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To City Attorney Carmen Trutanich:

In regard to recent messages between your office, city officials and community leaders concerning the long-awaited yet still uncompleted cell tower report:

We fully appreciate the devastating effect of the severe budget/staff cuts; I personally commend the attorneys and staff who must continue to work on the many significant issues facing our city under these trying circumstances.

At the same time, unregulated or minimally regulated cell tower proliferation continues unabated in our residential areas and PROWs, with *direct, negative consequences* to residents throughout the city. Carriers publicly state that thousands more antennas are coming and that residential neighborhoods are the preferred locations, with antennas supposedly being required "every 1/4 mile" (according to recent, alarming statements by T-Mobile to representatives of Northridge East NC). These conditions were not present or even anticipated when the existing regulations were drafted.

Moreover, it has been *over two years* since the report was first directed to your office by the Public Works Committee (PWC). In our view, you have long had at your disposal all the information necessary to complete the report (including relevant caselaw and additional information provided by us as well as by telecom expert and consultant Jonathan Kramer, whom we originally introduced to city officials in 2009). Throughout 2009-2010, we regularly inquired about the status of the report, even meeting with you in September 2010 at what we believed was a productive meeting. We were assured at the time that the report would be out within a few weeks. Obviously this has not occurred. In the meantime, over 80 councils and local organizations (representing millions of stakeholders) have expressed concerns about the city's outdated or inadequate policies and regulations. And cities such as Glendale and San Francisco -- heeding the voices of concerned citizens -- have recently enacted new WTF regulations consistent with current law and technology.

We are now informed that the PWC *may* take this matter up in April, "report or not" (according to Councilmember Huizar's deputy Erik Sanjurjo). While we are heartened that the PWC recognizes the need to address the issues, we are also very concerned that without your report and legal guidance further delay and frustration will be inevitable.

We appreciate that your office regards this matter as important. *With respect*, we once again request in the strongest possible terms that the promised cell tower report be completed as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christina Spitz

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