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At our April 21st meeting our Board voted to support local community requests for the swift implementation of the ordinance for Above-Ground Facilities.

From the moment that cell phone companies first started to intrude into our residential neighborhoods with their unsightly equipment, we have made an effort to enter into a dialogue with them about how to improve cell phone service without compromising the look of a neighborhood.

Unfortunately, none of the phone companies have shown any interest in listening to the voices of nearby residents or offered to, at the very least, notify them in advance about proposed installations. In fact, most cell phone towers along residential streets in our area of the City have been erected without Public Works permits and without prior notification of anyone outside of the Southern California Joint Pole Committee.

Over the past few years, in response to increased demand for better cell phone service, our residential neighborhoods have been flooded with even more transmitters and related equipment, turning some streets, such as Canyon Drive, into "Cell site Alleys." We believe there ought to be a better balance between the need for more equipment and efforts to maintain the beauty of a residential neighborhood.

In response to mounting complaints from affected residents, the L.A. City Council requested that the City Attorney update and revise the current Above Ground Facilities Ordinance and to establish some rules and regulations for the placement of cell phone sites in residential neighborhoods.

That was back in September of 2012. Since then, the uncontrolled proliferation of unsightly cell sites along our residential streets has continued, but the new AGF Ordinance has still not been finalized and presented to the City Council for approval.

As our former Assembly member, you are extremely familiar with our Neighborhood Council area. On behalf of the residents here, we urge you to make this issue a priority for your office and to make sure a new Ordinance is ready for City Council approval as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Susan Swan*
President

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*signed via email