The opposition of 5G pole in front of 215 N Patrick St, Alexandria, VA 22314

To whom it may concern,

I am the owner and resident of 207 & 209 N Patrick Street, Alexandria, VA. Recently I was made aware of the petition from Verizon to put in a 5G pole in front of 215 N Patrick Street. This property abuts mine, and the proposed pole will be close to my home as well.

There are several concerns after reviewing the BAR #2020-00553 report.

- The photos of the current pole and the proposed pole appear disproportionate to the specifications. It looks like the only adjustment they made was to include an image of the Cantenna on top of the existing pole. After researching online and seeing what 5G poles look like after the installation, it is bigger and taller than in the photos provided on page 6. I don't think this is an accurate representation of the actual pole that they intend to install.
- Page 14 shows that there are only trees on the opposite side of 215; they did not mark the trees near the pole on private property. My neighbors have large Leyland Cypresses that grow along their fence; these types of trees can grow up to 70'. Will the poles be affected by the tree's crown, and will this require pruning or cutting them back? This will be an added expense to the homeowner and will affect the aesthetics of the tree.
- The trees' root systems are near the sidewalk, which will be disturbed by any new construction or digging for the new pole. Trees may not show signs of decline immediately, but statistically, trees that suffer root damage will decline over the years and may lead to death.
- Page 15 states: Overhead wires require a horizontal separation by Utility standards and Radio Signal standards from the antennas. (10 foot minimum)
 - i. There is a small footprint on the northwest end of N Patrick between the tree sapling and the crosswalk between the west-east sides of N Patrick; this could possibly have enough horizontal separation. However, there are underground obstacles that make this unacceptable (Gas Line, Water, Drain)

Has Verizon measured to ensure that the crown of the mature trees won't encroach within 10'? Wouldn't this affect the signal?

- The sidewalks are narrow, and we have a lot of foot traffic and bikers on that road; a larger pole will decrease the space for pedestrians.
- Most of our homes are historic; mine is over 150 years old, and so are my neighbors; this will affect the front of our properties losing it's historical appeal.

These are my observations.

As a resident on this block, I oppose this new structure and placement for several reasons. The main reason is the size and distraction this pole will create; it will be the tallest structure on N Patrick St. Its placement in front of a beautiful, historic home is also distracting and unattractive. This new pole will make the front of our property look industrial.

After researching what 5G poles look like after installation, my only word is hideous. It doesn't belong on this residential street. It will most definitely affect the aesthetic and property value. My neighbors and I do not want a structure that will detract from our properties' uniqueness and beauty.

Many of us purchased our residential feel properties, even if it is located on a busy road. The houses are all individually unique, and we have witnessed many tourists who will stop by and take photos in front of our property because they love the way it looks.

I want to maintain the residential and historical feel of the block. As tax-paying residents, I believe we should not be forced to accept this new structure just because they did not research putting it somewhere else more commercial or industrial.

Sincerely,

Vatsana Ross

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209 N Patrick St

Alexandria, VA 22314

Presented by Craig Miller

BAR Questions for the 215 North Patrick Street proposed cell site:

- BAR: 211 North Patrick has been defined as both a Queen Anne Style home and Victorian Style home and each description the roof line is unique and some have described as "transitional."
 Have the architects on the BAR ever seen a roofline like this in Alexandria? Would the architects agree this is a unique and defining feature for this house and agree with Staff as mentioned in BAR Case #2009 0295?
- JOSH: What is the circumference of the "dig" spot since there is a mature cedar tree within ~10' of the proposed site? What kind of safety measures are in place to protect the tree from being killed? What happens if the tree is killed due to the construction crew disturbing its roots. What happens if the tree roots are found to be in the work zone?... Will construction stop?
- JOSH: Can you please confirm that 215 North Patrick is the ALTERNATE site chosen by you and Mastec after the primary selection by you at Cameron/Patrick was approved by Verizon but Dominion denied the use of their pole?
- JOSH: Will the proposed 46' 9" structure be the largest approved in the both the Old & Historic as Well as Parker-Gray Historic Districts?
- JOSH: Will the Case Box at 22"x'22" x 36" with a minimum height of 10" going to 13' be the largest installed in either the Parker Gray or Old and Historic District?
- STAFF: Has anyone on BAR staff verified the volume numbers presented by Mastec to confirm the total volume is less than 6 cubic feet per BAR guidelines.

