

## Teixeira, Rachel

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**From:** Sandra Gilbreath <sandralee37@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:22 PM  
**To:** Teixeira, Rachel  
**Subject:** proposed cell tower at Russel Middle School

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to protest the proposed erection of a 60 foot communications tower on the property of Russel Middle School. Although I was unable to attend previous meetings, I attended the recent one at Russel Middle School on April 17<sup>th</sup>. I learned that the school already has some sort of "tower" on the roof which is part of a problem they are having with leaks in the roof. I was also told that every school building in the district has some such device. (?) No one from District 11 was present to verify that or answer questions. Presumably Sprint will occupy one of the positions on the new to be constructed tower thereby resolving the off issue. However there are no guarantees of that.

I know the issues of health and safety regarding the increased radiation resulting from this project (3 times as much since there will be three cellular companies renting space on the new tower or four if Sprint remains in place) have been raised before and basically swept away as insignificant, but I disagree. I was told that the amount of radiation produced by the T-Mobile company who is driving this project, is tiny compared to several other devices used in a home. This may be true but it is adding to that total without the permission of the various homeowners in the area and it cannot be turned off at will as can the other devices illustrated. This tower will be adjacent to the athletic field and be a 24/7 presence with 3x former radiation of the current situation. We have no idea of how much we are already receiving in this neighborhood from existing devices in a 1 to 2 miles radius. All the recent articles I have read point to the dangers of increased radiation. If most people disagreed with this there would not be protests about the location of these towers when they come into residential neighborhoods. Residential neighborhoods should be just that, places where people live, not opportunities to build commercial structures. No scientific research produced by other than vested interests has been forthcoming as far as I know.

I understand the desire of T-Mobile to have the most competitive coverage for their company. I know that this is and will continue to be a difficult matter for the city to manage, but we cannot allow commercial interests to invade our schools and neighborhoods with health impairing products for the sake of the dollar. Children are our treasure, our future, and their health and well-being should be our first interest, not our convenience or commercial growth.

I wish to thank Rachel Teixeira for her helpful participation in the meeting.

Sincerely,  
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