

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Case No. PL21-0047

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 29, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Case No. PL21-0047

I would like to offer my opposition to the above request. I don't believe this is appropriate in our residential community where there are a number of young children. We don't know how much radiation or whatever will be emitted into our neighborhood and I think it is too tall and unsightly to belong in our area.

Please consider disapproving this request.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

County of Ventura  
Planning Director Hearing  
PL21-0047  
Exhibit 7 - Additional Public Comments

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Ham Radio Antenna in Lynn Ranch

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 8:37 PM

To: Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

Subject: Ham Radio Antenna in Lynn Ranch

Hello Ventura County Case Planner,

Alternatives to 65 ft Structure

I am very concerned about the huge antenna that is planned to be built in our neighborhood. A 65 foot structure will blemish the beauty of Lynn Ranch. Aren't there alternatives to such a tower? Please have them explore all other possibilities. I worry about the neighbor's view and ambiance of the neighborhood. There are no tall trees around the house and the tower will stick out awkwardly and frankly be an eye sore. I would agree to an alternative that is less tall and obvious.

Community Availability

In addition, the antenna and ham radio should be available for community emergencies. It should be available to the entire neighborhood. If not, I oppose the building of the structure. I have heard the owner intends to make it available in emergencies. That is very gracious, but I would like to have this defined in writing.

Our neighborhood in Lynn Ranch is a special place and we appreciate careful consideration of obtrusive towers added here. What if everyone wanted one? Should we all get one? Could we all get one? I wouldn't want to do that to this beautiful neighborhood. Everyone is calling them towers. Towers do not blend in well in neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Non-commercial ham radio conditional use permit on 2065 Calle Yucca

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:39 PM

To: Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

Subject: Non-commercial ham radio conditional use permit on 2065 Calle Yucca

Hello Mr. Chaffee -

I am a resident of Lynn Ranch who lives near the house where the permit is being considered for the ham radio tower. I usually don't stick my nose in other people's business and am o.k. with people doing whatever they want to their properties within reason. But in this case, I can't believe this is even being considered. Even collapsed, the tower will 'tower' over the neighborhood. It will be an eyesore for everyone around. Usually when we look out the window all we see are trees and sky. This tower will mar the beautiful vista that's synonymous with Thousand Oaks and this neighborhood in particular. We are also concerned with the possibility of our property value being reduced because of this monstrosity. Please do not o.k. this permit just to indulge one hobbyist. I have no ill will against this neighbor, but this tower just does not belong amongst homes. I also find it hard to believe that it doesn't violate the CC&R's for this neighborhood. I would be against it even if it didn't affect my property.

Thanks you for your time-

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: CUP for a Non-Commercial Ham Radio Tower

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 5:56 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** CUP for a Non-Commercial Ham Radio Tower

It has come to our attention that the owners of 2065 Calle Yucca, Thousand Oaks, CA have applied for a CUP to construct a telescoping lattice tower on their property in Lynn Ranch.

We are opposed to the tower. The CUP application indicates that this is a non-commercial tower; therefore, it can be deduced that it is a hobby tower. Generally speaking in a residential neighborhood, hobbies do not affect the neighbors 24/7. This one will. While we are not opposed to people having and enjoying hobbies, we can't support this. If our hobby was playing drums, we would not expect our neighbors to put up with the noise 24/7. If our hobby involved creating something with unpleasant smells, we would not expect our neighbors to put up with the smell 24/7. If this hobby tower is erected, it will be visible throughout the neighborhood 24/7. It never stops, it never goes away, it is always there. The views from our homes and the enjoyment of our property will be impacted 24/7. That is a lot to ask.

[REDACTED]  
Thousand Oaks, CA  
[REDACTED]

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Calle Yucca Ham radio

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**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 25, 2021 8:51 PM

**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

**Subject:** Calle Yucca Ham radio

We are residents of [REDACTED] and would like to voice that we are very much against the installation of a 55 ft crank up lattice tower on 2065 Calle Yucca. One special quality of our area and reason for purchasing our home is the fact there aren't any standing upright power lines. A great quality about the ranch is the view and it's disheartening that this could possibly take away from the view of many houses in the ranch.

Thank you for your time,  
[REDACTED]

**Chaffee, Thomas**

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**Subject:** FW: Communication on Calle Yucca

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 7:53 PM

**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

**Subject:** Communication on Calle Yucca

I disapprove of a ham radio tower being put in this residential community!!!!!! What a horrible eyesore and infliction on the neighbors who live here. PLEASE vote NO NO NO!!!!!!

