



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 10, 2015

Hon. Ben Hueso
California State Senator, 40th Senate District
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities & Communications

Via email: senator.hueso@senate.ca.gov

Re: AB 57 (Committee hearing date 6/16/15) – OPPOSE

Dear Senator Hueso:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (“PPCC”) has been the voice of the Palisades community since 1973. PPCC has been on public record for many years as strongly supporting enhanced local regulation of wireless telecommunications facilities (“WTF”— more commonly known as “cell towers”) in the public rights of way. PPCC opposes AB 57 because this bill will severely restrict the ability of local governments to regulate WTF and/or make local decisions about cell tower siting. PPCC opposes AB 57 based on all of the grounds set forth in the letters in opposition dated (1) May 6, 2015, by the California State Association of Counties, the American Planning Association (California Chapter) and the Urban Counties Caucus (<http://blob.capitoltrack.com/15blobs/793a8209-30cc-40f1-9f71-ed5f9154660b>), and (2) May 11, 2015, by the League of California Cities (<http://blob.capitoltrack.com/15blobs/aa02035b-46c0-41c1-a4be-e46ebef40d2f>), and specifically on the grounds that:

- 1) By “deeming approved” all applications for colocation or siting of new WTF if a city or county fails to act on such applications within time periods established by the FCC, AB 57 goes beyond the requirements of federal law and unnecessarily and significantly impacts and constrains the authority of local governments to regulate the placement of WTF; and
- 2) Despite language to the contrary in AB 57, WTF are matters of municipal as well as statewide concern.

PPCC also brings to your attention the fact that substantial portions of Pacific Palisades are located within the Coastal zone and are thereby afforded important environmental protections under the California Coastal Act. Depending on location, new WTF within the Coastal zone are required to undergo additional review by local governments and/or the California Coastal Commission. PPCC is concerned that under AB 57, such required environmental review may be severely curtailed or effectively eliminated and significant protections afforded by the Coastal Act may be rendered meaningless.

In addition, PPCC notes that on June 9, 2015, (1) the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution in opposition to AB 57; and (2) a resolution in opposition was introduced in Los

Angeles City Council by Councilmembers Bonin, Koretz and O'Farrell
(http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0002-S62_reso_06-09-2015.pdf; vote not yet scheduled as of this writing).

PPCC urges you to vote NO on AB 57.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President,
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email):

Senator Ben Allen, 26th Senate District
Senator Fran Pavley, 27th Senate District
Senator Bob Hertzberg, 18th Senate District
Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin, 11th Council District