



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER
GREIG SMITH
TWELFTH DISTRICT

June 15, 2011

Honorable Jose Huizar, Chair
Honorable Richard Alarcon
Public Works Committee
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 09-2645
Item #2, June 15, 2011 Meeting

Honorable Members:

The increasing numbers of complaints that are made involving above ground cellular installations in the public right of way demonstrate the need to modify our current above ground facility ordinance. Although it was originally passed to provide an orderly method for controlling cellular installations in the public right of way, it is clear that more is needed. The motion asking the City Attorney for a report on possible new tools available to regulate these installations was both timely and necessary.

In their report, the City Attorney offered three tools:

- 1) Remove the AGFSP exemption for utility pole or streetlight mounted cell towers, which will allow them to be subject to both public review and aesthetic consideration;
- 2) Expand notification requirements, which will allow more people to become involved at the outset; and
- 3) Enhance existing aesthetic criteria, which will strengthen what is perhaps the most concrete tool now available.

In view of the above, I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support of the recommendations and urge their passage. Although they may not go as far as some would like, they work within the framework of our existing ordinance, and will bring more accountability to the process.

Sincerely,

GREIG SMITH
Councilman, 12th District

