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April 25, 2017

TO: Parties and Intervenors

FROM: Melanie A. Bachman *MAB*
Executive Director

RE: **DOCKET NO. 471** - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Hamden Tax Assessor's Map 2826, Block 24, 208 Kirk Road (a/k/a 1075 Paradise Avenue), Hamden, Connecticut.

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of correspondence from Representative Mike D'Agostino dated April 25, 2017 concerning the above-referenced application.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of the application is to be submitted to Representative D'Agostino for review. In the event that Representative D'Agostino does not avail himself of the opportunity to attain party status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, this correspondence shall become part of the record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance.

Therefore, copies of Representative D'Agostino's correspondence are being distributed to all participants in this proceeding and will also be administratively noticed in the record.

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c: Council Members



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Representative Mike D'Agostino
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Dear Representative D'Agostino:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated April 25, 2017 concerning the above-referenced application. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §16-50(b), a copy of each application is to be submitted to each member of the legislature in whose assembly or senate district the facility is to be located for review. Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record that is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

In the event that you do not seek formal party or intervenor status under Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n, which provides full participation at the public hearing, including, but not limited to, cross examination of witnesses, parties and intervenors, your comments shall nevertheless become part of the official record in this proceeding in the form of a limited appearance defined under subsection (f) of Connecticut General Statutes §16-50n.

Therefore, copies of your correspondence will be distributed to all participants in the proceeding and will be administratively noticed in the record. Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at www.ct.gov/csc under the "Pending Matters" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Executive Director

MAB/RDM/lm

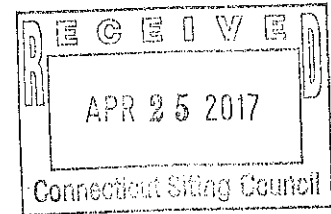
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Mr. Robin Stein
Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Stein:

I write to you both in my capacity as the State Representative for the 91st District and as a resident of the Town of Hamden. While being fully supportive of companies like Verizon Wireless seeking to invest in infrastructure in Connecticut, I nevertheless have grave concerns about the proposal before the Connecticut Siting Council to construct a major telecommunications tower facility in the middle of a quiet and scenic residential area of the Town.

There are four specific areas of my concern. First, the proposed tower site, as I understand it, is in an area that is zoned residential and will be much too close to homes on Country Club Road. Ms. Patricia Sorrentino, whom I understand is actively participating in your proceeding due to proximity of the proposed site to her property, and other nearby neighbors have legitimate concerns about the impact a massive cell tower facility will have on their neighborhood, property values and safety. Second, also related to safety is the fact that the proposed site will have extensive fuel storage presumably for back-up power during periods when commercial power outages occur due to weather and other conditions. The Siting Council should not allow any fuel storage in a residential neighborhood. Third, I understand the

Verizon Wireless application anticipates removing approximately thirty (30) trees for an access road and the tower compound; this amount of tree removal in a residential neighborhood is unacceptable from an ecological and scenic perspective, given the location which functions as a buffer between the neighborhood and the Laurel View Golf Course. Finally, because the area is heavily wooded, it serves as a natural habitat for animals, and children can be often found playing or exploring in the wooded area where the tower will be sited, if approved.

The Public Utility Environmental Standards Act expressly provides that “[t]he legislature finds that power generating plants and transmission lines for electricity and fuels, community antenna television towers and telecommunications towers have had a significant impact on the environment and ecology of the state of Connecticut. . . .”

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 16-50g. This provision further states “. . . that continued operation and development of such power plants, lines and towers, if not properly planned and controlled, could adversely affect the quality of the environment and the ecological, scenic, historic and recreational values of the state.” Based on these legislative findings, I am confident that the Siting Council, upon completing its investigation and review of the record in this proceeding, will follow the principles of Section 16-50g and reject this site, without prejudice, by instructing Verizon Wireless to select another location – preferably in a commercially zoned area - for its proposed tower.

I expect to be available to offer public comment on May 2, 2017 at the public hearing, but in the meantime, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding my strong opposition to the tower, compound and access road as proposed in Docket No. 471.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike D'Agostino", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike D'Agostino

cc: Mayor Curt Leng
Ms. Patricia Sorrentino