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VIA E-MAIL (mpfitzsimmons@springsgov.com)
City of Colorado Springs
Attn: Matthew Fitzsimmons, Urban Planning Division

**RE: PROPOSED CELLULAR TOWER FROM ATFAB WIRELESS PROPERTIES AT
444 EAST COSTILLA STREET, COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80903**

Dear Mr. Fitzsimmons:

This letter is intended to express our concern over the proposed installation of an 80' tall cellular tower at 444 East Costilla Street. As you know, we own numerous properties throughout Downtown Colorado Springs, and recently opened 333 ECO in 2018, a 171-unit urban apartment project two blocks away from the proposed cellular tower. Additionally, we own property at the northwest corner of Vermijo Ave. and Wahsatch Ave. with plans for redevelopment.

While there may be a need for improved cellular service in this area, the proposed tower in the shape of a tree is unsightly and incompatible with the surrounding uses and views and the proposed land use and tower is contradictory to Envision Shooks Run Corridor Facilities Master Plan. Additionally, the tower has recently been superimposed in photos by the applicant, and its size and materiality have been both misrepresented and understated. If approved, the proposed tower will be a visual blemish on our downtown's skyline for years to come.

Cellular infrastructure must be treated differently in urban areas, and the proposal of an 80' oversized pine tree simply cannot be accepted. We would welcome the opportunity to converse with the applicant about their communication infrastructure requirements in the downtown area.

Until then, we encourage you to delay this item until other solutions more harmonious with the adjacent land uses can be explored.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey A. Finn
Vice President



Tim Seibert
Vice President