 - you are --
 - GREER DELLAFIORA: I'm showing -- I'm just trying to
 - give -- bolster my words when I say I purchased the house
 - because we were told there was a nice recreation area, and
 - 10 I have a piece of paper to support my argument. I have
 - 11 two.
 - 12 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: (Inaudible) history and her
 - 13 feelings about it.
 - GREG DIAMOND: I have no objection to history and 14
 - 15 feelings.
 - 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That's --
 - 17 GREG DIAMOND: But the documentation or -- we are
 - 18 opening up -- if we start to admit new evidence of new
 - 19 documents, then I do think we -- that's where I'm drawing 20 the line.
 - 21 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Which document are you
 - 22 referring to question what well, how about we let her get
 - 23 through and then you can object to -- motion (inaudible)
 - 24 into the record.
 - GREER DELLAFIORA: So I actually referred to Exhibits

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2 and 3, because 2 is for my house and 3 is for a 1 down Den

- 2 neighbor's house that was also marketed as the -- the
- 3 recreation space was marketed as a point to why you buy the
- 4 house. We relied on our review of the Master Plan before
- 5 signing our purchase contract. We did not see any
- 6 industrial structures located on this land and we did not
- 7 see any dotted lines for what was going to be added later
- 8 as they did with Democracy Boulevard. We purposely avoided
- 9 looking at any houses that were located near power lines
- 10 when looking to purchase our house. We did not, and still
- 11 do not feel that it is safe to live near power lines or
- 12 cell phone towers and because we are not alone in feeling
- 13 like this, we would not risk our biggest investment by
- 14 purchasing a home that would be more difficult to sell and
- 15 would sell at a lower price than homes not near power lines
- 16 and other sources of radio emissions. Our neighborhood has
- 17 no overhead wiring, none. There are no telephone or power
- 18 lines to be seen. There are no utility poles. The only
- 19 thing we have are widely spaced, short, dimly lit lamp
- 20 posts. At night, it's a joy to walk down the street
- 21 because it's dark and you can see the stars. This
- 22 neighborhood is very different to other neighborhoods. An
- 23 89-foot tower is not going to go unnoticed to those living
- 24 near it or swimming under it. The tower will not only
- 25 change the character of the neighborhood, it will change

- 1 down Democracy? Why have they shown no other solutions to
- 2 the problem? If they can trundle cells on wheels or
- 3 (inaudible) the golf courses to add capacity during golf
- 4 tournament, why is no other solution other than a great big
- 5 tower in our pool parking lot? My children and I use AT&T
 - on her cell phones. My husband uses Verizon on his cell
- 7 phone, and we use Verizon as our home service provider for
- 8 phone, TV, and Internet. In the past number of years, and
- 9 I think I -- it is not 17, it's pretty close to that I
- 10 believe, that we have use Verizon. We have never had
- 11 problems with reception either in our house or in the
- 12 recreation area. We also have never had trouble with
- 13 dropped calls traveling down Democracy, a road we use
- 14 frequently as in the main artery outside our neighborhood.
- 15 Exhibit 5 is testimony -- I don't know if I can say that --
- 16 is testimony of a commuter who has used Democracy for four
- 17 years and has never lost coverage. RadioOpt is an app that
- 18 measures Internet traffic speed. I have it on my phone.
- 19 It tells me at any given moment when the traffic speeds
- 20 (inaudible) wherever I'm currently located. These are the
- 21 results as I experienced them on Sunday when typing this
- 22 testimony and I was sitting outside. Your download speed
- 23 is faster than other uses in your region. Your upload is
- 24 faster than for other users in your region and your paying
- 25 is faster than for other users in your region. To

