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To: LA City Council Public Works & Land Use Management Committee

Public Works Chair Buscaino, Members Krekorian and Garcetti

Attn: Michael Espinosa (Michael. Espinosa@lacity.org)

Re: CF 09-2645—PWC MEETING 5/9/2012 (Agenda Item #7)

Honorable Members,

We write in support of public commentary you already have received from the Brentwood Community Council and the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils, concerning revisions to the Above-Ground-Facilities Ordinance. We, too, strongly urge the Council to impose a moratorium on all public-right-of-way installations in order to study and craft a better permanent ordinance.

We write, in particular, as concerned homeowners whose property has been designated as a potential site for a new AGF by AT&T. The proposal, in fact, is for an extremely large (some say 'industrial size') installation, including large antennae mounted on an existing pole, an above-ground meter box, and a below-ground cooling chamber roughly 20'x17'. Our concern is with the size, scale, and design of these units, hardly appropriate to a residential neighborhood.

We (along with a coalition of neighbors) have formally appealed this proposal. Our hearing, originally scheduled for this afternoon, has been postponed—perhaps pending the outcome of your committee's deliberations.

Although we intend to continue our appeal, it would make far more sense for the project at our address and any others now proposed or scheduled for introduction to be postponed pending more comprehensive action on an AGF ordinance by the City Council. This issue is larger than any single AGF location. We urge the Council to impose a moratorium on all projects (through an ICO) while creating a new ordinance that would bring the old one up to date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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