Dear Board of Architectural Review,

The Alexandria Old & Historic District was the third such district in the United States. Created to protect our historical neighborhoods, the Old & Historic District as well as Parker-Gray District are critical to this mission. An historic district's purview is defined by the Zoning Laws of the City of Alexandria and more specifically Article 10-100. (Article X)

It is important to understand the lot at 215 North Patrick is part of the Paff estate including 211, 215, 217 and 217a North Patrick Street. (213 North Patrick does not exist and 211 and 215 North Patrick Street share lot lines.) The proposed cell site will sit dead center of the Paff estate. The application for the small cell site at 215 North Patrick Street BAR CASE #2020-0559 should be denied by the BAR for the following reasons:

ARTICLE X. - HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND BUILDINGS

Section A:

To enrich the quality of life for city residents by protecting the unique resource that is the historic district, including familiar landmarks and other treasured elements of the area;

Section G:

To assure that new structures, additions, landscaping, and related elements be in harmony with their historical and architectural setting and environs; and

Section H:

To safeguard the city's portion of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and other significant routes of tourist access to the city's historic resources by assuring that development in and along those transportation arteries be in keeping with their historical, cultural and traditional setting.

The application of a small cell site at 215 North Patrick Street, BAR #2020-0559, does not meet the criteria set forth by Article 10 for the following reasons:

- 1) Allowing the installation of a cell tower at 215 North Patrick at 46' 9" will diminish the grandness of the house which has stood as a beacon of hope and health for the Parker Gray district for over 40 years during Dr. Carpenter's lifetime and violates Subsection, (A). Staff in BAR CASE #2009-0295 argues in reference to 211 North Patrick street, "the architectural importance of this remarkably intact, freestanding structure is high. The presence of a two-story freestanding masonry structure is unusual in a neighborhood of smaller attached frame rowhouses and conveys the wealth and status of the original owner."
- 2) A 46'9" cell tower will not "blend in harmony with their historical and architectural setting and environs." Installation of this tower will create a NEW urban landscape towering at least 10' above 211 North Patrick's roof violating Subsection, (G)
- 3) Patrick Street is Route 1 and runs from Maine to Miami bringing tourists from North and South into the historic districts of Alexandria. The 46'9" cell tower is <u>not</u> in keeping with

the "historic, cultural, or traditional setting and violates Subsection, (H.) The height of this tower will overwhelm the appearance of both the historic building at 211 North Patrick and its unique and unusual roof line. This reasoning falls in line with previous Staff recommendation in BAR CASE# 2009-0295 where Staff argues 211 North Patrick and the significance of its unique roofline in the neighborhood, "the structure is located on North Patrick Street which carries a high volume of automobile traffic as northbound US Route 1. As the most architecturally prominent building on the blockface, this structure is visible to many visitors and residents, and the roof surface is highly visible from Patrick Street."

The BAR should deny the installation of this cell tower based on any one of these criteria per the Zoning Code for the City of Alexandria.

Best regards,

Craig Miller

Lia Niebauer

From: Craig Miller

Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 10:54 AM

To: Preservation **Cc:** Lia Niebauer

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]small cell site at 215 N Patrick

Attachments: 211 North Patrick - BAR Staff Analysis #2009-0295.pdf

Please see attached BAR Staff analysis of the uniqueness and importance of maintaining the site lines of 211 Slate Roof. BAR CASE#2009-0295 page 4

Craig

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211 North PATRICK - BAR BOTAFF AMALYSIS

BAR CASE #2009-0295 January 6, 2010

III. ANALYSIS:

The proposed replacement roof complies with the Zoning Ordinance.

The Design Guidelines state that: "A central tenet of the philosophy of historic preservation is that original historic materials should be retained and repaired rather than replaced. An informed and careful analysis of the existing condition should be made before any decision to replace historic materials is made. In the case of replacement roof, consideration should be given to retaining historic roof materials and encapsulating them below the new roof. In the case of a slate roof, it is almost always better to repair rather than replace the roof." The Design Guidelines include the following guideline in relation to slate: "Historically, slate roofs were only used on masonry buildings in the districts; however, there is occasional use of slate as a decorative roof accent material on some wood frame buildings. The Boards strongly encourage the retention of existing slate roofs."

Given that roofs are one of the dominant visual elements of buildings in the historic districts, the Board has established the following policy in the Old & Historic Alexandria District for determination of appropriate and compatible roofing materials:

- 1. The age of the structure and its architectural style;
- 2. The historic, cultural and architectural importance of the structure to the City of Alexandria;
- 3. The location of the structure within the Old & Historic Alexandria District or along the George Washington Memorial Parkway; and,
- 4. The visibility of the roof surface from a public street, way, pathway, easement or waterway.