1 the look and the character of the pool forever. As will be

- 2 explained later, it already has. In order for a tower to
- 3 be built, there has to be a need for the cell tower. At
- 4 the information meeting held by Verizon on November 2,
- 5 2016, the Verizon engineer, and I presume -- I think he was
- 6 an engineer -- explicitly stated that the tower was not
- 7 needed for our community, but for people driving down
- 8 Democracy. He further explained that commuter calls were
- 9 being dropped as drivers headed down the hill on Democracy
- 10 Boulevard on their way to Potomac. Mr. Shicola, Verizon's
- 11 witness, provided the following as a reason for the tower;
- 12 coverage and capacity relief for Verizon's Tuckerman site,
- 13 Potomac site --
- 14 CATHY BORTEN: Objection. One moment. Mr. Shicola is
- 15 not a witness in this case.
- 16 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: She is just -- you objection is
- 17 noted. She is just (inaudible) what she went through.
- 18 Doesn't mean that it's (inaudible).
- 19 GREER DELLAFIORA: The Potomac site, the Bethesda
- 20 Country Club site, provide supplemental coverage to the
- 21 residents and commuters along Democracy Boulevard and
- 22 Gainsborough Road. And this statement is clearly stating
- 23 that our neighborhood already has his needs addressed as it
- 24 is being serviced and covered by three other sites. Why
- 25 can't they install something smaller? Some small antenna

- 1 reiterate, my downloads are faster than for anyone else.
 - 2 Verizon as a check your cell coverage feature on their
 - 3 website. You type in your address and it will tell you
 - 4 whether you have coverage or not. The map is always red,
 - 5 showing wall-to-wall coverage in our neighborhood. So
 - 6 given the above, I think it is reasonable to assume that
 - 7 perhaps Verizon has not shown the need for cell tower in
 - 8 our recreation area and they certainly have not offered any
 - 9 other solutions. The cell tower they are proposing is
 - 10 built -- to be built, is as big as towers on other sites.
 - 11 This does not scream relief to me. The screams taken
 - 12 advantage why you can and get ready for 5G. And just an
 - 13 FYI, there are already 39 towers and 381 antennas within a
 - 14 4 mile radius of our recreation area, see Exhibit 6 -- I'm
 - 15 sorry. I keep given the wrong -- 226. Surely Verizon
 - 16 could piggyback on one of these. It is true that my
 - 17 husband and I live in Potomac. When people hear the word
 - 18 Potomac, they think money, lots of money. They think that
 - 19 people like us have money and are just bitching because we
 - 20 are unreasonably, just don't want a cell tower in our
 - 21 backyard. This is simply not true. There is Potomac and
 - 22 there is Potomac. We live in the second, humbler Potomac.
 - 23 We borrowed the down payment from a relative and we bought
 - 24 the house from a relocation company since it was the

25 cheapest and all we could afford. I am not now a stay-at-

home mom, but I was for a time until my son was nine. My son was diagnosed on the autism spectrum and required therapy for everything. Anyone with a kid like this will know what I'm talking about. The time, effort, and resources needed to help them were huge. It really put us in a financial hole. With things got turned around for him, I went back to work. I'm a working mom. Even though my husband and I have worked diligently over the years, we 9 still need the proceeds from our house to find a large 10 chunk of our retirement. We have stayed in this house as 11 it has been, until now, great investment. But now, not so 12 much. We have Artie the seen a decline in the price of 13 houses in our neighborhood and we are just talking about a 14 tower, never mind actually having one. Last year, I know 15 of at least one house that went for \$1.2 million, and a 16 fixer-upper for \$950,000.00 on our little street. This 17 year, someone put their house on the market for \$1.224 18 thousand and ended up selling it for \$1,000,038.00. That's 19 a drop of \$186,000.00, or 15 percent; 15 percent. You can 20 check the numbers on Zillow. This is one case where we can 21 absolutely point to the tower being a factor in the price 22 of the house. The seller told me that at least two 23 purchasers were -- purchasers were concerned about the 24 tower and that one of the perspective purchasers called

662 initial application, Verizon stated that a tree design was not possible as it did not allow for co-location. So did the engineer really believe a tower was the better route to go aesthetically or did he merely state this to support the application that nixed the tree idea already? Second example: the first application stated that a tree (inaudible) could not be used as it did not support the colocation, and yet, the amended application has the tree design and it allows for co-location. So again, it would 10 appear that the Verizon engineers that drafted the first 11 submission, either did not know what they were talking 12 about or maybe they were just saying whatever was needed to 13 support the application. There is a third example. In 14 Cathy Borten's justification statement, and I -- this I do 15 know is Exhibit 3 in the OZHA file -- and she states the 16 following; as noted in the impact on residential values 17 report prepared by Valbridge Property Advisor, there is no 18 evidence that having a view of this type of facility has 19 any negative impact on property values. I have looked at 20 this report and I can't find that language anywhere. On 21 page 4 of this document, she also states that approximately

