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County of Marin Planning Department  
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### **Project Statement**

Re: Proposed AT&T Unmanned Wireless Facility Site Ref# Bayside Acres/ CCL04747.  
Located at: St. Luke Presbyterian Church 10 Bayview Drive, San Rafael CA 94901 APN: 186-132-26

### **Introduction**

AT&T is proposing the installation of a new (Stealth) AT&T unmanned wireless facility at the St. Luke Presbyterian Church. Including the construction of a new 12ft x 12ft x 30ft tall faux bell tower structure at the front of the church to house and camouflage AT&T's proposed (9) panel antennas, (15) radio units and associated equipment cabinets. The exterior of the proposed structure will be finished in materials to match the existing building.

### **Collaboration**

AT&T seeks to fill a significant gap in service coverage using the least intrusive means under the values expressed in the Marin County Telecommunications Facilities Policy Plan (TFPP). Thus, AT&T is guided by the County policies that establish regulatory framework for all wireless facilities in Marin County, in particular Policy **VIS 2.2.9** of the (TFPP) (*Antennas and other equipment should be integrated into an existing or proposed non-communications structure*). AT&T seeks to meet the Policy Plan (TFPP) with the proposed bell tower design that compliments the existing architectural features of the church, and completely conceals the proposed AT&T wireless equipment in a R1-B4 zone at the minimum height needed to address the significant service coverage gap.

### **Visual and Noise Considerations**

Borges Architectural Group (Design engineers) have reviewed the proposed location to ensure the proposed structure will have the least visual impact on the local area, blend best with the surroundings and provide the best camouflage and concealment for the intended AT&T antennas and equipment. Additionally, St. Luke Presbyterian Church board are excited about the new structure at the front of the church, as the proposed design will also provide much needed shade and cover for its members and visitors. Also, AT&T's proposed equipment cabinets concealed within the bell tower structure are to minimize sound and comply with the Marin County noise element benchmarking standards at all property lines. Waterford consultants have provided a noise compliance report indicating that noise emissions from AT&T's proposed equipment supporting the AT&T Wireless Facility will be in compliance with the Marin County noise element.



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**Project Justification.**

AT&T Wireless is currently improving the existing wireless network in Marin County. The new proposed wireless communications facility (“WCF”) and installation of AT&T’s telecommunication equipment will improve wireless and broadband internet coverage for the local area and provide valuable First Net capability, LTE and 4G technology. The First Net program also known as First Responders Network <https://www.firstnet.gov/> is the country’s first nationwide public safety communications platform dedicated to first responders. Being built with AT&T, in public-private partnership with the [First Responder Network Authority](#) AT&T seeks to engage and work with federal, state and local governmental agencies as part of FirstNet buildout to enhance coverage for first responders. Additionally, improved **Public Safety** will provide an extremely valuable service to those who live, travel, and do business from home in the local area. It will give people the ability to call for emergency services in the event of an accident, the ability to communicate with employees or clients outside of the office, and the ability to communicate with family members when needed. The project engineer has indicated that the proposed location will provide the necessary coverage and capacity with the ability to hand off the wireless signal to the next telecommunications site. This will enable travelers and community members to have reliable and continuous wireless coverage.

- Operation of the project will occur 12 months a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day consistent with the continuous schedule of normal telephone company operations.
- The facility is "unmanned" and will be visited on an "as needed" basis only. No more than two technicians will attend the facility. Their schedule will be on a 24-hour basis. No more than two service vehicles, being either a van or a small pickup truck will visit the facility.
- The equipment located within AT&T’s lease area will be used for telephone operations.
- There will be no supplies or materials stored on the site.
- There will be no noise, glare, dust or odors associated with the facility.

**Conclusion**

AT&T would like to apply for a Conditional Use Permit for the project. The Proposed Facility is the least intrusive means by which AT&T can close its significant service coverage gap in this portion of the County of Marin. Denial of AT&T’s application would materially inhibit AT&T’s ability to provide and improve service in this portion of the town.

Should you have questions regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly at the undersigned

Sincerely,

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