Flores, Silvia

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, November 08, 2011 3:36 PM
To: Flores, Silvia
Subject: FW: Grand and California antenna location
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From: Dana Ostenson [ostenson.brandt@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, November 06, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark; Suzuki, Takako; Madison, Steve; Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Gutierrez, Julie; christophersutton.law@gmail.com; gumdoc8@yahoo.com; district1; McAustin, Margaret; McIntyre, Jacqueline; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Tornek, Terry; Bogaard, Bill
Subject: FW: Grand and California antenna location

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and planners:

Below and attached is an email I sent to Councilmember Madison in August of this year. The proposed location of Grand and California clearly violates the Municipal Code. I have attached two new pictures since sending this email in August so that you all can also see not just the view from the windows but also the perspective of the window frames of my residence. I will again speak at the up coming hearing in connection with this issue. It is my fondest hope that you will not approve the Grand and California location so that I will not be compelled to continue my opposition.

Sincerely,
Dana A. Ostenson

Dana A. Ostenson
555 S. Grand Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91105

Ph: 310.722.8972
email: Ostenson.brandt@sbcglobal.net

From: Dana Ostenson [mailto:ostenson.brandt@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 10:42 PM
To: 'smadison@cityofpasadena.net'; 'tsuzuki@cityofpasadena.net'
Cc: 'gumdoc8@yahoo.com'
Subject: Grand and California antenna location;

Coucilmember Steve Madison

100 N. Garfield Avenue, Room S228
P.O. Box 7115
Pasadena, CA 91109-7215

Re: Proposed antenna location at Grand and California

Dear Mr. Madison,

I am writing this letter as I need your help.

The proposed antenna location at California and Grand fails to comply with two different sections of Pasadena Municipal Code Title 12.22.

Pursuant to that Title, an antenna must be placed on a pole that is at least 25 feet high. Also, antenna locations should not be located on the "primary frontage" of a residence.

As to the first code section, the 25 foot requirement, this requirement clearly assumes that the first floor of the surrounding houses are roughly at grade. Here the surrounding residences are significantly above grade. The floor of the first story of my residence is more than 25 feet above the base of the proposed antenna location. The floor of the first story of 558 S. Grand is at least 20 feet above the base of the pole. The intent of the code section is clearly to place such antennas above the surrounding residences. The proposed location places the antenna at approximately the same level or below the surrounding residences.

The proposed antenna, not the pole, but the antenna itself, at the proposed location, would be at the same level or below, and immediately outside, in plain view of, all of the windows of all of the rooms in the front of my residence, 555 S Grand. Note that an antenna at the proposed location could be seen from all the windows in the front of the house: the living room, the dinning room, the front entrance, the master bedroom, the upstairs study and the children's playroom. In every other conceivable pole location, the antenna would be above the surrounding houses. Placing the antenna at the proposed location would be the esthetic equivalent of placing other antennas in other neighborhood at a height of 10 feet so that they were on a level sight view with the first and second floor of the surrounding residences. The intent of the code section is clearly violated by the proposed location.

s to the second code section that the proposed location fails to comply with, that an antenna pole be located not within the direct frontage of a residence, the council can take notice that my residence sits diagonally to the intersection and directly overlooks the proposed antenna location. The proposed location is right in front of the house. I have attached a picture of my residence from the vantage point of the pole where the antenna is proposed. You can clearly see that pole is in front of the residence, not on the side of the residence. Also note how high above the pole my residence sits.

Note that not only is the suggested Grand and California location a violation of at least two City code sections, if the antenna where place at the proposed location, the violations would continue for many years to come. The City Planning Department has made it clear that if the antenna were to be placed at California and Grand, the antenna will be placed on top of a tall street light when the utilities in the neighborhood are placed underground. However the street lights along Grand are historic street lights that are only about 14 feet tall. By agreeing to place the antenna on top of the proposed pole it will give T-mobile the right to change the street lights on Grand from 14 foot historic street lights to a 30 foot modern street lights without any separate design review, a change that is not in keeping with the neighborhood.

I have attached a number of other pictures: (1) a picture showing the view of the proposed pole from the front of the house; (2) views from the master bedroom and the dining room and the living room. (3) a photo of the existing street lights in relationship to the proposed pole.

As the City Planning Department and T-Moble are clearly not following the City Code with respect to the location of the antenna in question, I with this letter request that an independent third party be appointed to review the proposed location. Also, I would like to meet with you on August 5th or August 8th to discuss this. I hope that you have some time to meet with me.

Sincerely,

Dana A. Ostenson
555 S. Grand Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91105

