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Councilman Rosendahl
Zoning Administrator

Re: Proposed Cellphone Tower at 737 Washington Blvd, Marina del Rey

Councilman Rosendahl,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the installation of a wireless telecommunications facility atop the Best Western Hotel at 737 Washington Blvd. based on the following concerns:

1. Height—this proposed installation would be very tall and possibly exceed the limits of local ordinances protecting and preserving this beach community from exceedingly tall signs and structures. Already buildings are going up that seem too tall for this street. Allowing structures and installations that violate height restrictions will create more visual blight and lower surrounding property values.
2. Interference—Our FCC licensed technical staff are very concerned about the nearby (within feet) presence of a high tech multiple frequency emitting tower and that tower's effect on our repair station service benches and sensitive test and calibration equipment. For 45 years we have been providing mission critical emergency repair services for the marine communications and navigation equipment used on the **L.A. County Sheriff's, Lifeguard's, and Fire Department's** patrol and rescue response boats as well as those of the **cities of Santa Monica and Redondo Beach** and other government entities. The close proximity of the tower with its broad spectrum digitally controlled frequency shifting can affect the very electronics equipment we are called upon to provide priority emergency repairs and calibrations for maritime first responders.

We encourage consideration of this unique obstacle that could be placed upon our efforts with the installation of this cellphone tower and urge the Zoning Administration office to seek other sites for this installation where public safety is not jeopardized.

We welcome the opportunity for the Zoning Administrator to tour our facility and learn more about our concerns whenever convenient.

Sincerely,

Ken Englert, President
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Congresswoman Janice Hahn