



Re: CF #09-2645, Regulation of Cell Towers

July 6, 2014

Joe Buscaino, Councilmember, Council District 15
Chair, Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: **SUPPORT** for the City Attorney's Report, R14-0267, 6/5/14, revised draft ordinance amending sections 62.00, et seq. of the LAMC to revise the specifications and procedures for the installation of above ground facilities in the public right-of-way.

Honorable Councilmember Buscaino:

For more than seven years, the Old Granada Hills Residents' Group (OGHRG) has collaborated with other citywide organizations in their efforts to support proposed legislation that would better control and regulate the location and appearance of cell towers/above ground facilities. While realizing the benefits of cell tower technology and its appropriate coverage - the needs of the telecommunications industry and consumers must be balanced with the placement of cell towers/above ground facilities, considering their impact on the safety, welfare, and visual landscape on the surrounding neighborhood.

The OGHRG Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the recent revision of the draft ordinance, and we are also pleased that the following key provisions have been included:

1. Restrictions on facilities proposing to locate in areas that have been designated as Historic-Cultural Monument or those proposing to locate in designated Specific Plan areas.
2. The change of the notification pattern from 250 linear feet in either direction to a 250 foot radius.
3. Expanded notification that includes residents' groups, neighborhood councils, and homeowners' associations.
4. Addition of camouflaging, aesthetic, and landscaping requirements that would minimize the visual impact of above ground facilities.

Councilmember Buscaino, as Chair of the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee, **we strongly urge you to support the abovementioned draft ordinance and move it directly on to the full City Council for their review and vote.** Furthermore, if for any reason an interim meeting will be held with representatives from the telecommunications industry or other city officials in regards to this matter, we respectfully ask that you consider inviting members from the Los Angeles Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Working Group along with other key community leaders.

Thank You for Your Consideration,

Dave Beauvais, President
Old Granada Hills Residents' Group

Maria Fisk, Board Member
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cc: Mayor Eric Garcetti, Mayor; Mitchell Englander, Councilmember; Mike Bonin, Councilmember; Michael Feuer, City Attorney; Ted Jordan, Deputy City Attorney; Michael Espinosa, Legislative Assistant; Christina Spitz, incoming President, PPCC.