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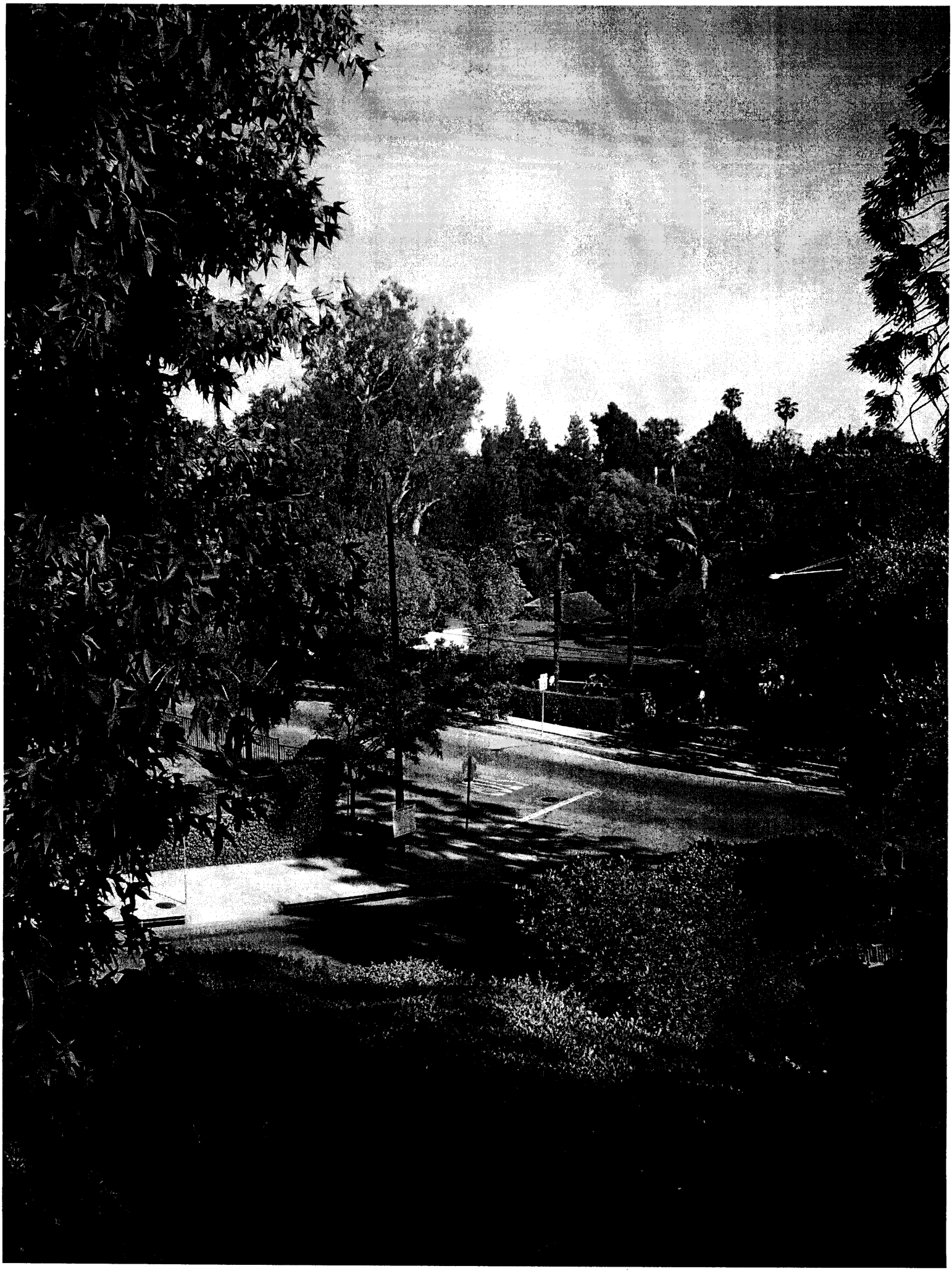
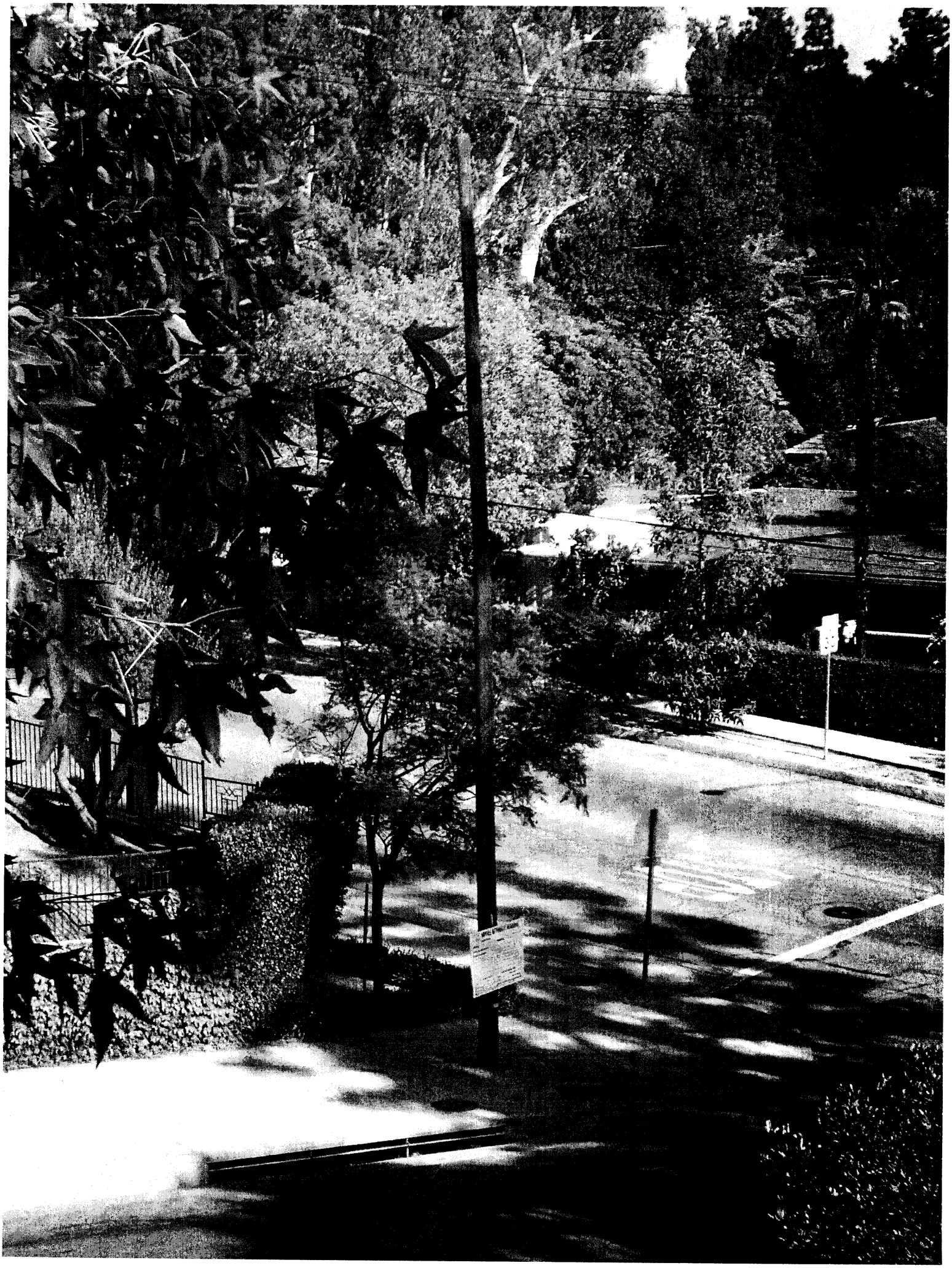
