

[Draft] Proposed WWNC Position Letter re SB 649/WRAC Motion

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Hon. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas (Assembly District 54)

Via email; [assemblymember.ridley-thomas@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.ridley-thomas@assembly.ca.gov)

Re: SB 649 (in Assembly Appropriations Committee; floor vote expected in near future)

Dear Assemblymember Ridley-Thomas:

Westwood Neighborhood Council (WWNC) is a neighborhood council certified by the City of Los Angeles and a member of the Westside Regional Alliance of Councils (WRAC). WRAC is a coalition of all 13 neighborhood and community councils on the Westside of Los Angeles.

At the regularly scheduled WWNC general board meeting on August 9, 2017, the WWNC board duly passed a motion approving the following WRAC motion:

“WRAC recommends opposing SB 649, which removes from cities the discretionary regulation of "small cell" cell phone towers in the public right-of-way and on city property. Exceptions for historic zones and Coastal Zone are included, but scenic highways and R zones are not included. Local control should be maintained. Cities have capability to properly analyze applications within existing laws and balance protection of neighborhoods with the need for increased wireless capacity.”

WWNC strongly supports public input and local regulatory control in the installation of cell towers and related telecommunications facilities in the City of Los Angeles. We respectfully urge you to vote “No” should SB 649 be referred to the full Assembly.

By copy of this letter to Tom Dyer, Chief Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary for Gov. Brown, WWNC requests that the Governor veto SB 649 should it pass in the Assembly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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