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Verizon Wireless c/o The CBR Group
Attn: Christy Beltran
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BY EMAIL TO christy@theCBRgroup.com

Subject: City of Sonoma Verizon Wireless Commercial Small Cell Sites

Dear Ms. Beltran:

The purpose of this letter is to convey suggested design and aesthetic changes to the proposed commercial Verizon Wireless small cell sites respectively filed under use permit application numbers S-006, S-007, and S-012. It is the desire of the City of Sonoma Planning staff to have these requested design changes reflected in the project plans and materials prior to the consideration of the commercial applications by the Planning Commission, which is scheduled to consider the commercial applications on August 30, 2018.

The requested design revisions are as follows:

Pole-Mounted Equipment Re-location: Sonoma Municipal Code §5.32.110(B)(4) stipulates that telecommunications support facilities shall be placed in underground vaults to the extent possible. Each of the commercial sites proposed by Verizon Wireless contains pole-mounted telecommunications support facilities on mounting brackets, including, but not limited to, radio remote units, diplexers, fiber demarcation boxes, emergency cutoff/shutoff enclosures, and electrical meters. Pursuant to Sonoma Municipal Code §5.32.110(B)(4), please locate these support facilities of each commercial site in an underground vault to the extent possible. If locating the support facilities of each site underground is infeasible, then please provide justification as such. The City's evaluation of feasibility would take into account any potential conflicts with existing utilities and infrastructure, as well as, any obstructions in the pedestrian/vehicular travel areas of the public right-of-way.

Antenna Model/Size: The antenna proposed for each of the commercial sites is a three-sector, tri-band, canister antenna with dimensions measuring 48 inches in height and 14 inches in diameter. It is staff's preference to utilize a smaller antenna model for each of the proposed commercial sites. Staff understands that smaller antenna models might be utilized that measure approximately 24 inches in height and 14.6 inches in diameter (approximately 1/2 the volume of

the units proposed) that also have three-sectors and have tri-band capabilities. Staff has already examined several smaller antenna models that would appear to be satisfactory design solutions, and would entertain other solutions that Verizon Wireless would potentially propose for a smaller antenna size.

Cable Connections: The appearance of all cabling and cable connections will need to be minimized to the greatest degree possible with available cabling and cable connection stealth options. Please provide cabling and cable connection stealth options to staff that will minimize the visibility of these features to the greatest degree possible.

Please be advised that Planning staff intends to recommend the aforementioned design changes in their findings to the Planning Commission in the instance that Verizon Wireless does not revise the commercial small cellular sites to reflect these comments. Please provide any revised project plans and materials that reflect these desired changes by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

Sincerely,



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