23 proposed use. The zone enjoys show the relocation of these 24 spaces elsewhere on the property. I have to say that this 25 both Bill Chen and the County zoning office to determine

25 statement sounds relatively benign. It doesn't sound too

22 four parking spaces are expected to be displaced by the

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1 the status of the tower. They did not buy. Another purchaser also said they would not buy the house because of the tower. Verizon is a business. The employee's job, no matter which company they work for, is to promote the company's goals. Verizon employees are no different. Their livelihood depends on it. They are the face of the company and must promote this tower no matter what. 8 Everything they say and present at this hearing must 9 support the goal of getting the tower erected whether they 10 personally think that there is no way that they would want 11 a tower radiating waves at their heads 24/7 or whether they 12 would say, no way would we join a pool where our kids are 13 swimming under an antenna of a cell tower. Or no way would 13 evaluation expert, and his report put streets and 14 we spend our weekend sitting on the pool deck with the 15 electrical humming of the generator as background music. 16 They can also acknowledge the possibility of a 15 percent 17 drop in house value. Yes, the law may obligate them to be 18 truthful, but truth is a fundable thing and Verizon, with 19 all its money clout, will only present the truth and facts 20 that support their goal. Here are some examples based on 21 statements made by Verizon that support my way of thinking. 22 Example 1: at the meeting held by Verizon on November 2, 23 2016, the rise and engineers that we do not want the 24 Franken-tree instead of a tower. These were his words. He

25 pointed out how ugly the one on ICC was. In Verizon's

bad on the face of it. However, if you look at the field

on the site plan, you will see that the field has been

completely destroyed and taken over by 10 to 12 parking

spaces. It could be construed that Ms. Borten is

whitewashing words to show the plan in a more favorable

light. In my book, this is just another example of facts

being fundable and being banked to suit their purpose. The

statement that there is no evidence having a view of this

type of facility has any negative impact on home values is

10 hard to believe, especially considering what has happened

11 in our neighborhood since the conditional use sign went up.

12 It is also hard to believe that Mr. Landfair, Verizon's

14 neighborhoods that don't belong and he has failed to show

15 what houses have sold for in our neighborhood both before

16 and after the conditional use sign went up in our corner.

17 In his testimony yesterday, Mr. Landfair stated that he had

18 not used homes sold by parents to children in his report.

19 I beg to differ. At least two of the addresses I saw in

20 his report, number 8304 Snug Hill Lane, Mr. Ferber's

21 (phonetic) house, and number 8205 Snug Hill Lane, Mr.

22 (inaudible), were both parent to child sales. It's

23 interesting that he used these two particular houses of all

24 those he could have picked since there were only two

25 original owners in our neighborhood, to demonstrate how

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well our neighborhood had increased in value compared to

