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**Comp Plan Steering Committee**

My name is Carlton A. Stockton and I am a resident of James City County. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to speak on this issue of towers in residential communities. It is my understanding that the Board of Supervisors in August 9, 2005 unanimously approved installing towers in residential areas with special use permits. Maybe this occurred during the height of growth and development and very little attention was paid to the impact of towers in residential areas or whether there were other options available that would provide the same coverage for home phones and the proliferation of wireless phones.

My hat is off to Jack Fraley who apparently grasps the significance of placing towers in residential communities even when camouflaged. I spent some time during my professional career with MCI Communications concerned about erecting microwave towers in order to provide coverage to our customers. The technology (Distributed Antenna System—DAS) has evolved

since then and we need to be at the forefront in James City County to provide our citizens the best options available. I can't imagine our residents in Kings Mills, Fords Colony, Governors Land, Stone House and other communities with large concentrations of residents opting for towers when an improved technology is available.

I strongly recommend that the wireless ordinance passed on August 9, 2005 be amended to permit other technologies to be used and to restrict the use of towers in residential areas unless other technologies proved to be ineffective.

This is a subtle but effective way of positioning James City County on the cutting edge of communication technology. Thanks for allowing me to appear before your distinguished committee.