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: the tower at 2065 Calle Yucca

-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Sunday, August 29, 2021 7:35 PM

To: Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

Subject: Re: the tower at 2065 Calle Yucca

Dear Thomas,

As a realtor and homeowner near

the subject property, I am writing to let you know that I am very much opposed to it. It will impose on my view and many others. I also believe that it will affect the values of the properties in the area.

Please reject this proposal.

You can reach me at.

Thank You,

Concerned neighbor

Sent from my iPhone

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: opposition to permit application : CUP case no PL21-0047

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 8:05 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** opposition to permit application : CUP case no PL21-0047

Dear Mr Chaffee,

I am writing to you to express my concerns with something that was recently brought to my attention in our beautiful community of Lynn Ranch in Thousand Oaks. From my understanding there is currently a permit application (case no PL21-0047) sitting with your office from one of our neighbors to install a radio tower that might stand as high as 63', and up to 21in in dia. The proposed location is 2065 Calle Yucca, Thousand Oaks CA 91360.

Lynn Ranch (if you are not aware) is a ranch style community, family oriented with beautiful rolling hills...it is an area that even only a few streetlights exist in. It is unimaginable that someone would even entertain installing such an object in our community. Not to mention the possible health side effects of having something installed right in the middle of family homes.

I urge you to consider the impact such an object would have in the county and what your ruling would mean for future requests for such a thing.

In the end, it is just not necessary in a suburban community.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**Chaffee, Thomas**

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**Subject:** FW: opposition to permit application : CUP case no PL21-0047

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:02 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** RE: opposition to permit application : CUP case no PL21-0047

Hi again Thomas,

One of my employees tonight mentioned something interesting to me when.

He said, when he *worked in the marine corps for many years working with radio equipment. He worked around some serious equipment like HF, UHF, VHF on antennae farms. They where instructed that due to the radiation given off by the equipment, they had to mark off 200' around the antennae farm to keep people away.*

Now while I am not an expert on this equipment, I feel it is a question/concern that should be raised.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Chaffee, Thomas**

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**Subject:** FW: CUP PL21-0047

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 11:14 AM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** CUP PL21-0047

Good afternoon Mr. Chafee,

I am following up with you regarding the CUP applied for by Mr. Wegerer at 2055 Calle Yucca. There seems to be many neighbors that are against the installation of this unsightly and industrial tower in the neighborhood and have many concerns regarding its operation.

I am inquiring as to the criteria used in determining how a radio tower of any visible size fits the character of our unique and rural neighborhood here in Lynn Ranch? Please be specific as to the protocol the county of Ventura requires to make this determination.

I am hopeful that you will address that information in the upcoming zoom meeting on Thursday Sept 2nd @ 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: 2065 Calle Yucca, Thousand Oaks Permit for the Ham Radio Tower Hearing

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 1:57 PM

**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>

**Subject:** 2065 Calle Yucca, Thousand Oaks Permit for the Ham Radio Tower Hearing

I live on the street [REDACTED] and I am strongly opposed to "the Tower". The people in this neighborhood are very protective of their views, that is why we bought here. My neighbor cut his trees without me asking, because he feared it blocked my view. It is a horse community with no above ground power polls, and fantastic hill and canyon views. It is not fair to all of us, to have to look at an eye sore every day, just to accommodate one individual. 65 feet is unbelievable. That is twice the height of any commercial building in Thousand Oaks. The property values in the vicinity would plummet. Who is going to buy a house near "the Tower". PLEASE, NO

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

**Chaffee, Thomas**

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**Subject:** FW: Calle Yucca Ham Radio tower PL21-0047

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 11:18 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Calle Yucca Ham Radio tower PL21-0047

After reading the "Project Information" further I have 2 more objections. The statement "very low Density Residential" is not accurate. Our neighborhood is a normal residential neighborhood. Most lots are larger than the new home average, but not like we are farm land. There are hills and trails that connect with Wildwood park (trails that would look at a tower. The pristine ridge trail that is behind the homes would be spoiled by a tower as high as the ridgeline). The average lot size is .25 to .5 acres. We are 1 mile from the Oaks Mall, 3 miles from Cal Lutheran University, a mile from Madrona Elementary School, 1 1/2 miles from Los Robles Hospital and about a 1/2 mile from Amgen, this is not farm land. This a developed neighborhood that does not want an industrial monstrosity. Also, the idea that the Ham Radio would be helpful in an emergency is a stupid made up fact, that must have been introduced by the person applying for this permit. It's not like we are out in the boonies and need to contact the people in the real world. I can be on the 101 Freeway in less than 5 minutes and I am across the street from the proposed tower. If this is a reason to allow the tower, then every neighborhood in Thousand Oaks needs a Ham Radio Tower. Would you want a 65 foot tower in your back yard? Would you be happy if someone came to buy your home, but said no because of the tower next door?