other neighborhoods. Mr. Ferber's house was purchased in

- 1997 from his mother-in-law for \$419,000.00. He has one of
- the bigger models. Mr. Lamarow (phonetic) bought his house
- from his mother-in-law in the amount of \$337,000.00 in May
- 6 2000. It is a smaller model that Mr. Ferber's house. I
- 7 bought my house, which is the exact same model as Mr.
- 8 Lamarow's house, at exactly the same time, May 2000. And
- 9 we purchased our house for \$530,000.00. This is a
- 10 difference of \$190,000.00 greater than that paid by Mr.
- 11 Lamarow. All I can think is, what else did Mr. Landfair
- 12 get wrong. No matter what this expert was paid by Verizon
- 13 asserts, people do not want to buy near cell towers in the
- 14 cell tower will make it more difficult to sell. The
- 15 obvious he did not hang around the neighborhood this summer
- 16 questioning buyers and sellers. He would have heard what
- 17 is really going on. If people do not mind purchasing homes
- 18 near cell towers, there would not be so much opposition to
- 19 the tower in our neighborhood. The people did not mind
- 20 purchasing homes near cell towers, then what did Mr. -- why
- 21 did the buyers of Mr. Ferber's mother-in-law's house say
- 22 the cell tower had not been disclosed to them? If people
- 23 do not mind purchasing homes near cell towers, why have
- 24 sellers in the neighborhood, such as Judy Donatelli, vector
- 25 neighbors to remove their signs of opposition because it
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- 1 was affecting her ability to sell her house? I believe
- another resident, Mrs. Meekham (phonetic), was also trying
- to sell her house, has also requested that her neighbors
- 4 not put up any signs either. If people don't mind
- purchasing homes near cell towers, why has my husband
- refused to put up a large protest banner that would, for
- all intents and purposes, advertise the tower before ever
- came up and harmed the value of our home was Mark please,
- look around the room. Look and see how many people don't
- 10 want this tower. And by the way, there are studies showing
- 11 the negative impact of cell towers on home values. Here is
- 12 one, Exhibit 7. The National Institute for Science Law and
- 13 Public Policy produce the results of the study is conducted
- 14 titled, Neighborhood Cell Towers and Antennas. They do
- 15 impact a property's desirability. The survey was completed
- 16 by 1000 respondents. To sum up the results, the
- 17 overwhelming majority of respondents, 94 percent of them,
- 18 reported that cell tower and antennas in the neighborhood
- 19 or on the building, would impact interest in the property
- 20 and the price they would be willing to pay for it.
- 21 Further, 79 percent said, under no circumstances would they
- 22 ever purchase or rent a property within the blocks --
- 23 within a few blocks of a cell tower antenna. He was a
- 24 perfect example of how fundable the applicant's facts can
- 25 be. When the first application was filed by East Gate

- Recreation Association and Verizon, it was filled with
- errors. For example, the photograph attached to the
- submission were not accurate. The tower was not shown with
- its enormous space and the tower was shown to be in the
- trees, 8 feet back from the tower's actual location in the
- parking lot as shown on the site joints. Also, the drawing
- makes it appear as though there is not -- there is loads of
- space in the parking lot to accommodate the tower. There
- isn't. The parking lot at the point where the tower
- 10 enclosure is to be located narrows considerably. You would
- 11 be hard-pressed to fit a car, never mind a truck between
- 12 the enclosure and the pool entrance, but you can't see this
- 13 clearly on the submitted drawings. There is no way the
- 14 drawing measurements are correct. You just have to stand
- 15 in the parking lot to see that. (Inaudible)just believe
- 16 that they will be able to get a delivery truck down the
- 17 drive to the spot where the tower and enclosure are to be
- 18 built, never mind have space in which to build this
- 19 behemoth. Are East Gate Recreation Association and Verizon
- 20 going to pull up and destroyed the clubhouse entrance
- 21 plantings and sidewalk to gain access to the spot they
- 22 desire? This is something else they forgot to put an
- 23 application. Application states that no trees were
- 24 removed, but neither Verizon, the East Gate Recreation
- 25 Association or Parks and Planning have addressed this issue

- at all. I wonder if anyone at Parks and Planning even
 - visited the site. Where were the applicant's photo simulations of what the tower will look like with its base?
 - And one final example; Cathy Borten, in her justification
 - statement knows that, as noted in Mr. Landfair's report,
 - the proposed additional use will not result in any adverse
 - effect on health. Why does Ms. Borten raise this issue
 - specifically? Is she not aware the FCC prohibits using
 - health effects as an argument against cell towers? Or is
 - 10 she aware, as the rest of us are, that there is cause for

 - 11 concern and tried to allay everyone's fears anyway? I have
 - 12 no doubt that as soon as Ms. Borten is anyone mention
 - 13 health effects, she will leap to squash it. But what is
 - 14 sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander and will
 - 15 therefore be erring my thoughts on the subject too. To sum
 - 16 it up, Verizon was either intentionally trying to mislead
 - 17 or they were sloppy. I'm inclined to believe it was both.

