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Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
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Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
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Upper Mandeville Canyon
Upper Nichols Canyon NA
Upper Riviera Homeowners Assn.
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Re: **CF #09-2645 - Above-Ground Facilities Ordinance**

Dear Mr. Buscaino:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc., founded in 1952, represents 44 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to protect the property and quality of life of its over 200,000 constituents and to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the hillside and mountain areas in which they live. The Federation urges you to present the City Council with the revised Above-Ground Facilities ("AGF") Ordinance as soon as possible. The industry, aware that the revised AGF Ordinance will finally implement reasonable regulations governing the placement of cell service equipment, has been and will continue to install equipment throughout the City, including in hillside and scenic areas, until the ordinance is presented to and passed by the City Council.

The Federation, concerned about degrading scenic resources in Open Space areas in the Santa Monica Mountains and the surrounding residential communities, voted unanimously to support AGF regulation as indicated in our September 7, 2012 letter to the City Council. The City Council then voted unanimously to direct the City Attorney to revise the existing AGF Ordinance to add further protections. The City Attorney's Office presented a draft of the new ordinance at an October 2013 joint meeting of the Public Works and PLUM Committees of the City Council. Your committee has already reviewed the document; there should be no need for further review. The proposed ordinance contains much-needed community protections. The Federation has supported this ordinance since 2010 to get the regulations and protections it would provide. The longer the wait, the more equipment that will be installed without the needed AGF regulations.

We urge you to submit the new ordinance to the full City Council as soon as possible, before more (avoidable) damage is done.

Sincerely,

Marian Dodge
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cc: Mike Feuer, Mike Bonin, Daniel Tamm, Ted Jordan

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