In this case:

- 1. The Queen Anne style structure is well over 100 years old;
- 2. The architectural importance of this remarkably intact, freestanding structure is high. The presence of a two story freestanding masonry structure is unusual in a neighborhood of smaller attached frame rowhouses and conveys the wealth and status of the original owner;
- 3. The structure is located on North Patrick Street, which carries a high volume of automobile traffic as northbound US Route 1. As the most architecturally prominent building on the blockface, this structure is visible to many visitors and residents; and
- 4. The roof surface is highly visible from Patrick Street, as demonstrated in the attached photographs.

Staff believes that the applicant has demonstrated that the existing slate shingles are beyond repair, and that a new roof is necessary. The average live span of a slate roof is generally 60 to 125 years. Staff believes that the slate roof at 211 North Patrick Street is likely original to the construction of the house, making it approximately 120 years old. The applicant has provided a number of photographs which show significant damage due to cracking and spalling. The National Park Service's Preservation Brief 29, *The Repair, Replacement & Maintenance of*

Lia Niebauer

From: robert meyers <bobmeyers7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:02 PM

To: Lia Niebauer

Subject: Fw: Docket Item 7 -- Feb 17 BAR Meeting

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Resending this email with correct address. Could you also please confirm that Item #7 is not on the consent calendar and that additional public comments will be received?

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From: robert meyers

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To: lia.niebauer@alexandria.gov <lia.niebauer@alexandria.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 12:29:47 AM EST **Subject:** Docket Item 7 -- Feb 17 BAR Meeting

Dear Ms. Niebauer --

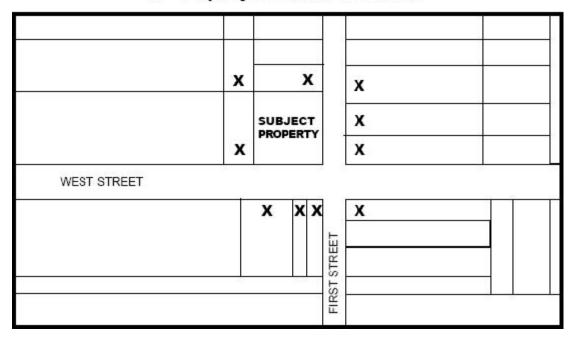
This email is in reference to Docket Item 7 scheduled for consideration at the February 17, 2021 Board of Architectural Review Meeting. I have several issues related to this item.

(1) Lack of Proper Notice

I am the owner of 222 North Patrick Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 which is almost directly across from the proposed location of the small cell facility according to the maps contained in the BAR #2020-00553 Staff Report. However, I have not received what I believe to be the required notice of this application. According to your current application, an "abutting property is one that touches the property in question as well as any property that directly faces (and, in the case of a corner lot, diagonally faces) the property in question."

The attached diagram is provided with your regulations. For the site in question, if "First Street" were to be considered Patrick Street/Route 1 and "West Street" considered to be the alley between Cameron and Queen, my property would be the third "X" on the East Side of Patrick Street down from the top of the diagram. Across the alley from me would be 224 North Patrick Street. Yet, I have not received any notice of this docket item from Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless. This is so even though the subject property in question is undeveloped (termed a "vacant lot" in the application) and appears to abut both 215 North Patrick Street and the alley.

X = Property owners to be notified



I realize that your application instructions indicate that this schematic is not "final authority." However, it is also advised that if an applicant is in doubt, then they should provide notice to additional properties. This did not occur even while the new cell phone pole and equipment will be clearly visible from 222 North Patrick Street. Thus, if the letter of your notice requirements is not sufficiently precise, it would appear that the object and spirit of these requirements is surely to provide specific notice to those properties that are reasonably impacted. A more limited view of the notice requirements would conflict with the overall purpose of the BAR as well as the city's professed desire for civic engagement.

(2) Proposed Location May Violate Alexandria's Interim Wireless Facility Aesthetic Guidelines

City guidelines clearly indicate that "pole height may not increase more than 10 feet." Yet the proposed small cell facility does exactly that. The existing pole is 34 feet, 5 inches tall at its apex, while the proposed top of the antenna is at a height of 46 feet, 9 inches. See Replacement Pole Elevation. Of course, it may be asserted that the actual wooden pole being replaced will top out at 39 feet, 2 inches. *Id.* But the city guidelines are based on aesthetics and may reasonably be viewed as attempting to limit visual impact. Simply as a practical matter, an observer would not be any less affected by the fact that the wood pole reaches only five feet higher than the current pole when the overall visual impact is a full 7 feet, 7 inches higher than the top of the pole (or approximately the height of former Washington basketball player, Manute Bol). The city guidelines, to be meaningful, should be read as a reasonable limit on overall visual impact, something that does not occur when an object is placed on a residential street that is fully 12 feet, 5 inches higher than the previous object as well as any other object or building on the street.

