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March 20, 2010

Greig Smith, Councilman
LA City Council
200 N. Spring Street, Rm 405
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Councilman Zine:

On March 9, 2010, the Winnetka Neighborhood Council (WNC) approved (7-0 with 2 abstentions) the following motion:

“The Winnetka neighborhood Council respectfully recommends that with the city attorney’s guidance and consistent with his recommendations, the City enact a comprehensive new ordinance with clear and consistent standards and procedures regulating all wireless telecommunications facilities in the city, authorizing regulation of aesthetics and providing protection to communities and residential neighborhoods to the full extent of the law.”

We urge the Council not to let this important ordinance languish in the process. Cell towers are becoming an increasingly divisive issue in our communities. Stakeholders have a variety of concerns that range from aesthetics to health to the potential impact on their property values. It is not reasonable for the City to be denied jurisdiction over these towers.

In Winnetka over the last several years we have heard several cases whereby companies have approached us with a request for support in placing these towers. While we have approved some and denied others, stakeholders never fail to raise their concerns over how these towers look and the impact those looks have on the community’s character and property values. We have generally been able to work with the companies, but as sites become more and more scarce we need the legal teeth an ordinance would provide to help us ensure that we are meeting our stakeholder’s concerns.

We sincerely hope that action will be taken soon on this important issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 1-626-564-6000 ext. 4520 or on my cell phone at 818-648-6219.

Sincerely,

JJ Popowich
President, WNC