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**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
AND THE
PLANNING & LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
ON JULY 26, 2011**

RE.: AGENDA ITEM #4 (FILE NO. 09-2645)

**CELL TOWERS IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS
LIKE THE OAKS**

The Oaks Homeowners Association welcomes the report of the City Attorney as a first step toward comprehensive regulation of the placement of cell towers in residential neighborhoods like ours.

We urge the City Council to invoke a temporary moratorium on all such installations (an option adopted and agreed to by the cellphone industry in 1998) while a new ordinance is drafted.

Considering the City's urgent need for new income, we encourage you to explore ways in which the City can generate additional revenue by charging cellphone carriers an increased fee for allowing them access to the public "right-of-way" or the use of space on existing City-owned utility poles. Please find more details about this idea in our Written Statement filed under CF 09-2645 on 11/18/09.

No one knows at this time how much revenue the LADWP receives from cellphone companies operating in the City of Los Angeles, or how much is lost to the Southern California Joint Pole Committee (SCJPC), a non-government agency, often misleadingly referred to as the "Joint Pole Authority" - when in fact it acts as an exclusive broker and a shield against public scrutiny, because as a private company it is not legally required to disclose its business dealings to the public.

Thank you for listening to our voice in this matter.

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