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Zoning Permits East Section

**Project No. R2014-02389-(4) – Conditional Use Permit No. 201400111**  
**RPC Meeting: February 24, 2016**  
**Agenda Item #6**

The above-mentioned item is a request to authorize the construction and maintenance of a 50-foot-high unmanned monoecalyptus wireless telecommunications facility.

Please find enclosed a letter of response from the Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC). The RHCCC is responding to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation's letter dated February 18, 2016. The letter was received subsequent to hearing package submittal to the Regional Planning Commission.

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Enclosure



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Re: Project No. R2014-02389-(4) CUP 201400111

Dear Chair Stephanie Pincetl,

Project No. R2014-02389 is a request to authorize the construction and maintenance of a 50-foot high unmanned mono-eucalyptus wireless communications facility (Wireless Facility) at 2356 Fullerton Road, Rowland Heights.

The Rowland Heights Community Coordinating Council (RHCCC) continues to join with a large number of residents opposing the construction of the wireless facility as designed and as located at the above address and respectfully requests L.A. County to stand with the Community and deny the request as proposed.

Having had the opportunity to view the January 20th hearing video, it was of great relief that your Commission voted to continue this matter to February 24th in order to allow time for both County and RHCCC to confirm and respond to the Applicant's unsubstantiated claims made at the hearing that day. It was troubling however that the Applicant felt it was alright to provide their version of 'facts' on the morning of the hearing without providing any time for independent review. This continues a pattern of not being transparent and also serves as one more example of the Applicant being disingenuous in both their claims regarding this project and in actually wanting to work with the Community to find a mutually agreeable conclusion to this matter.

The February 18, 2016 response letter from County Parks, clearly shows that Applicant, despite the hyperbole of their testimony on January 20<sup>th</sup>, did not engage County Parks in any negotiations and instead knowingly implied that non-standard terms from the high value, iconic John Ford Theater site could apply to the Rowland Heights Park locations. County Park's is clear in their letter that the Applicant was well aware of this fact.

By knowingly cherry picking inflammatory clauses from this unrelated negotiation and non-standard terms the applicant is calling into question all of their 'findings and facts' in their original application package for this project. As such, RHCCC continues to contend that this project has not met the burden of proof required that the site chosen is the least intrusive feasible site and that both the park facilities remain suitable and feasible. By extension, perhaps even the cemetery, if offered a steeple or cross as the tower camouflage instead of a fake tree may too have been responsive to locating the tower on their property. Since it is clear that the Applicant chose the path of least resistance as a means to their end the community has not been served by their process.

As a reminder, when RHCCC met with the Applicant, they declined all of our overtures to work with them to revisit the other locations, stating simply that they had found a site that met their needs for a price they wanted to pay so they 'did not have to'. Based on the Applicant's presentations and conduct to date, the Applicant, appears to still believe that 'they don't have to'.

Nevertheless, RHCCC and the Community remains open and committed to working with the Applicant if they are willing re-examine the alternative locations and other architectural design options for any of the sites, including the under grounding of their equipment and the inclusion of more extensive landscaping in order both of us to find a win, win solution.

RHCCC would further welcome the aid of Regional Planning, County Parks, and/or LACBOS staff to facilitate a cooperative and transparent working process with the Applicant to find a win, win solution that is not simply 'checking the box' or 'going through the motions' with the Community.

In summary, the disingenuous actions and questionable tactics of the Applicant to date has tainted the findings of their application and their claims. RHCCC continues to ask for your Commission's support and ruling in favor of our Community Plan, Community Standards and take a positive step toward restoring our Community's character by denying this project as proposed.

Thank you in advance for the Commission's thoughtful and thorough consideration of this item and your support for the betterment of Rowland Heights.

Sincerely,  
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