

To: Honorable Joe Hogsett, Mayor of City of Indianapolis

Cc: Rusty Carr, Interim/Acting Director of Department of Metropolitan Development

It has been brought to the attention of many Indianapolis neighborhood organizations that Telecad Wireless Site Design, LLC intends to install a number of “47-foot to 51.83-foot tall wood and metal poles for small cell wireless communications facilities” across our neighborhoods. The below-signed would like to work amicably with Telecad and the City of Indianapolis to impart the importance of working together to ensure proper installation, a smooth Board of Zoning Appeals process, and reasonable ongoing operations.

Represented in this letter are communities and organizations responsible for some of the most vibrant and historic parts of the City of Indianapolis; a number of homes will celebrate their bicentennial along with the City of Indianapolis this year while many businesses have operated for upwards of 25 years serving their communities.

Represented in this letter are communities that, with decades of hard work and dedication, have established neighborhood organizations that serve as a watchdog, partner, and advocate for our residents and business owners - all roles we take seriously.

Represented in this letter are City-County Councillors that fervently support transparency and accountability in this process and respect the systems that our organizations have built that thoroughly review, improve and ultimately approve/deny petitions that request variances in our neighborhoods. The system we refer to is one built to protect our neighborhoods but also to drive petitioners to explore alternative ways to meet their project goals that *are not at the expense of our communities*.

We would like to propose the following to both the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development, Telecad Wireless Site Design, and **all** telecom companies going forward that will be subjected to the variance process in Marion County as it relates to the installation of 5G cell towers:

1. Exact addresses, locations, and plans must be submitted on all petitions.

When a homeowner, architect, builder, etc. submit a petition for approval, highly detailed plans are required down to the inch. It is reasonable to have the same expectations of large corporations with immense resources.

2. Exhaustive measures must be taken to place small cell tower technology on *existing poles and/or in alleyways*. An explanation for why existing poles and/or alleyways cannot be used must be provided prior to the petitioner’s public hearing at the appropriate neighborhood meeting to discuss alternatives.

Our frontage and alleys are dotted with poles that could serve as host to this new technology without having to dig new holes and place new poles in the view of residents’ homes.

3. All telecom companies, including their contractors and subcontractors, are required to notify property owners of their work a *minimum of 48-hours* prior to starting work and provide a *direct contact person in the event property damage is caused by the result of the work performed.*
4. All telecom companies are required to adhere to the existing Land Use processes for the neighborhood/community in which the petition is active. This includes presenting at Public Land Use hearings with registered neighborhood organizations prior to BZA Hearings.

We value the hard work and expertise of the Department of Metropolitan Development and strive to work amicably and collaboratively with its staff every day, within the provided system - a system that exists to usher in new development while protecting existing properties and assets.

At this point, we ask that the Mayor of Indianapolis and DMD treat corporate petitioners in the same way they treat individuals. Allowing large corporations to circumvent the process we regularly follow when they have the means and ability to do so completely negates the need for the process altogether.

We respect the existing system and processes prescribed to us by the City of Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development and for years have operated within it to build our own systems to protect and advocate for our communities. We ask that Telecad, and all future telecom companies, be held to the same standard.

Respectfully,

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