

**Ann Machado - Objection to the Verizon equipment facility adjacent to Rivers Edge Drive**

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**Subject:** Objection to the Verizon equipment facility adjacent to Rivers Edge Drive

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Hi Ann,

My name is Amelia Hassler and I purchased a home at 93 River's Edge Drive a little over a year ago. I'm writing with great concern about the proposed zoning change for the Verizon equipment facility. I wanted to formally express my opposition to the possibility of allowing Verizon to build a large commercial facility in such close proximity to our residential neighborhood.

When I bought into this neighborhood just over a year ago, I carefully researched the zoning of the directly adjacent areas, specifically looking for whether or not the residential / natural woodland surroundings would remain intact (hence the property value and aesthetic of the neighborhood would remain intact). Unlike some of my neighbors who bought 10 or more years ago, I paid top dollar for my property... and I'm deeply concerned that the looming presence of such a large industrial commercial facility so close to our own residential properties will significantly reduce the property values, causing me to lose money on such large personal investment.

This is such a special quiet beautiful neighborhood of Portland that has a unique protected feel to it, and I'm greatly saddened and worried that this proposed equipment facility will have an adverse impact for all of us who live here. The idea of a big 'for profit' company swooping in and being able to change the rules, and in doing so disrupt the quality and value of our personal properties, is deeply upsetting.

I've had nothing but positive experiences in the past with your zoning board and the city of Portland in general... so I appeal to you to please not allow commercial use of this land... to not allow big businesses like Verizon to intrude on the protected residential neighborhoods of Portland (where the impact to the individual is deeply felt).

Thank you for your time and your understanding.

Sincerely,

Amelia Hassler  
93 Rivers Edge Drive