

Memorandum

To: DC Zoning Commission

From: Mary Scohera, Eric Mosel, Gerda Gray

Re: Comments on Case No. 01-02 (Text Amendment - Regulation of Antennas.

Antenna Towers, and Monopoles)

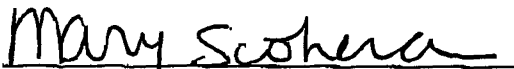
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We are writing in support of the Office of Planning's proposed revisions to the District's zoning regulations governing the regulation of antennas and antenna towers. We are particularly supportive of the proposed ban on new antenna towers (broadcast towers) and monopoles in residential districts and in C-1 residential areas. In addition, the requirement in the new section 2601 that applicants for new transmitting antennas certify that the proposed antenna meets radiation emission guidelines and OSIA health and safety regulations and that the certification include information of the RF radiation generated by all antennas at the site and within 200 feet is imperative to monitor the health and safety of citizens living under and around these antennas.

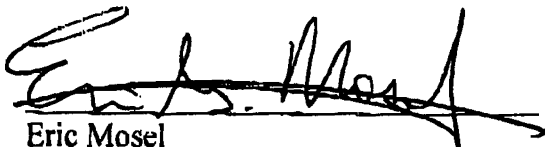
Though many owners protested, the Chesterfield co-op (3315 Wisconsin Avenue) recently signed a contract with ATT to place antennas, equipment towers and associated machinery on our roof. We are now surrounded by antennas (next door, at the Cathedral and up and down the block). While the jury is still out, we personally believe the RF emissions - even at current accepted safety levels - will be found one day to be harmful to individuals living in close proximity to them. We have only ATT's word that the RF emissions are within current acceptable levels. In addition, the antennas and equipment cabinet are unsightly and ruining the natural landscape and beauty of our city.

The wireless telecommunications industry are regularly scouring our neighborhoods looking for the tallest buildings/highest elevations to do their bidding. Groups of sales staff pounce on unenlightened and uninformed management groups and co-op boards waving a monetary incentive with no interest in the preservation, protection and enhancement of our neighborhoods. We urge the Zoning Commission to pass not only the proposed revisions but also the additional provisions suggested by the Cleveland Park Citizens Association at the public hearing on October 17, 2002. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinion.



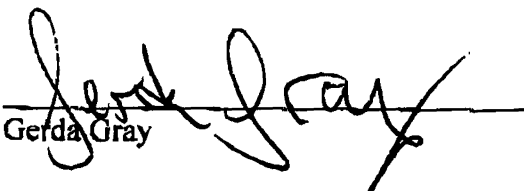
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