

## Andrew Leon

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**From:** Evan Maxim  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 9:39 AM  
**To:** Andrew Leon  
**Cc:** Mona Davis  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower

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Regards,

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**Subject:** Opposition to Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower

Dear Mercer Island City Manager and Council Members,

As concerned residents, we are writing to you to strongly oppose the proposed construction of the Verizon Ellis Pond Cell Tower.

We purchased a home in this area 15 years ago for its uninterrupted natural beauty, green spaces and parks.

Ellis Pond is a natural asset that sets the visual context for this neighborhood. We believe as do many of our neighbors that construction of this tower would profoundly and irreparably degrade the character and quality of the neighborhood for all its residents and those who come to enjoy its trails and peaceful scenery.

Furthermore, this construction would set a disastrous precedent leading to more cell towers, poles and wires outside of the City's control and in unwanted places as telecom carriers choose cheap and ugly 5G installations to boost their profits at the expense of the residents.

We ask why aren't we seeing a thorough study and options for different approaches that respect the neighborhood and its home values with less obtrusive transmitters and underground wires as examples?

We appreciate the city's efforts to challenge and forestall these installations until there is a better solution for the neighborhood.

Regards,

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