

# **Burbank ACTION**

*Burbank Against Cell Towers In Our Neighborhood*

August 31, 2010

Re: Item #1 and Residential Wireless Recommendations and Concerns

Dear Honorable Mayor Anja Reinke, Vice Mayor Jess Talamantes, and Council Members Gary Bric, Dr. David Gordon, and Dave Golonski, and City Manager Michael Flad.

We write to request you support the proposed Zone Text Amendment approved by the Planning Board members on July 26, 2010. We agree with their assessment that the ZTA and the new Supplemental Application Form present a "giant leap" forward.

Please see our attached Resident Recommendations (1 page). We would like to request that you support comments and suggestions provided by Planning Board Members at their July 26, 2010 meeting. In addition, we'd like to you to please support resident concerns about wireless facilities in public rights of way.

Thank you again for your concern and actions on this complex issue, your desire to protect the character and safety of our community, homes, schools and parks within the full extent of the law, and inviting residential input.

We will continue to provide you with our recommendations and concerns through this process.

Appreciatively yours,

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cc via e-mail: City Attorney Joe McDougall; Public Works Director Bonnie Teaford; Right-of-Way Specialist Diana Goulding; BWP Principal Civil Engineer Michael Thompson; BWP General Manager Ron Davis; BWP Assistant General Manager Bill Mace; BWP Customer Service and Marketing Joanne Fletcher; Park, Recreation and Community Services Director Christopher Dasté

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**Burbank Resident Recommendations  
for August 31, 2010 City Council Meeting  
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- 1. Please support Planning Board Chair Emily Gabel-Luddy's suggestion on July 26, 2010 that wireless facilities also be kept away from multi-residential areas.**
- 2. Please support Planning Board Chair Emily Gabel Luddy's suggestion on July 26, 2010 that she would like to see all proposed wireless facilities fully screened for aesthetic purposes.**
- 3. Please support Planning Board Member Vahe Hovannessian's comments about the required data that should be included in the FCC Compliance report.**
- 4. Please request staff research and propose strong regulations addressing wireless facilities proposed for public rights of way in residential and multi-residential areas.**

**Background for Recommendation 4:**

As mentioned in our Residential Packet submitted to you on June 19, 2010:<sup>1</sup>

in many communities, PROW wireless installations are now causing serious problems for residents because wireless providers (including T-Mobile, Clearwire/Sprint, and "providers' providers" such as NextG, ExteNet and Newpath) target PROW locations due to cities failing to adopt regulations addressing these types of installations.

In response, cities are adopting regulations for PROW installations. Please ask staff to look at San Francisco's PROW wireless facility ordinance currently under works to address residents concerns about these types of installations.

They can contact Ms. Frances Hsieh, Legislative Aide to Supervisor John Avalos, at [Frances.Hsieh@sfgov.org](mailto:Frances.Hsieh@sfgov.org) or via phone at (415) 554-6975, for more details.

We also provided a draft of the San Francisco PROW wireless facility ordinance for your and your staff's review in our June 19, 2010 Resident Packet's Appendix.<sup>2</sup>

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1, 2: We distributed hard copies of our Resident Report Part II to the City Clerk and your office on July 26, 2010; however, we did not submit a hard copy of our first Residential Report of June 19, 2010 to the City Clerk and instead e-mailed it her and you. We were later informed and advised that it would be better to submit hard copies to her and you. As a result, we will make hard copies of our June 19, 2010 Report, and submit a hard copy to the Clerk today, and distribute hard copies to you later this week for your review, at your convenience.