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Richard J. Bruckner
Director

January 4, 2016

TO: Bruce Durbin
Hearing Officer

FROM: Carl Nadela, AICP
Zoning Permits East Section

SUBJECT: Project No. R2013-02962-(5)
Conditional Use Permit No. 201300155
HO Meeting: January 5, 2016
Agenda Item: 9

The above-mentioned item is a request for a Conditional Use Permit to authorize a new wireless telecommunication facility located in the parking lot of an existing church located at 2561 Fair Oaks Avenue in the unincorporated community of Altadena.

In relation to this project, staff has received the attached letter from the Altadena Town Council recommending approval of the project with requested conditions. This letter is being forwarded to you for the record and for your consideration.

If you need further information, please contact Carl Nadela at (213) 974-6435 or cnadela@planning.lacounty.gov. Department office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Department is closed on Fridays.

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Mr. Richard Bruckner
Planning Director
Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

December 23, 2015

Re: Project Number: R2013-02962
Location: 2561 Fair Oaks Avenue
Applicant: Verizon

Dear Mr. Bruckner,

The Altadena Town Council (ATC) resolved, at its December 15, 2015 meeting, to recommend the **APPROVAL** of the above mentioned project, with **requested conditions**. After three separate opportunities for public comment and door to door contact, the majority of the residents in the immediate area were in favor of this project. Some of those against the project cited the poor maintenance of existing cell towers in Altadena and potential noise impacts and asked that conditions be added to mitigate such issues.

The requested conditions are as follows:

- All towers erected by Verizon Wireless are inspected and maintained bi-monthly to include replacing defective pieces, falling fake branches, and adjusting noise levels.
- The church parking lot area must conform to county code prior to public hearing
- The project is to conform to all Federal Communications Commission's limits and guidelines on radio frequency emissions.
- The wall matching the existing adjacent property wall is to be constructed to screen the equipment at the base of the tower from public view.

It is important to note that a large number of residents (most outside of the immediate area of this project) made public comments citing potential health impacts of radio frequency emissions as their reason to oppose this project. I believe you are in receipt of those comments that were written or part of a petition. Although the ATC did not take those health related comments into consideration as part of our vote, we did want to make sure that you were aware of the concern.

Thank you for your attention to this project.

Sincerely,

Diane Marcussen
Altadena Town Council

cc: Ms. Sussy Nemer, Senior Deputy to Supervisor Antonovich