Thank you,  
[REDACTED]

**Chaffee, Thomas**

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**Subject:** FW: From a county resident RE: 2065 Calle Yucca

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 12:13 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** From a county resident RE: 2065 Calle Yucca

Dear Mr. Chaffee,

I am aware you are the contact for review of the CUP for the above property. Thank you for your work during these difficult times. I am not sure I can be on the Zoom call for the Sept. 2 meeting to discuss this permit, but I would like to express my concern about such edifices.

If someone has the right to put them up, then there is nothing I can say to affect the planners' decision. But if (as one would assume) that 'conditional use' means there is some discretion, I would like to say that a metal tower at 65' (when extended) is going to be an eyesore to the neighborhood. We are all expected to deal with trees which grow high (and at least are beautiful) which block views, or drop leaves in our yards, etc. But we accept that it is the right of the homeowner to plant whatever they want.

However, it does seem strange that one has the right to put up such an ugly tower and neighbors do not need to approve. If you are open to input, I would say that if it were across the street on the east side of Yucca, no one would really notice it. There are many other locations in our tract (Lynn Ranch) where lots of people wouldn't see such a tower. But that house is not one.

I respectfully ask that it not be allowed, or is limited to the height of the house, or would have limitations that it could only be at full extended height, during a local emergency (fire, flood, etc.) and not just because he wants to play on his Ham radio. That doesn't seem fair to the neighbors.

Thank you for your time reading this. I do not live within view of this property, but I do walk by it most days because I'm

[REDACTED].

[REDACTED]

## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: Concerned Neighbor: Unsightly 65 ft Radio Tower

**Importance:** High

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:26 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** Concerned Neighbor: Unsightly 65 ft Radio Tower  
**Importance:** High

Dear Thomas Chaffee, County of Ventura Case Planner –

It's come to my attention that a neighbour at 2065 Calle Yucca has applied for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a 55 ft non-commercial ham radio tower with 10 ft mast (65 ft in total). It is my strong belief, and that of many others in the neighbourhood, that this project **should not** be allowed to proceed.

First, there is evidence to suggest a ham radio tower like that proposed could have health consequences for humans and, in particular, for children. Based on a review of studies published up until 2011, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified radiation from towers such as this as “possibly carcinogenic to humans”. Although this remains an area of debate, it would not be prudent to allow such a tower in a residential neighborhood with considerable numbers of children.

Second, there is no necessary use for a ham radio tower of this size. Indulging an amateur ham radio operator to communicate with other operators around the world – instead of simply using the internet – is absolutely frivolous. We have modern tools like mobile phones and “voice over IP” that can accomplish the goal of communication without impeding on the health and sightline of neighbors.

Lastly, a tower that rises nearly 50 ft above the roofline of all neighboring houses will be a visual blight on the neighbourhood and consequently depress home prices in this charming Thousand Oaks neighborhood. A single homeowner should not be allowed to introduce such an “eyesore” that negatively impacts the value of other homes in the area.

Thank you for your consideration. I stand ready to discuss this topic in more detail if you choose.

A concerned homeowner,

[REDACTED]

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## Chaffee, Thomas

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**Subject:** FW: 2065 Calle Yucca Objection to permit for tower

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 28, 2021 6:43 PM  
**To:** Chaffee, Thomas <Thomas.Chaffee@ventura.org>  
**Subject:** 2065 Calle Yucca Objection to permit for tower

I am a neighbor of the person at 2065 Calle Yucca. I oppose this permit for this person to put up a 55 ft 3 section lattice tower. I have many concerns about this.

One of my concerns, and I believe it the same with many neighbors, is the fact that this tower will ruin the landscape of this area. These homes in this part of Lynn Ranch were originally designated as the 'View area'. Highlighted by the fact that we do not even have above ground telephone poles and wires. This was to enhance the view of this very rural area and this is why many people bought in this particular area. Allowing this tower to go in simply is not right. Many neighbors have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars landscaping their yards to enhance whatever views they have of this natural beauty. This will ruin this for all of us. Not to mention the debatable safety of such a tower RF EME emission (ongoing research) and safety during windstorms which last year, bent metal even lifted a glass table and smashed it. Extremely powerful and a 55ft tower in the middle of a neighborhood could be a huge liability.

I also don't understand how one person's "hobby" can be permitted to affect the lives of so many other people.

[REDACTED]