



June 20, 2019

Costa Mesa City Council
City of Costa Mesa
77 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, Ca 92626

Re: Comprehensive Long Range Plan for Small Cell Facilities/Towers and Wireless Telecommunications

Dear City Council,

Mesa Verde Community, Inc. is the volunteer resident's association of the Mesa Verde Community, consisting of some 3000 homes. Recently we have become aware of numerous Minor Conditional Use Permits (MCUPs) approved to install Small Cell Facilities (SCF) within our community and Costa Mesa at large.

It has come to our attention that many of our residents have concerns about how the City plans to manage these telecommunications technologies in the coming years. After reviewing the City's "Background" as presented in the May 16, 2019 Planning Commission Agenda Report for Zoning Applications 19-31, 19-33, and 19-35 and looking at the Costa Mesa Municipal Code, there does not appear to be a long range comprehensive plan for managing the technology and equipment during its lifetime.

For example:

Does the City have a minimum distance that each telecommunications tower/facility or other emitting device or structure have from one another?

Does the City have any minimum distance requirements for specific groups or structures, i.e. schools (public or private) or Fire Stations?

Does the City have a monitoring plan for these emitting devices/structures?

What happens when the technology no longer requires that type of emitting device or structure?

Who is responsible for making sure the outdated equipment is removed?

Does the telecommunications provider need to notify the City and hence the residents if an existing device or structure is going to be used for a different type or generation of technology?

What plans are the City putting place now with their current understanding of the future of telecommunication technologies?

The mission of MVC CI is to promote the overall quality of life of the residents of Mesa Verde; to share information affecting our community; to improve safety of our families; and to enhance the beauty of our surroundings.

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Is the City planning on making all utilities underground throughout the entire City and have only the SCF and possible larger towers visible?

None of us want the technology we use today to go away. What we do want is a plan which will allow for new technology to come into our City and be managed in a responsible way. A way which will improve the aesthetics of the City overall and give the citizens confidence in the way the City is managing on this issue.

We ask that the City refrain from approving any additional MCUPs until they have long range comprehensive plan in place.

Respectfully,

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President of Mesa Verde Community, Inc.

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