



BRENTWOOD Community Council

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June 30, 2014

Public Works Committee
Councilmember Joe Buscaino, Chairman
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 09-2645-City Attorney Report and Revised Above Ground Facilities Ordinance;
SUPPORT the Revised Ordinance and Request Immediate Forwarding to City Council; Request For Filing in CF 09-2645 by Legislative Assistant Michael Espinosa

Dear Councilmember Buscaino,

The Brentwood Community Council (“BCC”) is the broadest based Brentwood community organization, representing 50,000 residents from Mulholland Dr. (north), Wilshire Blvd. (south), 26th St. (west), the 405 Freeway (east). The board of 25 is made up of 13 homeowner groups, representatives of multi-family residents, public and private schools, business districts, religious groups, and committees concerned with public safety, volunteer organizations, and environmental issues, as well as two members at large.

For many years now the BCC has followed City Council deliberations on revisions to ordinances related to Above Ground Facilities for cell transmission—ordinance revisions sorely needed in Los Angeles. We were concerned to learn recently that the

final revisions approved by the City Attorney's office may be held up again rather than forwarded directly to the City Council. We were equally concerned to learn that the reason for delay is a proposed meeting between yourself, Ted Jordan (City Attorney's office) and representatives of the cell industry—with no participation by interested members of the public or community organizations.

We urge you as Chair of the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee to facilitate the immediate forwarding of the revised AGF Ordinance directly to the full City Council. If you feel that further consultation with cell industry representatives is needed, we request that any meetings between you and them include representatives of the general public and community organizations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Watts

Larry Watts,
BCC Chairman

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Daniel Tamm, Westside Deputy, Mayor Eric Garcetti
Dennis Gleason, Policy Deputy, CD
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Via email

Re: CF 09-2645 – City Attorney Report and Revised Above Ground Facilities Ordinance; SUPPORT the Revised Ordinance and Request Immediate Forwarding to City Council; Request For Filing in CF 09-2645 by Legislative Assistant Michael Espinosa

Dear Councilmember Buscaino:

I write on behalf of Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC); Pacific Palisades Residents Association (PPRA); and the Los Angeles Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Working Group (WTF Working Group) – each of which has long supported revision of the Above Ground Facilities (AGF) Ordinance.

We urge you as Chair of the Public Works & Gang Reduction Committee to facilitate the immediate forwarding of the revised AGF Ordinance directly to the full City Council. Residents and community leaders throughout Los Angeles have long awaited these revisions. I and my colleague Barbara Kohn (outgoing PPCC President and former PPRA President) have been working on this issue extensively since late 2008. PPCC and PPRA both took positions supporting revision of the AGF Ordinance in 2009. At the request of the City Attorney, in 2010 Ms. Kohn and I co-founded the WTF Working Group to work with the City Attorney on cell tower regulation issues. The WTF Working Group, which consists of respected community leaders from throughout Los Angeles, supports revision of the AGF Ordinance, as do scores of other community organizations and coalitions Citywide, including the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils and the Hillside Federation (as reflected in the many communications on file in CF 09-2645).

As you may recall, last fall the Public Works & Gang Reduction and PLUM committees (in joint session) directed the City Attorney to make final revisions to the AGF Ordinance and further directed that the completed revisions be sent to the full Council. We strongly agree with this prior directive. It is my understanding – having previously met with Deputy City Attorney Ted Jordan along with Norman Kulla, Senior Counsel to Councilmember Bonin – that Mr. Jordan has already received input on the revisions from industry representatives as well as relevant City departments. If for some reason you determine that a further interim

meeting or consultation is needed with the industry and/or the City Attorney, we request that 1) the meeting be scheduled as soon as possible, and 2) knowledgeable community leaders and concerned members of the public be included in any such meeting. Any of the WTF Working Group members (listed below) would be appropriate to include; numerous other community leaders and/or residents would also be appropriate and I would be happy to suggest additional names if requested.

Thank you for your courtesy and anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Co-founder, WTF Working Group
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cc (all via email):

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