



May 5, 2010

Mr. Adam Lid  
Legislative Assistant  
LA City Council Public Works Committee  
City Clerk, Room 395  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

SUBJECT: CF No. 09-2645/Los Angeles Cell Tower Regulation

Dear Mr. Lid,

On December 21, 2009, at the monthly meeting of Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council Board of Directors, Director Jacques Massachi moved, Director David Carrera seconded and the Board unanimously approved a motion to accept the PLUM Committee's recommendation that the CHNC Board request the City of Los Angeles to enact a comprehensive new ordinance, consistent with the City Attorney's recommendations, with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the City and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the fullest extent possible under the law.

CHNC supports the efforts of Council Members Rosendahl, Hahn, Koretz and Garcetti to tackle this problem which is growing throughout Los Angeles. We appreciate that the City Attorney's office is also investigating the City's regulations and practices and urge you to consider the following:

1. There is no local, independent regulation of utility pole cell site installations.
2. The JPA does not regulate utility pole cell site installations.
3. There is effectively no local regulation of freestanding cell towers or "monopoles" in PROWs.
4. The City has a constitutionally based police power to control the location and manner of construction of public utility facilities in PROWs.
5. The PUC recognizes that it is the City's function to regulate the installation, location and design of cell towers and poles.
6. In accordance with recent case law, the City can and should regulate the installation of all cell towers and poles in PROWs as well as on private property, with meaningful protections for residential areas and provisions for denial based on adverse aesthetic impacts.
7. Cell tower proliferation is rapidly growing -- as are serious concerns about inadequate or nonexistent regulation.

We do not oppose all cell towers; however, if they are to become "ubiquitous" in society (as the FCC anticipates), Los Angeles clearly needs stronger regulation, to provide for rational planning, sufficient notice and hearings, community input, meaningful protection for residential neighborhoods, and clear and consistent standards as to placement, design, height and aesthetics.

We look forward to a comprehensive and through hearing of Council Member Rosendahl's motion, CF No. 09-2645, at the Council's Public Works Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Campbell".

Scott Campbell, President  
Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council

cc: Council President Eric Garcetti  
Council Member Tom LaBonge  
Council Member Jose Huizar  
Pacific Palisades Residents Association