 - 18 Verizon is a very, very, very big company. They had been
 - 19 doing this for a very long time. It also has a lot of
 - 20 money and enjoys tremendous support from both local
 - 21 government and the FCC. The FCC has implemented the shot
 - 22 clock, allowing Verizon to pressure interested parties and
 - 23 many plate proceedings to their advantage. The SEC has
 - 24 also gagged the citizenry from raising any health concerns,
 - 25 the major reason why homebuyers like me do not want to buy

or live near a cell tower. I grew up with thalidomide

babies who were not supposed to exist because it was

- declared a harmless drug, who also lived through a 20-year
- 4 fight after which the government finally capitulated and
- 5 admitted that, contrary to petroleum industry experts'
- 6 studies, leaded gas was indeed dangerous and has since been
- banned. There are countless studies out there including
- one from the NIH that show we should all be greatly
- 9 concerned with the effects of radiation from cell towers.
- 10 It's already an undisputed fact that cell phones help to
- 11 the ear too often and for too long cause cancerous tumors.
- 12 But I digress. Let's look at the County's role. Let's
- 13 start with Parks and Planning and then the Tower Committee.
- 14 I believe Parks and Planning failed in his duty to protect
- 15 our community from a monstrosity and blight in our
- 16 neighborhood. It is incomprehensible that the erection of
- 17 a Franken-tree right in the entrance to our neighborhood in
- 18 a narrow strip of parking lot will not forever and
- 19 irreparably change the feel and character of the
- 20 neighborhood and recreation area. Parks and Planning
- 21 believes that this Franken-tree that could be up to twice
- 22 the height of any other tree around it, will still not be
- 23 noticed if some shrubbery is planted along the perimeter of
- 24 the property. How do the plantings become the solution to
- 25 hiding a behemoth, 89 feet tall and 8 feet in diameter? Do
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1 they have any idea how big the tower would be with that

- 2 growth and enclosure that would start at 700 square feet
- 3 but will end up at 1280 square feet with other carriers
- 4 moving in equipment? Of course they don't, because Verizon 4
- did not provide photo simulations of this. I have brought
- 6 a photo of a tree that is big. I really do apologize that
- 7 it's a tree lying on a car, but it's the only one I could
- 8 find and it clearly says an 8-foot diameter and that's what
- 9 it looks like. And I'm looking at Exhibit 8. That's how
- 10 big that is. As you can see, the trunk is huge. Imagine
- 11 this towering over us in the parking lot and pool deck. No
- 12 wonder our green field has to be destroyed to make way for
- 13 this industrial installation. Parks and Planning made some
- 14 effort at hiding the tree from the street, but I think even
- 15 they realize it's a fool's errand and even tried to hide
- 16 the base of the tree in the 20 x 29' enclosure from those 17 actually in the recreation area and so have not attempted
- 18 to do so. If approved, the space will be a cell tower site
- 19 with a pool and tennis courts next to it. I don't know
- 20 whether to laugh or cry when I saw Parks and Planning
- 21 approved the tower as long as the foliage was in place.
- 22 And besides which, who will pay for the installation and
- 23 maintenance of the trees was more the trees will not be on
- 24 Verizon's square of land and the East Gate Recreation does
- 25 not have the funds to do so. We were told in November,

- March -- sorry -- on November 28, 2016, at the pool meeting
- that the Association is \$30,000.00 in the hole. And that
- was the tip of the iceberg with their problems. Well, so
- much for Parks and Planning. And now onto the Tower
- Committee. Our dealings with it have left me speechless.
- I believe they are tasked with making the decision as to
- whether a tower should be installed or not, or modified or
- not. Why the Tower Committee was established, I don't
- know. As interested parties, citizens may attend the
- 10 meetings, but they may not talk or ask questions. Verizon,
- 11 on the other hand, has an open mic. In addition, the Tower
- 12 Committee appears to be making decisions based on
- 13 information they do not have. For example, they use the
- 14 propagation maps provided by the applicant to verify there
- 15 is a lack of coverage in an area without ever having the
- 16 data to support this map. This is like a teacher looking
- 17 at a student's pie chart and saying it's correct, but never
- 18 looking at the underlying data to verify the pie chart is
- 19 correct. Further, in our case, the tower committee did not
- 20 review the amended application by Verizon. Before Verizon
- 21 ever sent the amended application, Parks and Planning told
- 22 the tower committee that the changes were to be cosmetic
- 23 only and therefore, the amended application did not have to
- 24 be reviewed again by the tower committee. And there were
- 25 engineering changes. I think one of the most egregious

