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Councilmember, Eleventh District

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Patrick J. Mallon, Executive Director
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RE: OPPOSITION TO LA-RICS BROADBAND LTE SITE AT LAPD PACIFIC STATION

Dear Mr. Mallon,

I am writing to express my grave concern and my extreme displeasure with LA-RICS, its arrogant disregard for community concerns, and its continued refusal to answer even my simplest questions about proposed projects in my district. Additionally, I am officially requesting that LA-RICS immediately and permanently cancel plans for a Public Safety Broadband LTE site at LAPD's Pacific Station at 12312 Culver Boulevard in my district.

Despite repeated requests, LA-RICS has refused to conduct any meaningful community outreach or dialogue, and has treated neighbors and public officials who have concerns or questions as nuisances to be ignored. LA-RICS has failed to justify its proposed projects, and has misrepresented facts surrounding them.

In March and in April of this year, I sent LA-RICS letters with detailed questions about LA-RICS projects and the corresponding public process. LA-RICS has not replied to either of those letters. This is simply not acceptable for a project that relies on the participation of the City of Los Angeles and the use of City-owned facilities.

Recently, my office and my constituents in Del Rey were completely blindsided by the news that construction of a 70-foot monopole was scheduled at the LAPD Pacific Station two weeks ago. There was no community outreach or consultation conducted, despite the proximity of the location to homes and schools. I am troubled to hear that while LA-RICS has agreed to attend a community meeting or two, you and your organization have no intention of listening to the public's concerns, of moving the location, or of even changing the design.

I am a strong supporter of having a seamless system for interoperable communications -- but it is abundantly clear to me that LA-RICS is not that system. Due in large part to LA-RICS's refusal to meaningfully engage community and public officials, the construction schedule was further delayed. More than a dozen municipalities have pulled out of the program and project sites have faltered or been withdrawn. The original Public Safety Broadband LTE system design called for 232 sites countywide -- this has since been reduced to 77, and I now understand that LA-RICS will be lucky to complete just 30 of these sites by the September 30th grant deadline. If 232 sites were initially deemed necessary for coverage, it would appear that a mere 13% of the county will ultimately be covered with just 30 sites. Individuals associated with the LA-RICS project have even acknowledged that public safety personnel will have to use roaming through a

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commercial carrier like Verizon to receive coverage in the majority of the 4,084 square miles that comprise Los Angeles County.

I strongly oppose any further construction of the LA-RICS Public Safety Broadband LTE tower and related equipment at LAPD Pacific Station, located at 12312 Culver Boulevard, and call on you to halt this project immediately.

Regards,



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cc: Eileen Decker, Deputy Mayor
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