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Honorable Members of Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County

I live at 111 Ardmore and strongly support the pending antenna installation. The primary issue to me is the improvement of reception for purposes of public safety. I respect those who may disagree, but in the context of the many existing satellite, digital cable and ham radio installations in the neighborhood, as well as the presence of telephone and power transmission lines, all of which are presently permitted, the addition of this device which serves the general good seems a fair balance and consistent with pre-existent uses. I know there has been much discussion (largely outside the scope of the considerations before you) with respect to radiated energy but the presence of all the above discussed devices, at least in the view of a son of a former IBEW member and service technician, is not one with respect to which I know my father would have expressed concern. I have no comment on issues raised on fans associated with the device, but assume that due care is given to respectful consideration of such issues. I note, however, that the County does not, in so far as I know, regulate the plethora of kitchen exhaust fans installed in the many semi-professional kitchens in our neighborhood. I would always agree with anyone's concern for quiet in the neighborhood and respect those who would articulate concerns on such issues.

By way of background, while this is an ATT installation, and I am an ATT cellular customer (though not a cable or satellite customer – wish I had time to do that) I am also a Verizon customer, so that, for work emergencies, my clients can count on reaching me.

Thanks to you for your ongoing efforts and esp. to Supervisor Gioia, for his tireless efforts to service our small but idiosyncratic Kensington community, as well as the County as a whole on any number of issues, large and small, over the years.

Best,

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