statements I ever heard came from a Tower Committee member,

- Ted Bowser. When we asked him at the Tower Committee
- meeting -- I'm sorry -- after a Tower Committee meeting,
- how were decisions made to approve applications, he said,
- and I'm quoting, we do not read the application. We might
- give it a cursory glance before the meeting, but really,
- we're just a rubberstamp. We are just a rubberstamp. I
- think his comment sums up Verizon's feelings and hours in
- this application process. No wonder they could be sloppy
- 10 and/or misleading. They thought no one would care. I'm
- 11 sure some of you are wondering why Mr. Ferber would build a
- 12 tower next to this property if they lower home values and
- 13 cause health issues. Do remember my exhibit from earlier?
- 14 The one in which 79 percent of respondents would not
- 15 consider buying a house within a few blocks of a tower?
- 16 Well, Mr. Ferber is not in that group. He is in the 21
- 17 percent who don't care. As for Mrs. Ferber, she explained
- 18 to me and my husband at the meeting that her husband had
- 19 not told her he was signing the lease with Verizon until
- 20 after he had done so. So I guess, like it or not, she will
- 21 have to deal with it. Madame Examiner, one of the
- 22 applicants, the other one that's the other half being
- 23 amazingly absent, has stated frequently and emphatically
- 24 throughout their application and testimony that this tower
- 25 will not interfere with the harmonious enjoyment of the

674 1 neighborhood and recreation area. They are dead wrong. submit testimony. 2 His application to turn that green space into an industrial FEMALE VOICE: I know that I have stuff that's 3 site has wreaked havoc in our neighborhood already. This different (inaudible). 4 is a small place. The majority of us have lived here a TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. I'm not trying to dissuade 5 long time and we've always got along really well. That people from the testimony. I'm just saying that what both of them were saving, were set a little differently, but 6 tower has changed all that. No one looks up when they are 7 walking or waves from the drive-by anymore. The they were very similar. And if that is your point and you 8 (inaudible) members who invited this blight into our want to just add to it and say, I agree with Ms. Dellafiora 9 neighborhood and kept it secret for all those years from or Ms. Reznik, but I would like to add two more points, 10 the neighbors and pool members, have been ostracized. I 10 that would be fine. I'm just trying to get everybody up 11 know of at least one couple who tried to move this summer 11 and out because we don't have much time. I'm not even sure 12 because of the tower, me. And I know a number of families 12 how long we can stay here. But the goal is to leave at 13 have left the pool. Please do not, for all the reasons 13 6:00, and of course --14 that have been raised during this proceeding; the failure THOMAS BARNARD: Madam Examiner, I would say from my 15 to meet the setbacks on any part of the land for an 89-foot 15 perspective, (inaudible) I have continued objections to 16 tower, the loss of economic value, the lack of evidence of 16 scope and personal attack Comments, I would waive any 17 need, and the fact the tower will not be harmonious and 17 cross-examination if they would like to submit written 18 will alter the character of the surrounding neighborhood; 18 statements and those to go on to the record. 19 please do not allow this intrusion into our lives to MALE VOICE: (Inaudible) have (inaudible) statements 20 continue. We would like to continue as we have two enjoy 20 (inaudible). 21 21 our lovely, bucolic, friendly community and a dip in the TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: At this point, we would have to 22 pool. 22 discuss that. That was not the focus of having the next 23 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I will give you this back. I just 23 meeting, but we might -- I mean, how many more people want 24 need the ones that are marked. 24 to present something? We have one, two, three, four, five. GREER DELLAFIORA: Okay. 25 Is that -- did I count correctly? 673 675 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Okay. Thank you. All right, 1 MALE VOICE: But there might be some people who left. 2 ladies and gentlemen, court reporter -- I have to check CHERYL WETTER: (Inaudible). 2 3 with the court reporter because I said 6:00. You've heard 3 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Part of me. 4 a great deal of detail from both Ms. Reznik and Ms. CHERYL WETTER: Some people left. (Inaudible) today. 4 5 Dellafiora, and certainly if you want to agree with it as That gentlemen? 6 your testimony, that will save time because if you're going TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Nobody is scheduled for anything. 7 to say exactly the same thing they said over and over, he I was scheduled -- today was the hope that we were going to 8 gets more repetitive, but at the same time, they both were get all individuals in. 9 pretty clear, pretty thorough. So just in the interest of MALE VOICE: (Inaudible) put a time limit on people. 10 time, if you want to say I agree with them and have that be 10 Say five minutes, speak for five minutes. That would help. 11 your testimony, then we can leave at a reasonable time. 11 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I really can't do that technically 12 12 unless ---MALE VOICE: (Inaudible). 13 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm sorry. 13 BILL CHEN: Been there, done that. MALE VOICE: Will we be able to testify the next 14 14 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Huh? 15 meeting? 15 BILL CHEN: Been there, done that. TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That was not the plan because we TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, would like to do times, but 17 were going to try to it all done here today. That hearing 17 I don't think that I can do that. Ms. Wetter? 18 is -- was supposed to be limited, but looking at all the CHERYL WETTER: As party of record, can I go on the 18 19 people, I'm not sure if -- otherwise, I'm --19 13th was Mark that will save time here and then --FEMALE VOICE: (Inaudible) could submit a written 20 TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yes. 21 testimony. 21 CHERYL WETTER: -- It is still going -- okay.

