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Commissioners Board of Public Works
Room 361-P
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

May 9, 2013

Re: Proposed Cellular Tower adjacent to 16381 Mulholland Drive
DIR-2010-3083-DRB-SPP-MSP-M1

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
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Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. (the Federation) was founded in 1952 and represents 40 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside and canyon environs of the Greater Los Angeles Area.

The Mulholland Scenic Parkway is one of the treasures of the Santa Monica Mountains and as such is an area of particular concern for the Federation. At our January 9, 2013 meeting, the Federation voted unanimously to oppose the proposed siting of a Verizon cell tower adjacent to 16381 Mulholland Drive. Relocating the pole to the southern side of the street is equally objectionable as it is still located within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. It is a clear violation of the *Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan* because such placement would not "complement and/or enhance views from Mulholland Drive" (*Specific Plan* Section 2. E), but it would "actively destroy or obstruct a scenic feature or resource, or view from Mulholland Drive" (Subdivision 2 Findings a.i. and also Section 7.A.2).

The notifications states that "*the Director may recommend approval after making the following findings:*

1. *The Project is required for public health and safety reasons.* Yet another cell pole will not make anyone healthier or safer.
2. *The project does not obstruct a scenic feature or resource.* It does obstruct.
3. *The project is compatible with the scenic parkway environment.* It is not.
4. *The project is not inconsistent with the purposes and objectives of the Specific Plan.* It is entirely inconsistent with the Specific Plan as it in no way complements or enhances the view from Mulholland Drive. (S.P. Sec. 2.E)

The necessary findings cannot be made to support this project.

Have all potential alternative locations outside the inner corridor have been considered (as required in Section 5.A.5 of the *Specific Plan*)?

The Federation therefore urges you to reject the proposed project and any other cell pole proposed near Mulholland Scenic Overlooks.

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Sincerely,

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