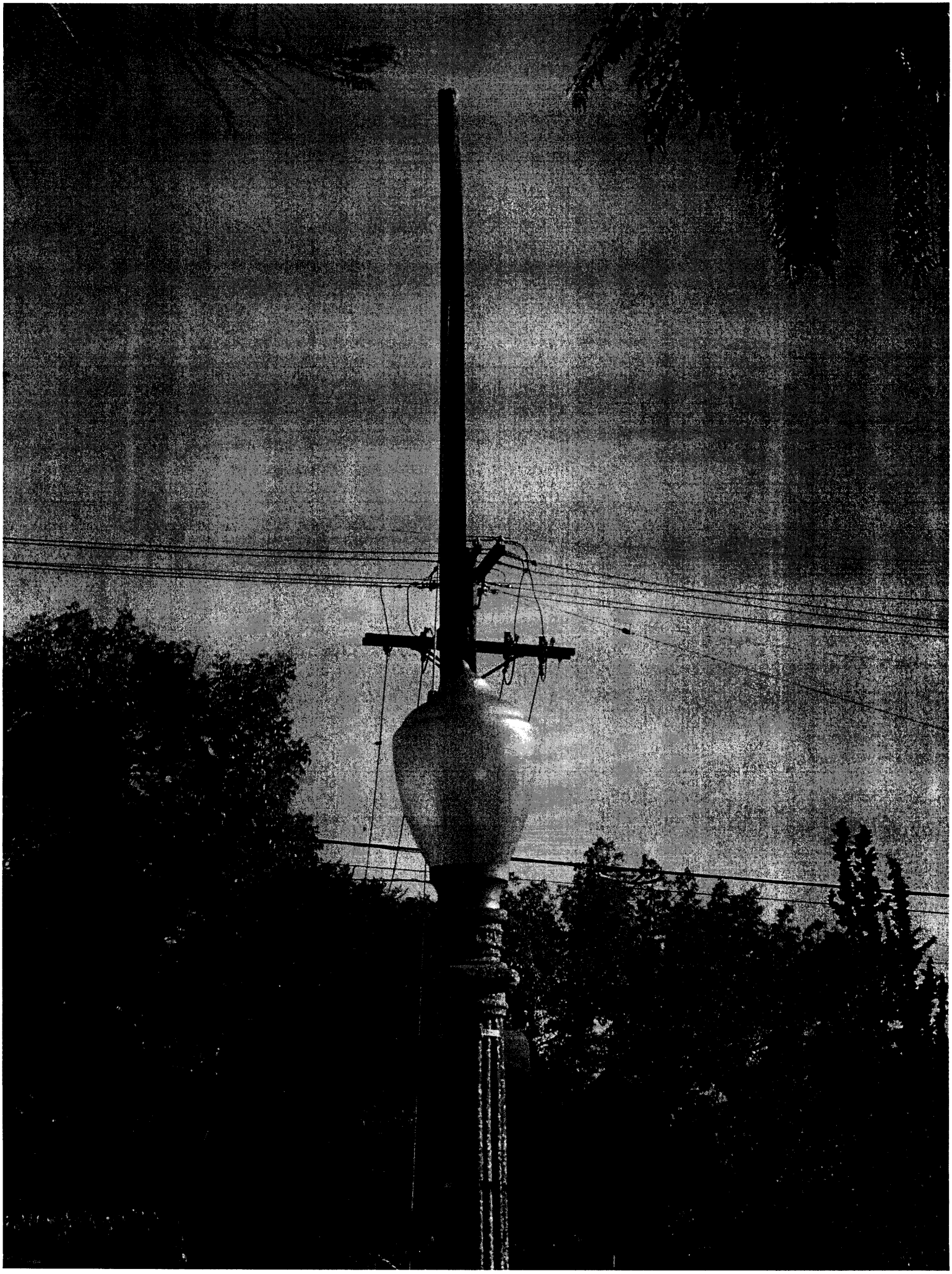
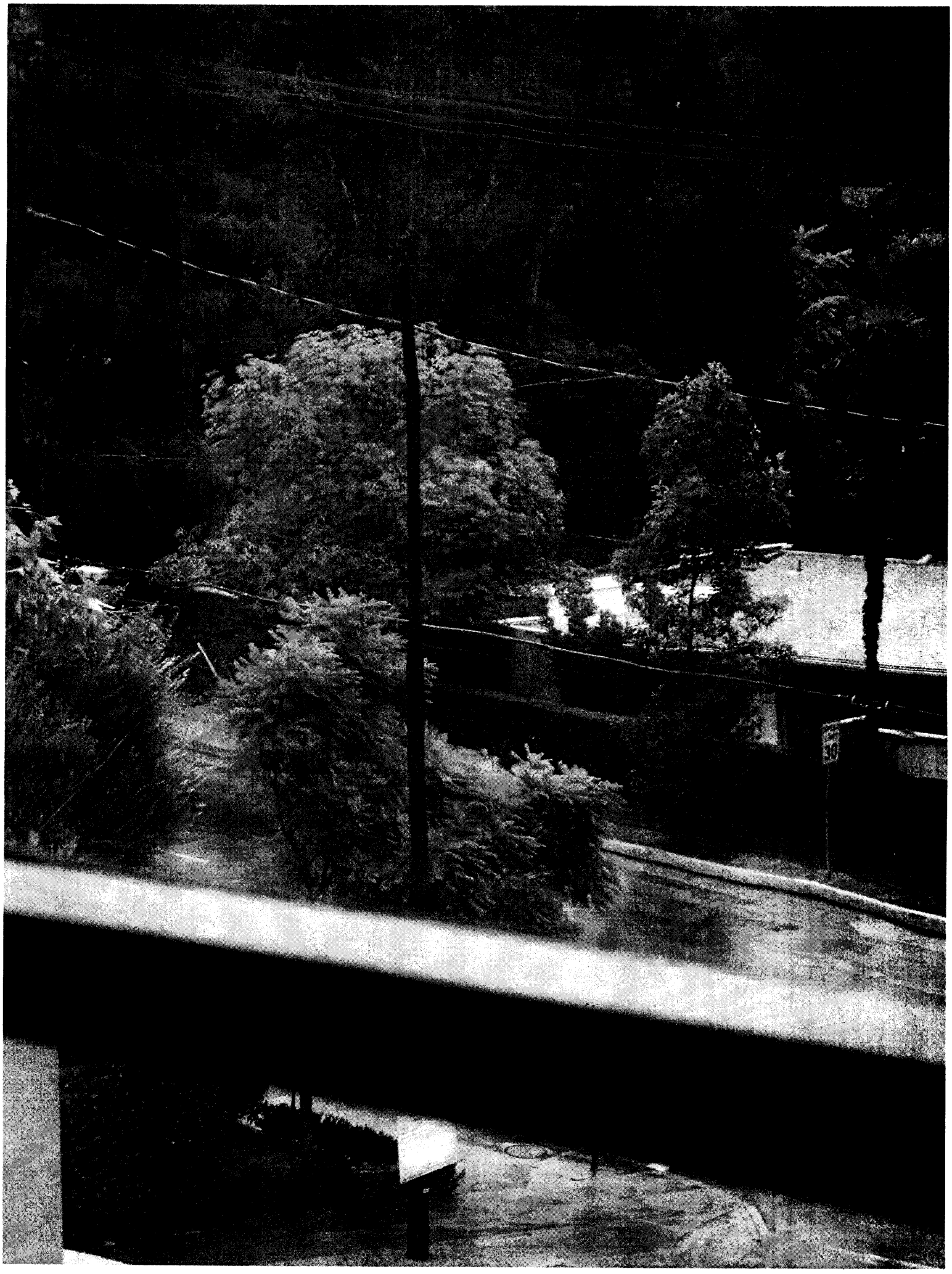
email: Ostenson.brandt@sbcglobal.net









