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City Attorney Final Report on Placement of Cell Towers and Related Equipment -- CF 09-2645

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LA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT HERB WESSON
-- and Honorable Council Members
c/o City Clerk, Room 395
City Hall, 200 North Spring Street
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Via email: june.laymay@lacity.org, patrice.lattimore@lacity.org

RE: City Attorney Final Report on Placement of Cell Towers and Related Equipment -- CF 09-2645

I am writing to express my strong personal support of the revision of the City's Above Ground Facilities Ordinance, as recommended by the City Attorney to the PLUM and Public Works Committees in Council File 09-2645, and as approved by both Committees, as follows:

1. **Expansion of the notice requirements.** This is necessary so that everyone affected has the opportunity to participate and respond. Transparency in local government requires expanded notice requirements.
2. **Enhancement of the aesthetic provisions.** We want to live in a livable city. We want new facilities to be aesthetically consistent with every neighborhood.
3. **Elimination of the utility pole exemption.** It is unfair to allow exemptions for reasons which are unclear and not transparent.
4. **Imposition of permit duration limits.** It is a privilege the City is granting to place privately owned utilities on public land. It should be a permit, revocable upon failure to meet obligations and duties described in the permit.
5. **Expansion of appeal rights** (currently limited only to property owners/occupants who received notice). These appeal rights must extend to all interested and/or aggrieved persons, and those resident in Los Angeles County who are interested or affected by Cell Tower Placement.

These proposed revisions speak to deep concerns I have, and that have been described by our local homeowners association, Westwood South of Santa Monica Blvd. Homeowners Association during the earlier meetings on this topic, which impacts all of us who live here.

Please adopt these changes as soon as possible.

Thank you for considering my opinion, and that of the WSSMHOA.

Sincerely,

Nan Waldman, Esq.

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