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Subject: FW: Christopher Columbus Statue**From:** Grace Sardina [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2020 8:45 PM
To: CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>
Subject: Christopher Columbus Statue

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Hello!

I am very kindly asking for your generosity and open mind to please donate the Christopher Columbus statue that once stood in Discovery park to be given back to the Italian people of our community. We will take very good care of it and place it in a rightful place on private property or an Italian American Historical museum, as it now represents OUR history in our tough battle to be proud Americans. We do not wish for our statue of pride to be in a place where the community lacks the understanding of its meaning and purpose.

Columbus Day originated as a celebration of Italian-American heritage. In 1892, following a lynching in New Orleans where a mob had murdered 11 Italian immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day as a national celebration. The proclamation was part of a wider effort after the lynching incident to placate Italian Americans and ease diplomatic tensions with Italy.

At that time, Italian-Americans were struggling against religious and ethnic discrimination in the United States. Celebrating the life and accomplishments of Christopher Columbus as a way for Italian Americans to be accepted by the mainstream. As historian Christopher J. Kauffman once wrote, "Italian Americans grounded legitimacy in a pluralistic society by focusing on the Genoese explorer as a central figure in their sense of peoplehood."

In 1937, Columbus Day became a holiday across the United States. Since 1971, it has been celebrated on the second Monday in October. Italian Americans have faced many battles, harsh treatment and discrimination even to this very day. The rise of Columbus celebrations gave the Italian immigrants a way to finally fit in, a way to show that they have a place in this country. Throughout all of the years of countless backlash, discussions and changes, Columbus Day remained a celebration of Italian-American pride. Well, until recently.

There is so much controversy, so much hate, so many conspiracies on who Columbus actually was and were his achievements really valid and heroic. I will not argue with anyone on historical facts and theories about Columbus' voyage and the outcome. It really is not relevant to the bigger issue. Italian Americans have now established our place in society, we belong here. Our accomplishments and contributions over the last 128 years have had a tremendous impact on this country. We deserve and have earned our day to celebrate our culture. Do we need Columbus to do that? No. Italians embraced Columbus as a crutch in a desperate effort to fit in when we were struggling immigrants. The crutch for us is no longer needed. We can stand tall and proud of our culture's advancements into American society.

The celebration of our culture still deserves its place in the United States of America with or without Columbus and THAT is what we are fighting for. Changing Columbus Day to Indigenous people's day is insulting and degrading to our Italian ancestors that fought for us to be here. How can you possibly justify taking away a

group's day of celebration to give it to another?? Ironically, a day created for a struggling immigrant who were grossly mistreated, to let them embrace their own culture. Indigenous People's day is on August 9th!!

We no longer need Columbus as our Ambassador. We have risen above the hate, the discrimination, the hardship and fought to be proud Americans. A day that was created to celebrate Italian American heritage should remain just that. The second Monday of October should remain OUR day of celebration. You can remove statues but you cannot take away our accomplishments, our contributions and our celebrations. We have much to be proud of. Much more to look forward to in our generations to follow.

Please let me know what I can do to peacefully resolve the situation. I am a proud first generation Italian American, born and raised in San Diego and I do not want to see a piece of Italian American history sit in storage or get thrown out and forgotten.

Thank you,
Grace Sardina

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Subject: FW: City of Chula Vista: Contact Us - Notification for Mayor Casillas Salas

From: Edward Kim [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 10:09 AM
To: Mary Salas <MSalas@chulavistaca.gov>; Mike Diaz <mdiaz@chulavistaca.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@chulavistaca.gov>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: City of Chula Vista: Contact Us - Notification for Mayor Casillas Salas