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Dear Mr. Jomsky,

Could you please distribute copies of the enclosed letter from Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, to the Mayor, City Manager, and all Council Members.

This letter speaks to Permit Application TE053726, and the City Council hearing to be held October 17, 2011.

Thank You for your help.

Sincerely.

Ann Jaist
Past Chairperson
Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition.

PNC Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition
P.O. BOX 51022 Pasadena, California 91115
Uniting Pasadena Neighborhood Associations on Issues of Livability City-wide

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September 22, 2011

City Council hearing for October 17, 2011 / Permit Application IE05372C

Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council Members,

RE: The Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, PNC, supports Pasadena City Council's denial of the T-Mobile application for a cell site at Grand Avenue and California Boulevard.

While the PNC understands that State and Federal laws allow telecommunication companies to adequately service their customers within residential neighborhoods, placement of antennas should be at sites that are the least intrusive and aesthetically blended. New case law allows Cities to deny a cell site application based on aesthetics (Sprint PCS Vs Palos Verdes Estates, 2009).

Since the Pasadena Telecommunications Ordinance was enacted in 2009, the T-Mobile application at Grand & California is the first residential antenna in the Public Right of Way (PROW) to be contested under the new ordinance through the appeal process. Since this is a precedent setting case, the PNC feels that the T-Mobile application at Grand & California is not the least intrusive site and negatively impacts the aesthetics and viewshed of the surrounding historic homes and neighborhood. Alternative sites that are less intrusive exist and have not been fully explored by T-Mobile.

Neighborhood Associations in other Pasadena Districts, as well as the Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition, are closely monitoring this precedent setting case and expect City Council to protect the interests of the residents.

Telecom companies must be held to strict compliance to the provisions of the Pasadena Telecommunications Ordinance, which should be consistently enforced.

Since there have been process issues with the T-Mobile application for the site at Grand and California, the City should enforce the Pasadena Telecommunications Ordinance by requiring the following:

- Telecom wireless antenna applications must have completed, accurate and updated: coverage maps, justification studies, and alternative site studies.

- Antennas must be truly the least intrusive in both location and appearance (aesthetics).

- Neighborhood Associations are knowledgeable on where antenna placement would be the least intrusive and they must be fully involved from the onset of a Telecom application.

- Photo simulations must be accurate and current and should be presented to a neighborhood as soon as possible during the application process.

PNC **Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition**
P.O. BOX 51022 Pasadena, California 91115
Uniting Pasadena Neighborhood Associations on Issues of Livability City-wide

Since the Pasadena Telecommunications Ordinance was enacted Cities are allowed more legal considerations in regards to aesthetics. The City Council should vote based on what is the least intrusive and aesthetically blended instead of bending to the will of vocal neighbors who are either for or against a particular site without any regards to the overall best case scenario for the placement of these cell sites.

Respectfully,

Bob Kneisel
Acting Chairperson
Pasadena Neighborhood Coalition

388 South Lake Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

September 2, 2011

Pasadena City Hall
Pasadena City Council Hearing
123 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106

Re: The City Council hearing regarding the appeal of the T-Mobile Wireless Telecommunications Facility application at Grand Avenue and California Boulevard

To Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the installation of the T-Mobile cellular antenna atop the utility pole at Grand Avenue and California Boulevard.

I am a real estate agent who is familiar with the current home values in West Pasadena and the Arroyo, as I have represented buyers and sellers of properties in this historic area. Based on my experience, I believe the installation of the proposed antenna will have an immediate and adverse impact on the home values in the surrounding neighborhood because of its negative impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The economic recession has severely diminished property values already. This is not a good time to add the additional burden of a cell antenna that could further impact the sale of homes. It could also reduce the buyer pool as well.

I encourage the City of Pasadena to work with T-Mobile on finding an alternative site and keeping any eventual site away from this intersection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jovon Tiehl
Associate Manager
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

August 15, 2011

City Council Members
c/o Mark Jomsky, City Clerk
City of Pasadena
Pasadena, CA

via Email: mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net

RE: Appeal for Placement of Cell Tower at Grand & California

Dear Council Members:

Thank you for agreeing with WPRA on the merits of Gretchen Brickson's appeal regarding the process for determining placement of a cell tower on the NE corner of California Blvd and Grand Ave. We also appreciate the Department of Public Works holding a special informational meeting at La Casita Del Arroyo on July 27, 2011 to answer questions and address concerns regarding the proposed installation.

The WPRA Board recognizes the need for increased cell coverage in West Pasadena and is pleased that mobile telephone providers will make this happen, but we continue to be concerned about the process for selecting sites for the towers. We believe it is important that the process be as objective as possible, that sites selected will, in fact, fill coverage gaps and will also provide revenue to the City.

In order to accomplish the goal of objectivity and give the Council a thorough analysis of the issues and alternatives, WPRA asks that City Council direct staff to provide the following prior to the next hearing before City Council on Sept 12, 2011:

1. An independent consultant, paid for by T-Mobile, be assigned to work with Dan Rix and the T-Mobile representatives to review alternatives to the Grand and California location for the antenna, including possible options that might require a waiver to the City ordinance in order to benefit Pasadena;
2. The digital "model" coverage maps used by T-Mobile has the Avenue 64 antenna "turned on" for each alternative considered.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information that will assist in this review process.

Best regards,

Michael K. Udell

Michael Udell, President
West Pasadena Residents Association

cc: Michael Beck, Manager, City of Pasadena
Richard K Yee, Principal Engineer, Engineering Services
WPRA Board of Directors

Flores, Silvia

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:48 AM
To: 'John Martin'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Flores, Silvia
Subject: RE: Cell Phone Antenna

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
(626) 744-4742
(626) 744-3814 fax

From: John Martin [mailto:jcm@listermartin.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 8:05 AM
To: Madison, Steve; Sullivan, Noreen; district1; Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; De La Cuba, Vannia; Fuller, Margo; Tornek, Terry
Subject: Cell Phone Antenna

Dear Mayor and Council Members: Anyone who has used a cell phone in the arroyo area west of Orange Grove has experienced spotty coverage at best. When The installation was proposed at Grand and California, I'm sure the T Mobile subscribers who have endured abysmal coverage were delighted. given the fact that the antenna is just a 6 1/2 foot extension on an existing pole that has been in place for decades, how much more unobtrusive could it get?? Surely, we never dreamed that it would become an issue. Well, I heard the arguments against the installation at the arroyo meeting and there was not a really good reason offered. The first point made by the main proponent was the danger posed if the pole fell in an earthquake...really??? I got the sense that a couple of neighbors of the pole did not like it being taller...but I sensed an undercurrent of fear of the radiation emanating from the tower. Regardless of the study results presented showing no danger at all, I gained a sense that that was not believed. On balance, this is a very good thing for the area, it is certainly unobtrusive, safe and highly useful. Please ignore the storm in the thimble, approve this needlessly delayed project and let's get this done. Thank you for your time and attention. Regards, John and Trisha Martin, local residents.

