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I went to the Nazarene church in person on June 18th and asked their leaders for an explanation of their motivations for having a cell tower erected on their property and if they considered the impact or opinions of their neighbors when deciding to move forward with this application. The church told me that it was the city of Merced that approached them with the project proposal, saying the police and fire departments would benefit from improved communications for faster response times and faster internet for residents, namely UC students. They also added that if they did not accept, that the tower would still go up, just at Rahilly Park instead. Can the city please clarify why the Nazarene church would say it was the city that approached them regarding the cell tower proposal? This would be highly inappropriate and a conflict of interest as it's the city's function to review and approve or deny the application from AT&T. If this is true, I request that the city disclose who authorized this type of contact and request an internal investigation for any impropriety. Furthermore, why is the Nazarene church stating that Rahilly Park is a viable alternative? That is not explained in the Staff Report so how would they know that?

Jason Verrinder