

**Zak, Teresa**

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**From:** Zak, Teresa on behalf of oldPlanning Commission  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 05, 2010 7:20 AM  
**To:** Babbitt, Michael; Christine Steel; Dean Wood; Horsey, Laura; Jones, Mike; Martin, Robert; Sonnen, John  
**Subject:** FW: CUP-09-02/DR-09-07 Extension of Wireless Facility at 19200 Willamette Drive

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From: Eric Gakstatter [mailto:ericpg@gps-mapping.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 8:33 PM  
To: CWL Planning Commission  
Subject: CUP-09-02/DR-09-07 Extension of Wireless Facility at 19200 Willamette Drive

May 4th, 2010

Planning Commission  
City of West Linn  
22500 Salamo Road  
West Linn, OR 97068

re: CUP-09-02/DR-09-07 Extension of Wireless Facility at 19200 Willamette Drive

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my support for the extension to the wireless facility at 19200 Willamette Drive. My support consists of several perspectives:

- The project complies with the design, use, and safety codes currently in place in West Linn.
- Hundreds, if not thousands of West Linn residents will directly benefit from the addition of another cell site for AT&T. The AT&T reception at my house on the north top of the ridge is miserable. I could almost see the new cell tower from here if it wasn't for the trees – and the signal doesn't care about the trees so we are sure to benefit from this new site. Those of us with iPhones are locked into AT&T as a provider and can only ask AT&T (and you) to enable better service by expanding their cells. Roaming is an unacceptable option with an iPhone.
- The existing permitted tower is well camouflaged and since it has been in place for so long it fades into the background causing the many who "see" it each day to simply ignore it.
- The extension of the tower will hardly be noticeable because of the surrounding trees and the "ignore" factor as described above. This is a form of aesthetics – what blends in and we don't notice is aesthetic and won't bother us.
- Cellular tower microwave safety has been addressed both specific to this permit as well as industry wide. There is no proof of any short or long-term damage caused by cell towers. The closest neighbors seem to be the most concerned about the additional power the new cell sites will add but they fail to note that the cell tower sends its primary power horizontally, not down, so the tower can broadcast as far as

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I am in full support of granting a conditional use permit, with reasonable conditions if necessary, for this project.

Eric Gakstatter  
19760 Bellevue Way  
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**Attachments:** West Linn ATT cell CUP 2010-05-04.pdf

I will print hard copies for this evening also for you.

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**From:** Dean Suhr [mailto:deansuhr@deansuhr.us]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 04, 2010 6:24 PM  
**To:** CWL Planning Commission  
**Subject:** CUP-09-02/DR-09-07 Wireless Facility Expansion 19200 Willamette Drive

Please see the attached letter in support of this CUP application.

Please forward a copy of this letter to Mr. Spir for the city's files.

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**DEAN SUHR**

21345 Miles Drive  
West Linn, OR 97068  
503-656-4808

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Sincerely,



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