Flores, Silvia

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:48 AM
To: 'Ross Selvidge'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Flores, Silvia
Subject: RE: Support for Proposed Cell Phone Antenna at California and Grand

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
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(626) 744-3814 fax

From: Ross Selvidge [mailto:ross.selvidge@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:05 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry
Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Support for Proposed Cell Phone Antenna at California and Grand

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I very strongly urge you to uphold the decision of the Staff to approve a permit for the installation of a T-Mobile cell phone antenna on top of an existing utility pole at the northeast corner of California Blvd. and Grand Ave. This neighborhood needs a reliable cell phone service option, and it needs it NOW.

My home is 360 feet from the proposed installation. The utility pole is visible from my front yard. I have attended three meetings on this matter as well as watched the lengthy discussion during the Council meeting on July 11.

Because of the topography and poor signal coverage from existing antennae elsewhere, cell phone service in our neighborhood is extremely unreliable at best or in some areas essentially non-existent. The very unobtrusive antenna installation proposed at California and Grand will provide vastly improved signal coverage and be a huge potential benefit to hundreds of homes in the area. Other locations and options for the antenna have been investigated but they will ***not*** provide the necessary coverage.

The opposition to this antenna has repeatedly raised several concerns that are easily refuted. They are as follows:

AESTHETICS

It is claimed that an 8 inch diameter by 73 inch high tubular housing on top of an existing utility 44-foot high pole will be a threat to Grand Avenue's "historic character and environment." That assertion is not credible. ***In fact, the California State Office of Historic Preservation reviewed the proposal and found that it will "not affect historic properties."***

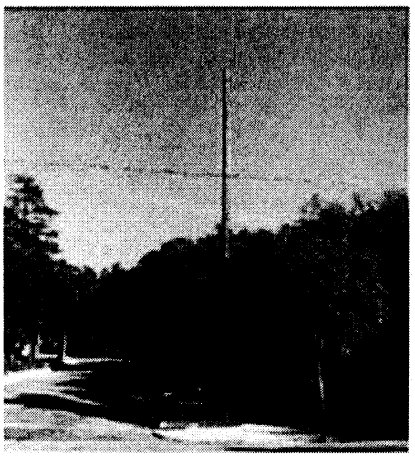

Photo of existing 44 foot utility pole

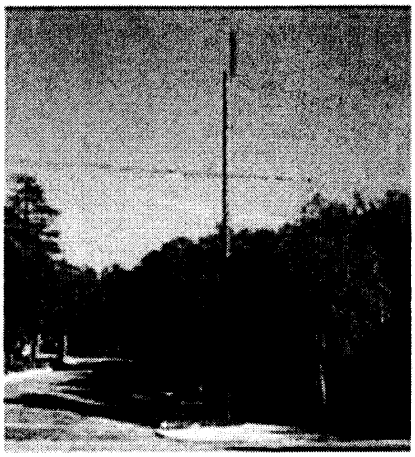

Illustration with antenna mounted on top
(Will be painted to match pole)

It is the widely held view in our neighborhood that virtually no one will even notice the antenna after it is installed. Several have correctly observed that if the City had quietly installed a "mock up" of the antenna housing six months ago probably no one would have yet noticed it.

The antenna will not hurt property values; on the contrary, reliable cell phone service will be an important and valuable amenity for the entire neighborhood.

SAFETY

It is claimed that mounting the antenna on what opponents call an "aged" utility pole constitutes a safety hazard to pedestrians in the event of a car accident or major earthquake. That is incorrect. The pole is inspected every five years by the City (the last time in 2010) and is structurally sound. ***In fact, in the event of a car accident or major earthquake, the safest corner for a pedestrian at that intersection would be at the foot of the pole with the proposed antenna.*** The utility poles at the other three corners are all six or more years older and are loaded-up with cross bars, electric power lines (high voltage and secondary) and communications cables.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS

No matter how many ways the proposed antenna is analyzed or how many alternative locations are evaluated, the small group of opponents keeps coming up with new objections and suggestions for still more analyses. At the community meeting at Casita del Arroyo last week, one opponent (who also spoke against the proposal at the Council meeting on July 11) asked the City Staff if the City was going to analyze the ***traffic impact*** of installing the antenna! Apparently there is some concern that if cell phone service in our neighborhood is improved there could be increased traffic resulting from people driving into the area to take advantage of the new strong signal.

This neighborhood cannot wait for adequate cell phone service until some vague time, perhaps years in the future, after "more analysis" is conducted or the utilities in the area have been put underground and a street light pole is available to accommodate the antenna.

As a City that prides itself as being progressive and forward looking, Pasadena should make sure that its residents are not prevented from having first rate wireless communication services just because a small group of opponents persists in raising easily refuted objections.

Thank you,

Ross Selvidge
Pasadena

Flores, Silvia

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:47 AM
To: 'Taylor, James'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Flores, Silvia
Subject: RE: Cell phone tower addition at California and S Grand

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
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-----Original Message-----
From: Taylor, James [mailto:jtaylor1947@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:34 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie; Rix, Dan
Subject: Cell phone tower addition at California and S Grand

Dear Council Members,
We live at 788 S. Grand Ave. Our cell reception is terrible. I strongly urge you to approve the proposed cell tower addition mentioned above.
Cell service is a utility we all have a right to as members of this community. I have reviewed the diagram of the proposed addition and find it totally compatible with the existing tower and very unobtrusive to the surrounding neighborhood. Please do not be sidetracked by objections of parties who won't receive any benefit from this addition. Those of us who will benefit are strongly in favor of this modest increase in height of the existing tower.
I would greatly appreciate your support in approving the proposed addition to the existing cell tower at California and S Grand.
Thank you.

Prof. James D. Taylor
Claremont McKenna College
909 607-3455 (w)
626 394-9723 (c)

Flores, Silvia

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:47 AM
To: 'John Watkins'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Flores, Silvia
Subject: RE: Suypport for Cell Phone Antenna

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
(626) 744-4742
(626) 744-3814 fax
From: John Watkins [mailto:jwatkins1925@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 4:35 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Suypport for Cell Phone Antenna

Dear Councill Members:

I strongly support the installation of a cell phone antenna on the existing utility pole at the corner of Grand and California.

I have lived on CaCalifornia Terrace for more than 30 years. With the advent of cell phone communications everyone in the neighborhood have effectively been left out. The service is completely unreliable.

Several years ago there was an emergency situation outside of my house and it was necessary to call for help immediately. My cell phone could not get a signal and I had to return to my home to call for the necessary assistance. When time is of the essence, that kind of delay is completely unacceptable.

