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- To: Honorable Members, City Council Public Works Committee Joe Buscaino, Chair Eric Garcetti, Member Paul Krekorian, Member
- cc: Hon. Richard Alarcon City Attorney Carmen Trutanich Deputy City Attorney Ted Jordan Los Angeles WTF Working Group

Dear Public Works Committee Chair Buscaino and Members Garcetti and Krekorian:

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council.

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council has been on record supporting necessary revision of the current, outdated AGF ordinance. We support the City Attorney's Report (completed in 2011) which advised that such revisions can appropriately include: 1) elimination of the current utility and light pole exemptions; 2) expanded notice; and 3) enhanced aesthetic provisions.

We have long been awaiting the status of the revised draft ordinance. Massive, obtrusive cell towers utilizing exempt poles (such as the one depicted in the attached photo which was presented as only 30 inches became a massive cell tower) – have been installed and are continuing to be be planned for residential and scenic areas throughout the City's PROW.

The directed revisions to the AGF ordinance are needed now in order to bring installations such as this within a reasonable permitting process.

In light of continuing proliferation of cell towers in the PROW -- many of which are completely unregulated under the current ordinance -- we respectfully request that the Public Works Committee:

1) Urge the City Attorney to complete the directed revisions to the AGF ordinance as soon as possible;

2) Recommend that an Interim Control Ordinance be enacted by City Council which would place a temporary moratorium on AGF permit applications for PROW installations involving wireless telecommunications until such time as the revised AGF ordinance is enacted.

We must stop the proliferation of these ugly and obtrusive cell towers being installed in our neighborhoods.

Enough time has passed for this new ordinance to move forward.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

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