

From: John Branum <johnrbranum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Daniel Beaman <dbeaman@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: Placitas Citizen Concern: case number CU-26-001

Dear Mr. Beaman,

I've done a deeper dive on this issue so i'm submitting a quick follow-up to my prior email (it seems i'm not alone in my concerns!).

The proposed cell tower near Homesteads Village conflicts with the Placitas Area Plan's viewshed-protection goals (pages 38, 44, 64), of which possibly the applicant is aware, considering they had originally pursued the existing fire-station tower on the hill as a preferred site, but abandoned that due to a leasing conflict. I don't have more data on that, but i don't see commercial disagreement as a valid reason to usurp and override the Placitas Area Plan, especially considering wide disapproval by the residents the tower would potentially serve. Again, i'm a Verizon (the applicant) customer but still oppose this tower for Plan reasons, the damage to nearby property values, and the flagrant assault on local aesthetics and character.

Thanks,

John Branum

Placitas homeowner

From: Myra Gadson <myrapuravida@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2026 8:35 PM
To: Daniel Beaman <dbeaman@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: case number CU-26-001

To Sandoval County Zoning and Planning:

As a 40 year resident of Placitas, NM residing at 18 Tierra Madre Ct., I am opposed to the construction of a cell tower at Tierra Madre Rd and Hwy 165 in our residential neighborhood and believe there would be better sights for this tower locally. Consider the utilities sight as you come up the hill from I-25 or perhaps at the fire station. My opposition includes the following concerns.

- The tower conflicts with the Placitas Area Plan's viewshed protection goals (pp. 38, 44, 64)
- The applicant's own engineering drawings show 55 feet of bare steel pole — the "stealth design" conceals only the top 20 feet
- The County's own reviewer wrote that the site is "considerably more visible" and questioned the stealth concept
- The applicant abandoned the fire station site for commercial reasons, not technical ones
- The noise study evaluated only one carrier when three are planned with potential for expansion
- Peer-reviewed research documents 10-15% property value declines for visible towers

I plead with you to reconsider placing this eye-sore in our view of the Sandia Mountains.

Sincerely,
Myra Gadson
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From: Tina Schott <tina@schottmanagement.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2026 3:05 PM
To: Daniel Beaman <dbeaman@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: Proposed cell tower in Placitas, NM

Good afternoon,

I am a homeowner in Placitas, New Mexico and am writing to submit comments about the proposed tower location on the Homesteads lot adjacent to Tierra Madre Road and Rt. 165.

I have lived in Placitas approximately ½ mile from the proposed site. The cell service at my home, as well as in the LaPuerta office where I work, is excellent. The issues with cell and internet service are not in this area, but as you note in your documents, to better serve the local radio station and homes and businesses in the Village of Placitas, approximately 3-5 miles from the proposed site.

I suggest you search for appropriate land in that area and leave the lower part of Placitas the way it is.

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From: Teresa <tmziomek@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2026 5:32 PM
To: Daniel Beaman <dbeaman@sandovalcountynm.gov>
Subject: Cell Phone Tower in Placitas

Hi Daniel,

I'm writing to oppose the proposed 75-foot cell tower at Tierra Madre and Highway 165.

This height is in conflict with the long-standing Plan for Placitas, which was created to protect our rural character and viewsheds. A structure of this scale would negatively impact the area and affect nearby property values.

Please deny this proposal and consider alternatives that better align with Placitas' community standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Ziomek

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