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**To whom it may concern:**

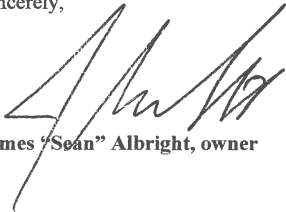
On 1/9/19 our appeal of the decision by the Zoning Administrator to approve County File #WA17-0008 was heard by the Planning Commission. We provided testimony to support our claim that the additional equipment placed on the proposed utility pole would increase an existing safety risk due to poor line of sight entering Danville Blvd from Francesca Way. Verizon and OnAir LLC were provided the opportunity to respond to our evidence and surmised that it was invalid for the following reasons:

1. The sight lines couldn't be accurate and the pictures could not have been taken from a vehicle due to the angles relative to other objects in the picture
2. The equipment represented by the mockup was the shroud (at 11') and couldn't be in the actual line of sight
3. The equipment would not project from the pole significantly ("only a few inches")
4. The pole "has always been there"

We were not given the opportunity to respond/clarify and the planning commission denied our appeal based solely on Verizon/OnAir LLCs rebuttal. The facts are these:

1. The pictures were taken from a vehicle; you can see the mirror of the vehicle in the first picture. The angle is exaggerated by the fact that I am standing down in a small gully that has naturally been created over time along Danville Blvd.
2. The equipment represented by the mockup is 18"x24" – exactly the height and width of the equipment required to be at 8' on the utility pole.
3. This equipment projects significantly because the pole is smaller than what is represented in the architectural elevations. When it comes to traffic safety, seconds and inches matter and can be the difference between safely entering and an accident.
4. Yes, the pole has always been there and it has always been a safety risk. Adding the equipment increases this risk and shouldn't be taken for granted and "grandfathered in."

For these reasons we appeal the Planning Commission's decision to deny our original appeal of County File #WA17-0008.  
Sincerely,



James "Sean" Albright, owner