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Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council

July 25, 2011

To: LA City Council Public Works Committee
and Planning & Land Management Committee

Re: City Attorney Final Report on Placement of Cell Towers and
Related Equipment

The **Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council** 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.

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.

For the past two years, our Neighborhood Council has heard repeated complaints from residents who have spoken at our Neighborhood Council Board and Land Use Committee meetings in regard to cell tower installations that were intrusive and lacked aesthetics. The residents and the Council were generally unable to do anything to affect or modify the installations.

We recognize that this equipment is necessary for current communications. Yet, we also believe installations can be made to accommodate our quality of life. We think the requested

regulations will go a long way toward helping our communities co-exist with this new technology.

We are additionally requesting that a **moratorium** on new installations be enacted during the process of adopting new regulations. This will prevent a "rush" to install hundreds of new cell towers in advance of regulation. There is appropriate precedent for a **moratorium** as nine major cities in California have previously enacted such moratoriums.

Thank you for your consideration of this most important matter.

Respectfully,

Jill Banks Barad, President
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