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VIA EMAIL

Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chair Councilmembers Paul Krekorian and Eric Garcetti City Council Public Works Committee City of Los Angeles 200 North Spring Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Council File 09-2645
Regulation of the Placement of Cell Towers and Related Equipment
Public Works Committee May 9, 2012 Agenda Item 7

Dear Honorable Councilmembers Busciano, Krekorian and Garcetti:

We write to you on behalf of our client Verizon Wireless regarding the above-captioned agenda item to be heard by the City Council Public Works Committee tomorrow, May 9, 2012. Since proposed amendments were first discussed with this committee some three years ago, Verizon Wireless has made every effort to assist and provide meaningful participation in any proposed revision to the current law affecting wireless telecommunications facilities in the City of Los Angeles. As recently as last October, Verizon Wireless provided materials to the City Attorney's office in this regard. Verizon Wireless remains committed to working with the City Council and the City Attorney's office to ensure that any code revisions are thoughtfully drafted to meaningfully address community concerns while continuing to provide for necessary expansion of wireless services.

Notwithstanding Verizon Wireless's prior participation, we only became aware of tomorrow's meeting of the Public Works Committee meeting today. Verizon Wireless will seek to have a representative present at your meeting. It is important that you know that Verizon Wireless remains committed to participating in this process as it has over the last years. Given the background of City Council and City Attorney activity, we ask that you reject current community calls for any form of moratorium on the installation of wireless facilities in the City. The ponderous pace of legislation is simply no excuse to impose unnecessary hardship on Verizon Wireless customers and the wireless industry in

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general, nor would any such justification for a moratorium be permissible under state or federal law.

Thank you for your consideration of Verizon Wireless's comments. As stated, Verizon Wireless remains committed to working with the City Council and City Attorney's office to assist in any required revisions to the regulations of wireless telecommunications facilities in the City of Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Michael Espinosa, Legislative Assistant Ted Jordan, Deputy City Attorney

Planning and Land Use Management Committee