

First Presbyterian Church
731 Averill Avenue
San Pedro, CA 90732
FirstPresSanPedro.org

Dear neighbor,

Thank you so much for contacting us about the recent agreement between our church and the AT&T Corporation to **improve cell phone service** in our neighborhood. Our governing board has received a lot of comments--both pro and con--about this lease, and we have weighed these comments carefully. We have also studied this matter extensively, beginning with a cell phone protester's web site and continuing with the following organizations:

- **The American Cancer Society**
- **The Federal Communications Commission**
- **The Center for Disease Control**
- **The Food and Drug Administration**
- **The World Health Organization**
- **The Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers**
- **The National Council on Radiation Protection**
- **The Environmental Protection Agency**
- **The Occupational Health and Safety Administration**

All of these organizations have contributed to the **current safety standards** for cell phone transmission signals, and all of them have affirmed that these limits are correct. A small group of our neighbors do not believe these organizations. They have told us plainly that **no amount** of study or research will convince them that cell phone antennas are safe. We believe the vast majority neighbors are more flexible than that. But, just to be sure of our decision, we took an extra step.

We asked Bill Hammett, a consulting engineer, to **measure** existing radio frequency emissions (from cell phone installations at the Temple and the Assistance League), to add proposed emissions from our bell tower, and to calculate the total exposure that church members and neighbors would receive. Bill specializes in these measurements, and he takes them for cell phone critics and proponents throughout the state of California. Bill's report indicates that our **total exposure would be less the 1% of the legal limit for RF emissions**--less than 3/10 of 1% of the threshold for causing harm.

A recent flier by some neighbors claims that RF emissions in Weymouth Corners will be "very high 24/7." We think you know better than that. We think that most of our neighbors are **capable** of understanding percentages, and we think you know which groups to trust. If you would like more information, you are more than welcome to follow the links on our web site: **FirstPresSanPedro.org** Once you are comfortable with these facts (and tired of receiving fliers), simply place a piece of paper on your automobile's dashboard that says "**No Fliers**" (a sample is attached). Jeff Moore, the protest initiator, has promised to honor all these requests. We pray that he will keep his word.

Sincerely,

Keith Headley
Clerk of Session

If you do not wish to receive additional fliers about the cell phone protest, simply place this sign (or something similar) on your dashboard:

Please leave

NO

FLIERS

on this car.

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