Whenever visitors or tradesmen come into the area they are virtually incommunicado when it comes to calling out by cell phone.

The design of the proposed antenna is very inconspicuous and all my neighbors are completely puzzled by the opposition.

Please affirm the decision by the city staff to grant a permit so we will have a viable option for cell phone service. Literally hundreds hundreds of households will benefit.

Respectfully,

John Watkins
410 California Terrace
Pasadena, CA 91105

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:09 PM
To: 'yeomans527@earthlink.net'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Cell Tower at Grand & California

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it. I've cc'd our City Clerk so that your comments can be added to the public record.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
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-----Original Message-----
From: yeomans527@earthlink.net [mailto:yeomans527@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 8:17 AM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry; Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject:

Please support the installation of the cell tower at Grand and California. Do not delay this further!

1. Our neighborhood has terrible cell phone coverage, and the City should help provide better infrastructure at the earliesst possible date.
2. I have attended two meetings: the West Pasadena Association; and the recent meeting at the Arroyo Stone House. At both the vast majority wanted immediate action and could not understand how a couple of people have delayed action with misleading info and nimby concerns against the interests of the neighborhood as a whole.
3. the unrepresented younger generations, and prospective future buyers would feel even stronger about the need for basic cell service improvement.
4. dozens of cell phone apps are blocked by poor coverage: KPCC and public radio, library downloads, mail, LA Times, emergency phone, weather, yelp, maps, messages, etc; Pasadena should be on the leading edge of technology, not trailing the world. Who wants to live on nineteenth century tech, even if you like nineteenth century style.
5. The tower is camouflaged (there are 20 ugly poles and wires and bare light bulbs that are much worse and ignored) Urban blight is the opponent woman's misleading and ugly propaganda.
6. Staff and the cell company have done more than enough studies and recommendations to demonstrate this conclusion to the community and Council.

This is an easy decision. Do your job and pass this now!

Bill and Suzie Yeomans
527 California Terrace

Jomsky, Mark

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 2:06 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Cell Phone Antenna - California & Grand

Hello,

I'm forwarding this e-mail so that it makes it into the public record for the 8/8/11 Council Meeting.

Margo Morales-Fuller
District 2 Field Representative
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From: chuck grosenbaugh [mailto:cgrosenbaugh@sunrisemortgage.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 11:21 AM
To: Fuller, Margo
Subject: FW: Cell Phone Antenna - California & Grand

Although I was not able to attend the meeting on this issue and will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on August 8th I would like to express to you my extreme interest in having the Council approve the proposed cell antenna on the corner of California and Grand. I along with hundreds of residences are located west of Grand and are thus is a virtual dead zone for cell reception. For us to get reception we have to go almost to Orange Grove Blvd to us our cell phones. We have even tried using a signal buster provided by our carrier (at an additional cost) and now we can get marginal reception.
The cell antenna will not hurt the historical nature of our neighborhood. I understand that it was proposed that the City wait until all of the area's home have their utilities underground and a utility pole is available. Based on the City's current progress in accomplishing that objective it will probably take more than 20 years.
And finally if the antenna is anything like the one at Alpine and Oak Noll it will be extremely unobtrusive. And I would guess that no one would notice it.
My neighbors and I are asking for your assistance in improving our cell phone reception by approving the proposal.

Charles W. Grosenbaugh
657 W. California Blvd.

Flores, Silvia

From: Fuller, Margo
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 9:46 AM
To: 'Barbara Ellis'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; Flores, Silvia
Subject: RE: Proposed cell phone antenna at California and Grand for T-mobile

Thank you for your e-mail. I will make sure Vice Mayor McAustin receives it.

Margo Morales-Fuller
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From: Barbara Ellis [mailto:babs.ellis@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 3:16 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry
Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Proposed cell phone antenna at California and Grand for T-mobile

August 2, 2011

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The vast majority of residents in the West Pasadena area want the T-Mobile cell phone antenna

I was delighted to learn that a cell phone antenna would be placed in my vicinity at Grand and California, because we presently have very limited cell phone reception (I live at 636 West California Boulevard), just downhill from the intersection. My husband and I have iPhones, so once T-Mobile merges with AT&T, this antenna will greatly improve our reception. Imagine my disappointment, then, when someone appealed the decision. This person does not live near the proposed antenna site, but walks past it and "does not want the view spoiled."

I've spoken to many people in my neighborhood (including residents on California Boulevard, California Terrace, and Arbor) and they are unanimous in their desire for better cell phone coverage. In this day and age, it's a great hindrance not to have such coverage. Anyone trying to run a business from home is thwarted, and contractors working in the area can't communicate. My husband, an astronomy professor at Caltech, cannot take calls on his cell phone from people he interacts with overseas. And with our poor reception, there is not even the chance to tell these callers to ring our home phone. We almost never use the home phone because text messaging with our cell phones is free and is our main way of communicating with our children when they're out.

I'd like to counter a few of the arguments the appellants have put forward:

The pole does not constitute a safety hazard, either from radiation or structural weakness. It will be inconspicuous, as it will be painted brown to match the wood. It will be much less intrusive than the ugly electricity poles nearby. And there is no suitable alternative site that fulfills all the criteria and offers as good coverage of the area.

The objectors to the antenna gained support by distributing inaccurate information about the appearance and safety of this antenna, so I hope you will ignore their scare tactics.

And finally, I appeal to you not to deny the residents of West Pasadena the access to the good cell phone coverage that the rest of Pasadena enjoys. I need my iPhone to stay in touch with my work, my friends, and my family. I urge you to approve this innocuous antenna, as the City Staff had originally done.

Yours,

Barbara Ellis

636 West California Boulevard
Pasadena
CA 91105

Flores, Silvia

From: Yee, Richard
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Cc: Flores, Silvia; Rix, Dan
Subject: FW: Support for a T-mobile antenna at S. Grand Avenue and West California Blvd

Mark,

Another comment received.

Rich

From: Barbara Ellis [mailto:babs.ellis@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Holden, Chris; Bogaard, Bill; district1; Fuller, Margo; Sullivan, Noreen; De La Cuba, Vannia; Madison, Steve; Tornek, Terry
Cc: Rix, Dan; Yee, Richard; Wu, Yannie
Subject: Support for a T-mobile antenna at S. Grand Avenue and West California Blvd

Dear Council Member,

Please support the installation of a small cell phone antenna for T-Mobile at the corner of West California Boulevard and Grand.

