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Commissioners Board of Public Works
Room 361-P
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

March 18, 2013

Re: Proposed Cellular Tower adjacent to 16381 Mulholland Drive and at the
Jerome Daniel Overlook (Hollywood Bowl Overlook)

Beachwood Canyon Neighborhood
Bel Air Knolls Property Owners
Bel Air Skycrest Property Owners
Bel Air Ridge Association
Benedict Canyon Association
Brentwood Hills Homeowners
Brentwood Residents Coalition
Cahuenga Pass Property Owners
Canyon Back Alliance
Crests Neighborhood Assn.
Franklin Ave./Hollywood Bl. West
Franklin Hills Residents Assn.
Highlands Owners Assn.
Hollywood Dell Civic Assn.
Hollywood Heights Assn.
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Kagel Canyon Civic Assn.
Lake Hollywood HOA
Laurel Canyon Assn.
Lookout Mountain Alliance
Los Feliz Improvement Assn.
Mt. Olympus Property Owners
Mt. Washington Homeowners All.
Nichols Canyon Assn.
N. Beverly Dr./Franklin Canyon
Oak Forest Canyon Assn.
Oaks Homeowners Assn.
Outpost Estates Homeowners
Pacific Palisades Residents Assn.
Residents of Beverly Glen
Roscomare Valley Assn.
Shadow Hills Property Owners
Sherman Oaks HO Assn.
Studio City Residents Assn.
Sunset Hills Homeowners Assn.
Tarzana Property Owners Assn.
Torreyson Flynn Assn.
Upper Mandeville Canyon
Whitley Heights Civic Assn.

Dear Commissioners:

The Federation of Hillside and Canyon Associations, Inc. (the Federation) was founded in 1952 and represents 40 homeowner and residents associations spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, from Pacific Palisades to Mt. Washington. The Federation's mission is to conserve the natural habitat and appearance of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside and canyon environs of the Greater Los Angeles Area.

The Mulholland Scenic Parkway is one of the treasures of the Santa Monica Mountains and as such is an area of particular concern for the Federation. At our January 9, 2013 meeting, the Federation voted unanimously to oppose the proposed siting of a Verizon cell tower adjacent to 16381 Mulholland Drive. This location is actually within a Scenic Overlook in an area known as The Grove, a designated Major Vista Point (*Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan*, Section 9.A.7), a place where people can safely stand on Mulholland to look over, photograph and enjoy a magnificent view of the San Fernando Valley.

Placing a cell tower in such a spot is a clear violation of the *Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan*. Not only would such placement not "complement and/or enhance views from Mulholland Drive" (*Specific Plan* Section 2. E), but it would "actively destroy or obstruct a scenic feature or resource, or view from Mulholland Drive" (Subdivision 2 Findings a.i. and also Section 7.A.2). The necessary findings cannot be made to support this project.

Furthermore we have received no information that all potential alternative locations outside the inner corridor have been considered (as required in Section 5.A.5 of the *Specific Plan*).

The Federation therefore urges you to reject the proposed project and any other cell pole proposed to Mulholland Scenic Overlooks.

Sincerely,

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