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Summary: Echo Park Neighborhood Council supports the Wesson-Blumenfield Resolution of April 28, 2017 to include in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program OPPOSITION to SB649, which would preempt local control and regulation of small cell wireless facilities to the detriment of Los Angeles residents' health, safety and welfare.

ECHO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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Community Impact Statement (CIS) Council File 17-0002-S69 Opposition to SB 649 Small Cell Tower Regulations

August 25, 2017



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To: Honorable City Council, Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring Street, room 395, Los Angeles, CA 90012 c/o Office of the City Clerk.

The Echo Park Neighborhood Council (EPNC) is requesting that the aforesaid CIS be attached to City Council File 17-0002-S69.

On August 22, 2017, with a quorum of 20, the EPNC Board of Governors held a Brown Act-noticed meeting and with a vote of 15 yeas, 3 nays, and 2 abstentions, the EPNC voted to submit this CIS in support of the Wesson-Blumenfield Resolution of April 28, 2017 that **opposes SB 649**. Note a synopsis below:

“SB 649 would provide that a small cell is a permitted use, not subject to a city or county discretionary permit, if the small cell meets specified requirements, and unconstitutionally strips local authority over public property and shuts out public input and local discretion by prohibiting consideration of the aesthetic and environmental impacts of small cells. It fails to protect critical sensitive areas of the state including, schools, public parks, recreation and residential areas.”

LA Times editorial of July 5, 2017 criticizes SB 649, concluding:

“California’s lawmakers ought to be wary as well and show more interest in protecting the rights of communities to govern the use of their infrastructure, rather than letting telecommunication companies make those decisions for them.”

<http://touch.latimes.com/#section/-1/article/p2p-93951045/>

Thus, EPNC urges the LA City Council to consider the Wesson-Blumenfield Resolution for the protection of Los Angeles residents’ public health, safety, and welfare.

Respectfully,

Tad Yenawine,
Chair, Echo Park Neighborhood Council