(3) Lack of sufficient Information on Location Choice

I realize that this application involves a public right of way. But at the same time, there is no explanation at all in the application as to why this cell facility must be placed in the 200 block North of Patrick Street versus some other location within Alexandria. The only examination of alternatives in the application involves alternative locations solely within this block, not on an alternative street, e.g., Alfred or Henry Street, or an alternative location on Patrick Street, e.g., the 100 or 300 block, or perhaps other locations. There is no explanation as to the technical reasons why the cell is needed in this area -- and if multiple other locations are needed given the limited range of this type of equipment

-- what other locations are dependent on this particular installation. This lack of further analysis appears to be determinative of the issue of a new stand-alone pole versus removal and replacement of the existing telephone pole with a substantially taller pole.

The only explanation of the location choice, at least the only explanation available within the docket, is that "the east side of N Patrick St will not work" and a discussion of trees and overhead wires on the west side of Patrick Street. (See page 15 of BAR #2020-00553). This explanation is at best cursory and seemingly in error, e.g., when claiming that the east side of Patrick Street "will not work" but at the same time proposing to locate the tower on the east side of the street. The BAR should insist on a mcuh more fulsome discussion of the need to place the facility at this location -- or it is has one -- to place same in the public docket.

(4) The BAR Should be Concerned Regarding Precedent Being Established

Available documentation indicates that BAR staff has no objection to the installation, nor does staff believe that there is an adverse impact on existing viewsheds. BAR #2020-00553 at 3. But there is no real explanation for this expressed view, nor any indication concerning in what locations within the historic district an adverse impact would be considered to exist, and in what locations, such an adverse impact would not be considered to exist. This would lead to the conclusion that installing a small cell facility is appropriate on any street, in any location in the Old Town Historic District or the Parker-Gray District, subject only to a limit of 10 feet in wooden pole height and certain aesthetic touches such as paint color. From the BAR's review of this application, only the location of trees or underground utilities would be considered, and then only when a stand-alone pole would be required versus replacing an existing wooden pole. If this is not the conclusion the BAR wishes to make, or at least strongly imply in this application, then at least some discussion and review of the appropriateness of this location versus other locations in the city is imperative to avoid either a complete carte blanche approval of *all locations* or a completely ad hoc public review process.

I would therefore ask for: (1) deferral of this application until proper notice can be given; and (2) additional BAR staff review and explanation of the intended location as it relates to other potential small cell locations within the city's historic districts.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Meyers

From: Craig Miller < cmillerjr@comcast.net > Sent: Monday, December 14, 2020 10:19 AM

To: Preservation < Preservation@alexandriava.gov>; Lisa Brock < <u>IH2OCOLOR@comcast.net</u>>

Subject: re: Historic Preservation - William Conkey - 211 North Patrick Street

Mr. Conkey,

Good morning! My name is Craig Miller and I co-own 211, 215 & 217 North Patrick Street. I see Staff has a "small cell Site" adjacent to 215 North Patrick Street on the consent calendar for this Wed, 12/16/20. I am formally requesting you pull this off the consent calendar so we can discuss with the BAR at the 12/16/20 meeting.

The history of 211 North Patrick has been difficult to research over the years so I can understand if staff had a difficult time discovering the historical significance of this property. A brief history:

- 211 North Patrick was built in ~1886 by Frederick Paff an immigrant from Germany that started a shoe and boot factory in Alexandria.
- After Paff's death in 1903, His son Frederick Paff Jr. lived at 211 North Patrick and was the Mayor of Alexandria from 1905 1912.
- ~1943-1945, Dr James Carpenter bought 211 North Patrick and started his medical career in Alexandria as the first African-American medical doctor in Alexandria with rights to practice at Alexandria Hospital.
- Dr. Carpenter's private medical practice was on the first floor of 211 with nurses quarters on the 2nd floor.
- 211 North Patrick is deep in Alexandria History and African American history.

We recently replaced the roof of 211 North Patrick Street according to BAR rules with an "in-kind" slate roof to preserve the property and its "site-lines." The proposed "small cell site" by Verizon is 25 feet from the physical structure at 211 North Patrick and has a vertical height in direct site-line of the slate roof. This "small cell structure" will ruin the "grandness" of this old and important home.

I am not against technology, however, there is a another telephone pole approximately 50' north on the corner of North Patrick and the common alley way that is more appropriate, in my opinion, that protects 211 North Patrick which is an important piece of Alexandria's architectural history. Please do not approve the installation of a "small cell site" at 215 North Patrick Street.

