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AGENDA: 2/26/02

February 14, 2002

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701 Ocean Street
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RE: APPEAL OF ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION
APPLICATION NO. 00-0742

Dear Members of the Board:

Pursuant to County Code Section 18.10.350, I would like to request special consideration of a recent decision by the Zoning Administrator regarding Application No. 00-0742, a decision to approve an application to locate a wireless communication facility at 311 Bonita Drive within the Second District. A number of objections were raised to this application, including the inadequacy of the analyses of alternative sites. In addition, it appears that the alternative sites on commercial property further from the residential property, including a transmission site at a nearby gasoline station, were not thoroughly reviewed, nor was an analysis done using more, but smaller, transmission facilities on existing utility poles.

Finally, I believe more information is needed to determine whether wireless communication service is already adequate. The driving force behind the requests for additional wireless communication facilities appears to be a desire to upgrade service. In this case, Sprint PCS would like to upgrade service reliability along Highway 1, in southern Santa Cruz County. Yet, the project applicant has not provided a technical summary or threshold of what constitutes "excellent," "good," and "poor" coverage.

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Accordingly, I recommend that the Board of Supervisors set a public hearing for Application No. 00-0742, regarding the proposed cell tower on Bonita Drive, for March 19, 2002.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Pirie".

ELLEN PIRIE, Supervisor
Second District

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cc: Applicant
Planning Department

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