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TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I mean --

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Yeah, I mean --

SUSAN LEE: You are already going on the 13th.

CHERYL WETTER: And also --

TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Absolutely can submit a written

23 and indicate that you are here. It's up to them because

24 they have the right to cross-examine if that is fine with

25 them, but we can do that. Otherwise, well, you can still

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	CHERYL WETTER: Right.	1	heard so I think that's a good compromise and we will see	
2	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Right.	2	you either on the 13th or we will see your testimony as if	
3	SUSAN LEE: I have a note. I just really encourage	3	you came here. Thank you everybody. Okay. With regards	
	you to be able to accommodate everyone who is wanting to	4	to the attorneys, I know I have a few items that I'll	
5	speak even if you have	5	just send you an email	
6	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I think that's what I'm trying to	6	THOMAS BARNARD: Okay. Fine.	
	do.	7	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Asked to tidy up things.	
8	SUSAN LEE: Even if you have to add another day	8	Otherwise that's one thing though, those exhibits you have	
	because their people who were here two days and stayed all	9		
	day and (inaudible).	10	•	
11	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I hear you. I just	11	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: Keep them and bring them to the	
12	SUSAN LEE: (Inaudible).		13th.	
13	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: I'm just trying to pose that to	13		
	the audience and some people might say, yeah, not really	14		
	want to speak, but I want to count as if I did speak		question. Yeah.	
	because it is an option. But if we have five more people	16	<u>e</u>	
	and you should speak for as long as they did, we're not	17	(Off the record at 6:20 p.m.)	
	going to get out of here until 1:00 and I I'm not I	18		
	can't say that late. We have a court reporter. So and	19		
	that means that people have to come back because and	20		
	come back at 9:30 in the morning on a Friday and I don't	21		
	know if that's a problem for some people, but we can keep	22		
23	continuing this hearing because we are close to they	23		
24	presented their case. They each have one more witness.	24		
25	THOMAS BARNARD: How about this Madam Examiner? How	25		
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	about we set it on the 13th, a couple of hours (inaudible).	1	CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER	
	How about on the 13th, we leave a couple of hours to take	2	I, MOLLY BUGHER, do hereby certify that the foregoing	
	additional statements and then folks have an opportunity to	3	transcript is a true and correct record of the recorded	
	either come and submit and give a statement, or they don't	4	proceedings; that said proceedings were transcribed to the	
	want to come back, they can submit by written letter to	5	best of my ability from the audio recording and supporting	
	your office and those can be added as exhibits on the 13th,	6	information; and that I am neither counsel for, related to,	
	first thing?	7	nor employed by any of the parties to this case and have no	
8	TAMMY CITRAMANNIS: That I mean, that's that	8	interest, financial or otherwise, in its outcome.	
	sounds good to me. Yes? Okay. So at this point, then we	9		
	will do that. It's at 6:20. By the time everybody gets	10	Mar R. J.	
	out of here and I get this locked up and take all this	11	There suggest	
	stuff down, we're pushing it. So we will come back on the		Molly Bugher	
	13th, 9:30 we will start. Those of you who cannot make	13	DATE: October 6, 2017	
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13 14	that, but what your testimony as if you set up here, you	14		
13 14 15	that, but what your testimony as if you set up here, you can submit that testimony and it will go into the record as			
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