

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to petition in favor of the communication tower proposed to be installed on the Nixon property on Pine Mountain. My husband and I have owned and lived on the parcel next to and directly behind the Nixon property for approximately 40 years. We very much believe the tower will NOT lower the value of local property, but will add to it. Many visitors have actually felt sorry for us when they learn we do not have access to a service which is a necessity to rural areas. I also disagree that it would be unsightly. You would have to be searching for it to be a problem. It would not be obtrusive, but reassuring. After doing due diligence, I believe the radiation issue is being overblown by those with an agenda and the safety of communication towers have been long tested and closely regulated.

Jim and I bought our property on Pine Mountain because of location- like most folks. We treasure our little piece of the world and take care of it. However, we DO want to be part of the world. You can live in a peaceful, beautiful environment blended with modern conveniences. We need to be able to have access AT ALL TIMES to a more reliable communication system to simply be safe. We, too, have the right to get help in emergency situations, not to be afraid if our landlines are down, worry if power goes off, afraid the latest fire is near or we should evacuate, or even how can we get to the hospital just down the road. In today's world we must have access to a current communication service just to go to school, make a living, see our families and friends....To be safe!

I realize you understand all the reasons this tower is so important to the residents of Pine Mountain. I also realize there are those who are selfish, narrow-sighted and opposed to change for the better. There are no negatives to the installation of the tower. No taking advantage of this opportunity is simple wrong, irresponsible, and unfair to all.

Please vote in favor of issuing this permit  
Respectfully,

Jackie Schulz & Jim Schulz