Mr. Conkey, please advise me if I need to provide you and staff with more or supporting information.

Best Regards,

Craig Miller 915 Cameron St 703-628-9574

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Lia Niebauer

From: Craig Miller <cmillerjr@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 6:24 PM

To: Preservation Cc: Lia Niebauer

Subject: RE: Historic Preservation 215 North Patrick Sreet

Attachments: 215 Patrick 1877 Atlas Map.pdf; 215 Patrick Leter from Lisa Brock - owner.pdf;

Signatures opposing small cell site at 215 N Patrick.pdf

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Lia,

I would like to speak about Docket #9, 215 N Patrick proposed cell site. I have attached a list of names and signatures opposing the site as well as a letter from Lisa Brock, my wife and co-owner of the properties. I also included the 1877 Atlas map that shows the original estate of Mr. Paff.

Craig

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<u>Signatures of those in opposition to the placement of a small cell site at 215</u> <u>North Patrick Street, Alexandria Virginia</u>

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Board of Architectural Review City of Alexandria

RE: Proposal for small cell site at 215 North Patrick Street

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is Lisa Brock and I co-own the properties located at 211, 215, 217 & 217A North Patrick Street, collectively known as the PAFF ESTATE.

I am asking the BAR to please OPPOSE the installation of a new telephone pole with small cell site at 215 N Patrick Street that will be approximately 46' in height and in the immediate sightline of this historically important property. The proposed facility will be adjacent to both 211, 215 and 217 North Patrick Street and approximately 12' higher than the current utility pole. It will also include several additional protrusions closer to the sidewalk.

The history of the PAFF Estate is little known in the City of Alexandria, but none-the-less important. The history of 211 North Patrick Street, and its corresponding lots has been difficult to track down, but with the help of Rita Holtz at the Alexandria Library I offer a brief history of the property:

- Frederick Paff was born in 1837 and immigrated from Elm Hesse Castle, Germany, at the age of 14. Frederick Paff started the Paff Shoe and Boot Factory and had a shoe and boot store in Alexandria.
- Paff lived in the house at 215 North Patrick Street while the construction of 211 North Patrick Street was underway.
- The Washington Post, June 30, 1886: "the brick work on the house erected on Patrick Street, near Cameron, for Mrs. Frederick Paff, was completed yesterday evening. The house, when finished, will be one of the handsomest residences in the city."
- The "new" house at 211 North Patrick Street was completed in 1886.
- Frederick Paff lived in the residence until his death in 1903. Frederick Paff Jr, the Mayor of Alexandria from 1905 1912, took up residence at 211 North Patrick Street. Frederick Paff Jr, former Mayor, died in 1933.
- In 1943, the PAFF Estate was purchased by Dr. James Carpenter, MD, the FIRST African American doctor in Alexandria with rights to practice medicine at the Alexandria Hospital.
- Dr. Carpenter played a very big part in African American history in the City of Alexandria between 1943 – 1985. He was:
 - Member of the Shilo Baptist Church as well as a Board of Trustee.
 - o Member of the Alexandria Medical Society & National Medical Association.
 - Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics at Howard University.
- Initially, Dr. Carpenter used the First floor of 211 N. Patrick as the doctor's office with exam rooms while he and his family lived on the 2nd floor. Eventually, the 2nd floor was used as a residence for nurses.

- Unfortunately, during the "urban renewal" of the 1960's, Dr Carpenter had the homes at 215 & 217 razed. Dr. Carpenter's intent was to build a bigger, newer clinic on the same site as the homes, however, the clinic was never built.
- These properties stayed in the Carpenter family until 2009 when they were purchased by my family. And began lengthy renovations.
- 211 North Patrick is still considered a valuable home and was most recently featured in the 72nd Alexandria Hospital TWIG tour of Historic Alexandria Homes.

The neighbors and I oppose the small cell site facility at 215 North Patrick Street. This new 5g site would overwhelm the grandness of this house and remain in its immediate sightlines. The house has significant historical value to the City of Alexandria both as a former Mayor's home as well as a tangible example of African American history under Dr. Carpenter's forty years of ownership. The home at 211 North Patrick also offers a unique roof line. While the house is Victorian "style," the roof is unique. The roof is a mixture of styles and "transitional," To erect a 5g structure in the immediate sightlines of this house and its newly restored slate roof, would diminish the home's great history and would be truly tragic. This historic property is well worth protecting! I ask you to please oppose the proposed 5g site at 215 North Patrick Street.

Lisa SBrock

211 North Patrick Street

