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TO: City Council Public Works Committee c/o Adam
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RE: Council File 09-2645

I support efforts to regulate cellular telecommunications towers in the city. Please adopt the following measures which have been considered by and are supported by my homeowners association, Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. HOA:

1.

The City Attorney continue to review the City's current regulatory scheme and report to the City Council on what new tools are available to regulate wireless telecommunications facilities in light of recent judicial determinations clarifying the City's ability to regulate such facilities on aesthetic grounds, as directed by the motion introduced by Councilmember Rosendahl on October 27, 2009 (Council File No. 09-2645).

2.

In connection with the above review the City Attorney continue to research the extent of the City's involvement in the Joint Pole Agreement and whether and to what extent it has authority to regulate wireless telecommunications facility installations involving utility poles and replacement poles notwithstanding the Joint Pole Agreement's provisions.

3. The

City immediately establish a task force composed of appropriate city departments, including but not limited to Department of Water and Power, Planning, Building and Safety, Public Works and the CAO; representatives of Neighborhood Councils and other community organizations and stakeholder groups such as the Sierra Club, to assist in the development of a City policy on the siting of telecommunications facilities.

4.

With the City Attorney's guidance and consistent with his recommendations, the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.

5.

The City immediately impose a moratorium on all wireless telecommunications facility installations in the City and/or applications for approval of such installations in the City in order to allow time for the City Attorney's review and report and the crafting of a comprehensive new ordinance as set forth above.

Thank you for your consideration.

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