We live near there, at 636 West California Boulevard, and have very poor cell phone reception. My husband is an astronomy professor at Caltech, and I work there as well. We are both increasingly reliant on our cell phones when at home, and **URGE YOU TO APPROVE THIS SMALL, SAFE and INCONSPICUOUS ANTENNA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

I wrote to you several months ago about this issue, but the discussion was delayed interminably while efforts were made to appease the objectors, who will be present again at today's meeting. They never give up. We need better reception in our area, and none of the objections put up by this vociferous anti-cell-phone group are credible. It is now 265 days since the City first approved the antenna and then, as a result of the objectors, withdrew their approval and made T-Mobile and City staff undertake a lot more work. Please do the right thing today and ignore the erroneous "facts" you will be presented with.

I have talked to many residents in the California Boulevard, California Terrace, and Arroyo Boulevard area who are desperate for better cell phone service -many are running businesses from home and have had to put up their own boosters, which do not work well. I have also heard from tradesmen and contractors that our area is very hard for them to work in as they cannot communicate by cell phone, their only means of communication during the day.

Not having good cell phone reception is bad for business, bad for parents communicating with their children when they are away from home, bad for our safety during house telephone outages (all too frequent), and a bad reflection on the City of Pasadena, which prides itself in being the home of Caltech and JPL, and wants to have a thriving science and technology innovation corridor. We hope you will approve the installation today.

Professor Richard Ellis FRS, CBE.
Barbara Ellis

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388 South Lake Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101

September 2, 2011

Pasadena City Hall
Pasadena City Council Hearing
123 Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106

Re: The City Council hearing regarding the appeal of the T-Mobile Wireless Telecommunications Facility application at Grand Avenue and California Boulevard

To Mayor Bogaard and City Council Members,

I am writing to oppose the installation of the T-Mobile cellular antenna atop the utility pole at Grand Avenue and California Boulevard.

I am a real estate agent who is familiar with the current home values in West Pasadena and the Arroyo, as I have represented buyers and sellers of properties in this historic area. Based on my experience, I believe the installation of the proposed antenna will have an immediate and adverse impact on the home values in the surrounding neighborhood because of its negative impact on the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The economic recession has severely diminished property values already. This is not a good time to add the additional burden of a cell antenna that could further impact the sale of homes. It could also reduce the buyer pool as well.

I encourage the City of Pasadena to work with T-Mobile on finding an alternative site and keeping any eventual site away from this intersection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo von Tiehl
Associate Manager
Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

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Submitted by Gabriel Yeung

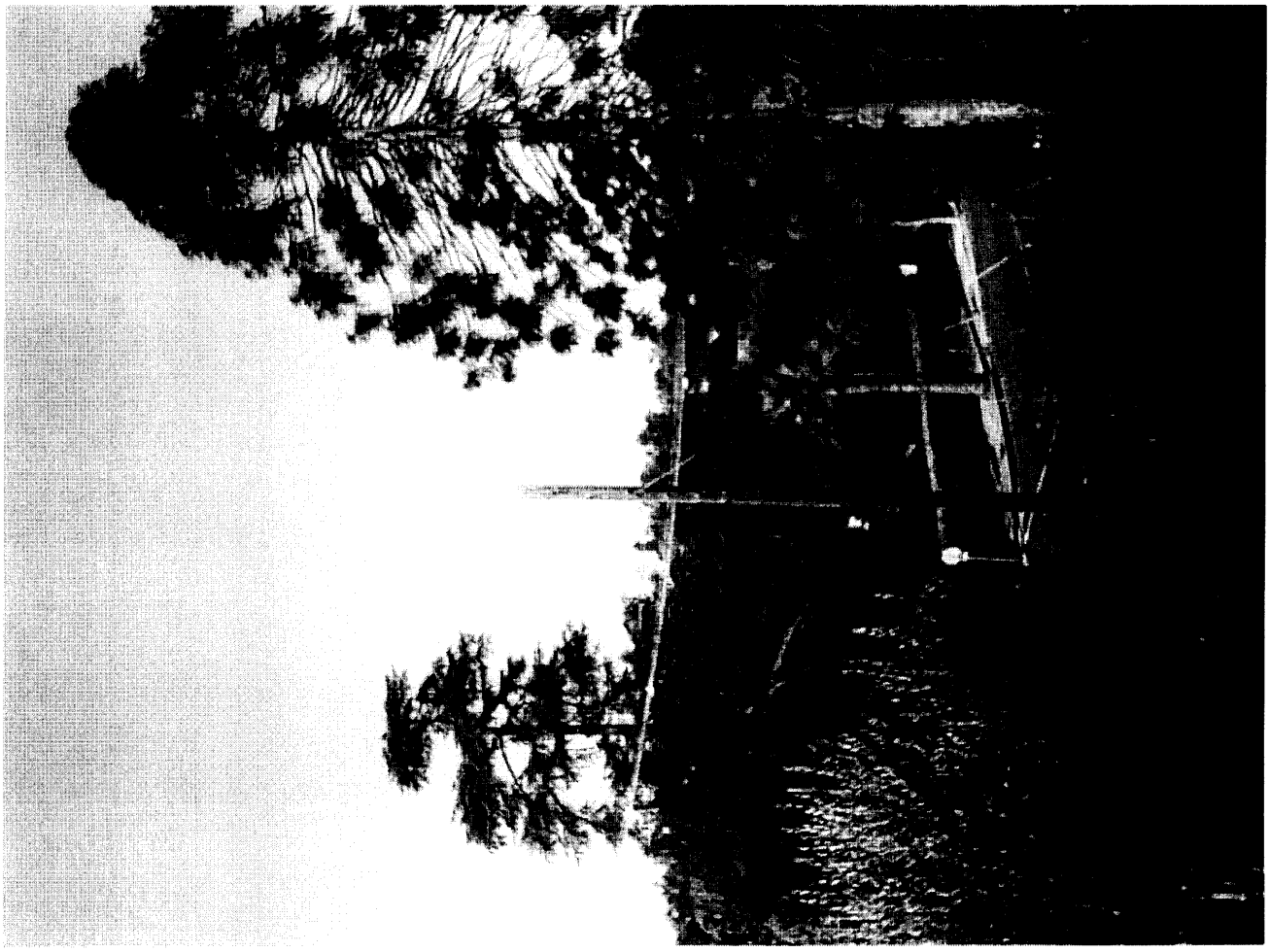
YAHOO! MAIL Classic

Fw:

Tuesday, November 15, 2011 12:50 AM

From: "gabriel yeung" <gumdoc8@yahoo.com>
To: "avgumdoc@yahoo.com" <avgumdoc@yahoo.com>

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Gabriel <gumdoc8@yahoo.com>
To: "gumdoc8@yahoo.com" <gumdoc8@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2011 12:34 PM
Subject:



Sent from my iPad

Please Submit for the public Record

MIRIAM NAKAMURA-QUAN
City Council Hearing, 11-14-11
RE: DISAPPROVAL of the T-Mobile application for Grand and California
Item # 12

INTRO:

-My husband and I headed the fight against the T-Mobile cell tower at Oak Knoll Circle and Alpine in 2006.

-The current Telecom Ordinance was rushed because the city incorporated both Wireless and Cable together so the mapping took much longer than expected.

-Telecom Ordinance was to be revisited in a few months and now it has been over 2 years.

-NEEDS TO BE REVISED.

20 YEAR LEASE:

-The Pasadena Telecom Ordinance allows for 10 + 10 year leases without any further public input, reviews or hearings.

-During this 20 year lease the only RF check is at the beginning of the installation of the cell site and no other RF monitoring is required by the City after the initial reading.

CO-LOCATION QUESTION?:

-Is the T-Mobile site at Grand and California designated for co-location?

-The federal co-location laws provide streamlining for co-location at an established cellsite.

-Any future carriers will not have to notify any neighbors if they decide to use that site.

-Pasadena Telecom Ordinance only allows 1 Telecom for frontage of a home. Is that in violation of the FCC, which allows co-location?

MY DECISION:

-I disapprove of the T-Mobile cell site at Grand and California.

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Submitted by Miriam Nakamura-Quan

-Because it is **not the least intrusive aesthetically.** (Sprint PCS vs Palos Verdes Estates, 2009)

-I understand that there is a coverage gap in this area and by law T-Mobile has the right to fill this coverage gap but it needs to do it in the **least intrusive way**.

-Since this is a PRECEDENT SETTING CASE, this will be the new standard on how cell sites are deployed in our residential neighborhoods.

REASON FOR DENIAL:

-There was an alternative site that was not examined.

-In my husbands Powerpoint presentation he pointed out that a cell site at Orange Grove and California would fill the coverage gap.

-What needed to be examined further were 2 lamp posts on the South side of California Blvd that are East of Orange Grove.

-If additional coverage were needed then an additional lamp post style cell antenna could be added to the South West corner of La Loma and Arroyo.

-After the T-Mobile Oak Knoll / Alpine cell site was installed, the City promoted the **lamp post style cell antenna** to be the **preferred style** of cell antenna in residential zones so that it would be more of a **stealth installation**.

-The proposed cell antenna at Grand and California is not the least intrusive design possible.

-A standard needs to be created so that cell sites need to be deployed in the least intrusive manner and still fill the coverage gap.

2007 MALIBU FIRES:

-4 Cell Carriers on 3 wooden utility poles. There was a CPUC investigation.

-Trial scheduled for February 2012.

QUESTION ABOUT THE JPC AND THE HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT?:

-The City has a "Hold Harmless" agreement with T-Mobile but does the City of Pasadena have a "Hold Harmless" or liability waiver with the JPA / JPC.

-Will the JPC also sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement with the City of Pasadena?

-Since the City of Pasadena is a member of the JPC then it becomes very complicated on whether the city can hold itself harmless in the JPC "Hold Harmeless" agreement. Then is the City of Pasadena still liable?

INVESTMENT OF TIME AND MONEY BY T-MOBILE AND THE CITY:

-Since a denial of this cell application would mean starting over and reapplying for possibly 2 new sites, then T-Mobile is going to present a study of its alternative sites that has a bias so that they can keep the site at Grand and CA.

-Being tasteful and aesthetic costs more money when siting cell antennas.

PUBLIC SURVEY NEEDED EARLIER DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS:

-T-Mobile submitted an application on April 16, 2008.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT NEEDS TO BE EARLIER IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS. After more then 3 years it is an uphill battle to make any changes

-There should have been a Neighborhood SURVEY to see who was for and against the new cell site.

NEED FOR EXPANDING FUTURE CELL SITES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES / WITH FUTURE UNDERGROUNDING THERE IS A NEED FOR FUTURE LAMP POST MAPPING:

-Since the City will be undergrounding in the future there should already be a map of FUTURE LAMP POSTS through out the City that are suitable for cell sites.

-The proposed or future 25' or taller lamp posts can be installed as needed by the Wireless industry.

-I have no objections to placing 25' or taller Cobra head lamp posts at main street intersections.

CONCLUSION: T-MOBILE ALWAYS TRIES TO SHORT CUT ITS APPLICATION PROCESS.

-The City Staff needs to enforce compliance by T-Mobile to the application process. For example: Accurate documentation, photo simulations and a tree report.

-They are a professional organization whose only goal is to place cell sites as cheaply as possible and by whatever means possible.

-T-Mobile only considers aesthetics when they are forced to do so.

-In my own experience on 6 T-Mobile cases, T-Mobile only complies when caught.

-The City Council needs to uphold a fair process in siting these cell antennas.

I MADE 2 PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST IN JUNE 2009:

-And a Pasadena Star News article from 6-6-2009 indicated that there were 3 cell sites that were proposed for the WPRA area: Grand, Cheviotdale and South Arroyo Blvd.

-There is still one pending for South Arroyo Blvd near South Grand Avenue on PROW.

-It will fill the coverage gap that is left when the other 2 sites are turned on.

-Great difficulty in getting any information about pending cell sites. It took over 2 months to get a response to my Public Records Act Request, when it should have taken only 10 days by law.

XXX

Sincerely,

Marian Nakamura-Quan

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY / CITY PROSECUTOR
CIVIL DIVISION

June 11 2009

Miriam Nakamura-Quan
By e-mail at nakaquan@netscape.net

Re: Public Records Act Request - (Ref #214)

Dear Ms. Nakamura-Quan:

Attached please find documents responsive to your Public Records Act request to Jennifer Paige-Saeki received June 3, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you have any questions on this response.

Very truly yours,

MICHELE BEAL BAGNERIS
City Attorney

Ann Sherwood Rider
Assistant City Attorney

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PENDING WIRELESS APPLICATIONS

CASE NUMBER	ADDRESS	CASE PLANNER	SUBMITTAL DATE
MCUP #5234 PLN2009-00084	1575 E. Washington Blvd	Natsue Sheppard	3/5/2009
MCUP #5222 PLN2009-00042	600 S. Lake Ave.	David Sinclair	1/30/2009
MCUP #5077 PLN2008-00206	558 W. Grand Avenue located in the public right-of-way	Jason Mikaelian Goes to Public Works end of June	*4/16/2008
MCUP #5075 PLN2008-00206	N Garfield Ave. S. of E. Washing. located in the public right-of-way	Jacqueline Ellis Goes to Public Works end of June	*4/16/2008
MCUP #5076 PLN2008-00205	1098 S. Arroyo Blvd. located in the public right-of-way	Kent Lin Goes to Public Works end of June	*4/16/2008
MCUP #5171 PLN2008-00508	Ave 64 at Cheviotdale located in the public right-of-way	Beilin Yu Goes to Public Works end of June	*10/28/2008

* Applications were on hold as they were subject to the moratorium.

6/9/2009