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The Honorable Ben Hueso  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities - Notice of Opposition**

Dear Senator Hueso,

The City of Carson respectfully expresses its opposition to your SB 649, establishing that small facilities are permitted used not subject to city discretionary permits. It is our position that this bill will infringe on local discretion over the placement of small cell facilities.

SB 649 would allow small cell facilities in all zones as a use by-right, even in residential areas, and only allow cities to issue administrative permits rather than conduct discretionary review of such facilities. Under this bill, an unlimited number of small cell facilities could be placed on any one pole or structure, with the city or local community getting no input on the aesthetic, safety, or environmental impacts of such placements. This bill further erodes on local discretion on small cell placement by requiring local governments to make public property available for small cells, thereby giving local control of city property to telecommunications companies. SB 649 thereby undermines the longstanding right of cities to set their own land use policy and tailor land use decisions to best fit the needs of their communities.

For these reasons, the City of Carson must express its opposition to this bill. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact our City Manager Ken Farfsing at (310) 952-1700.

Sincerely,

Mayor Albert Robles  
City of Carson

cc: Senator Steven Bradford  
Assembly member Mike Gibson  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities