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LA City Council Public Works and Planning & Land Use Management Committees
Los Angeles City Hall

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Re: City Attorney Final Report on Placement of Cell Towers and Related Equipment
CF [09-2645](#)

Our homeowners association representing 3800 Westside households respectfully requests that you direct the City Attorney to write regulations for your consideration to do the following:

- 1) Control aesthetics and placement of cell towers.
- 2) Minimize the number of installations by mounting multiple transmitters on shared towers wherever possible.
- 3) Install all related equipment below ground wherever possible.

We further request that you additionally:

- 4) Adopt a moratorium on all cell tower installations until final ordinances are passed.
- 5) Expand the notification requirements to include all residents and property owners within a radius of new cell tower installations.

On July 26, 2011 a task force was directed to be formed to address the issues related to cellular tower installations and there was to be a report back within 60 days of the formation of that joint task force. However, there has been a delay in the Council's consideration. While we wait for the report to be presented, we find that more and more installations are being erected without the existence of a process that adequately protects communities and property owners. We have a number of installations in our area that are intrusive and lack aesthetic consideration. Yet, under the current process we can do little to affect or modify the installations. We are, in effect, playing catch-up with a new technology and need to implement a city-wide policy as soon as possible.

We understand that the cellular equipment is necessary for modern communications. However, we believe that the installations can be done to accommodate the character of a community and to reduce negative impacts on the market value of adjacent properties.

While the policy is being finalized, we request that a **moratorium on new installations** be put in place so that a sudden rush to install equipment does not take place. We do not look favorably upon the grandfathering of installations brought forth in a mad dash to beat the adoption of a new policy/process. It is our understanding that nine major cities in California have previously enacted such moratoriums.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Broide".

President

cc: CD 5