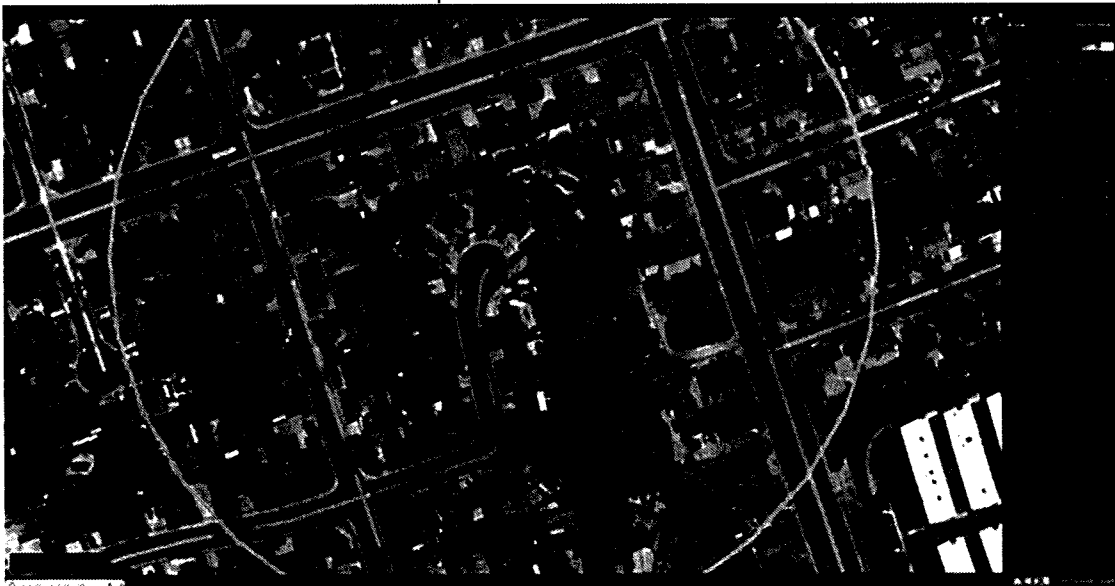
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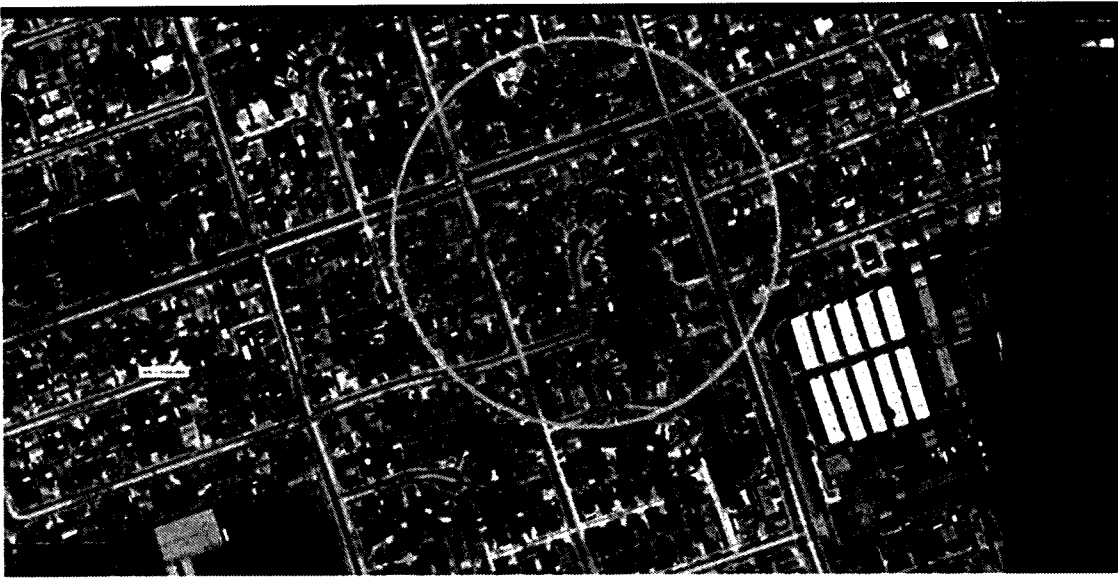
All,
We are all now very concerned about the Verizon cell tower after reading numerous medical journal reports and lawsuits regarding the radiation from cell towers. If you look at the radiation radius (around 500 ft.) from the cell tower in Prospect Ct. you will see that many families will be affected by this installation. Are we getting petitions signed, we are noticing that almost all of these households have younger children. We do know the severity of the long term effects with radiation exposure to children as their immune system and bodies are not quite ready to handle this.

It is unbelievable to me that during the pandemic and protests as families struggle to make ends meet, live in quarantine and struggle to stay healthy that now we are dealing with a Verizon cell tower installation. Everyone in Prospect Ct and in the radius are beyond frustrated with this and will go as far as they can stop the addition of this cell tower.

We are also prepared to go on social media and Nextdoor.com and report what is going on.

Please let me know how I can help here. thanks.





Edward Kim

On Thu, Jul 16, 2020 at 2:12 PM Mary Salas <MSalas@chulavistaca.gov> wrote:

Dear Mr. Kim:

I hope you and your family are doing well and keeping safe. I am sorry you are experiencing this issue with the installation of the small cell wireless antenna.

Under this current Administration, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) have vowed to cut regulations and free up spectrum to facilitate the launch of 5G technology. The FCC has ruled that 5G is safe and is working on many regulatory changes designed to hasten carriers' 5G rollouts, which place limits on local control over deployment. Local municipalities can regulate aesthetics, but cannot prohibit them all together.

After researching this particular antenna with our Engineering Department, we found that the small cell wireless antenna that is being installed by Verizon is going in on a utility pole owned by SDG&E. In this case (typical for non-city owned poles), we only issue a traffic control permit for Verizon's contractor to set up in the City's right-of-way and complete their installation on the SDG&E's pole.

I strongly recommend you contact Verizon directly to express your concern. The following are some contact names you may find useful:

Michael J Farragher - [REDACTED]

Justin Barry [REDACTED]

Annette Mahoney: [REDACTED]

Michael is the local Verizon project manager and Justin and Annette are the agents/consultants that actually process the small cell applications on behalf of Verizon.

Hope this information helps. Please stay safe and feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mary

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From: webmaster@chulavistaca.gov [webmaster@chulavistaca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Mayor; Mary Salas
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Please feel free to contact us with any comments or questions by filling out the form below.

First Name Edward
Last Name Kim
Email Address [REDACTED]
Comments

Hi Mayor Salas,

Good morning. Our family lives in Chula Vista and we noticed that Verizon is putting a cell tower in our cul-de-sac. We are well aware of the dangers from radiation of cell towers and we are very concerned about our health and especially the health and safety of our child. What could be done to stop this project?

My address is: [REDACTED]

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Edward Kim
[REDACTED]

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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