

# Verizon Wireless Telecommunication Facility PRJ23-009

#### 244 Colgan Avenue

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Project Description & Required Entitlements

 Major Design Review and Major Conditional Use Permit to allow a new 69-foot-tall monopine pole (wireless communications facility) and supporting ground equipment enclosed by a 7-foot and 2-inch-tall chain-link and barbed-wire fence.



#### Neighborhood Context





# Project Location 244 Colgan Avenue





Project History 244 Colgan Avenue

- On July 19, 2023, the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application was submitted to the Planning and Economic Development Department.
- On November 17, 2023, a Notice of Application was distributed.
- On December 8, 2023, a Notice of Public Hearing was distributed
- On December 21, 2023, the project was continued to a date certain.
- On January 4, 2024, a Notice of Public Hearing was distributed.



# **General Plan & Zoning**

- General Plan Land Use Designation: Light Industry
- Zoning District: Light Industrial (IL)











#### Site Plan





#### Elevations





# **Photo Simulations**





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# **Existing Sites**





- The federal government has preempted local government regulation for Radio Frequency (RF) emissions
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) the federal agency responsible for setting nationwide guidelines for safe RF levels
- This restricts local authority to regulate RF emissions or to deny an application to install wireless service facilities based on concerns about RF emissions; and



Issues/Public Comment

- Summary of comments received:
  - Notice font size was too small and difficult to read
  - Concerns of noise during construction of the tower, the proposed location and the risk of exposure to radiation.



- The design and layout of the proposed development is of superior quality, and is consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, applicable Zoning Code standards and requirements, the City's Design Guidelines, architectural criteria for special areas, and other applicable City requirements (e.g., City policy statements and development plans); and
- The design is appropriate for the use and location of the proposed development and achieves the goals, review criteria and findings for approval as set forth in the framework of Design Review (Design Guidelines, Introduction, subsection C); and
- The design and layout of the proposed development will not interfere with the use and enjoyment of neighboring existing or future developments; and



- The architectural design of the proposed development is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighborhood; and
- The design of the proposed development will provide a desirable environment for its occupants, visiting public, and its neighbors through the appropriate use of materials, texture, and color, and would remain aesthetically appealing and be appropriately maintained; and
- The proposed development will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or materially injurious to the properties or improvements in the vicinity; and



 The project has been found in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, the project qualifies for Class 3, which exempts the construction of new small structures in that telecommunication towers are considered small structures that are similar to this Project.



The Planning and Economic Development Department recommends the Design Review Board approve, by resolution, a Design Review Permit for a telecommunications facility located at 244 Colgan Avenue.



### Questions

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