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**September 10, 2025**

**Department of City Planning  
City of Los Angeles**

**Re: Comments on ZA-2025-923-CUW – 8325 Foothill Blvd., Proposed 45-Foot  
Monoeucalyptus 5G Wireless Tower**

**To Whom It May Concern:**

**On behalf of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council, we submit the following comments regarding the proposed installation of a 45-foot Monoeucalyptus 5G wireless tower at 8325 Foothill Blvd. (ZA-2025-923-CUW). Please note that these are comments only and should not be interpreted as a letter of support or a letter of opposition.**

**Project Summary**

**The project involves installation of a Tarpon Towers facility in the rear parking lot of the Sunland Mall near Oro Vista, behind the commercial stores and adjacent to a back parking lot. The tower is designed as a Monoeucalyptus and will replace the location of an existing light pole, which will be relocated a few feet to the west. Once built, the tower will be leased by Verizon Wireless to strengthen 5G coverage in this part of Sunland.**

**Although positioned to be “out of sight” for most people, the height of the tower is of concern, particularly because these facilities are often later expanded by 10–20 percent each to accommodate additional carriers.**

**Key Considerations**

**1. Proximity to Residential Community**

**Immediately behind the shopping center, along Grenoble Street, is a large residential community of townhomes. From available maps, it is difficult to determine the exact distance between the proposed tower and these residential units. However, the proximity raises concerns that warrant clarification. Notices reportedly have been sent to residents and businesses within a 300-foot radius; it will be important to confirm that all affected neighbors were properly informed and given the opportunity to comment.**

**2. Community Awareness and Transparency**

While Verizon has presented this proposal at the STNC Land Use Committee, their engagement with the surrounding neighborhood is unknown. Outreach to directly affected residents may not be sufficient, especially given that the project is adjacent to a residential community that is only now learning about it.

**3. Health and Safety Concerns**

The proposal raises the broader community issue of potential health impacts related to 5G technology. While some studies suggest little to no risk from radiation emissions, others raise concerns about long-term exposure. Given that the debate remains unresolved for many residents, it is likely this proposal will generate questions and controversy. City Planning should anticipate and provide clear, accessible information regarding health and safety findings that are relevant to this case.

**4. Precedent, Tower Height, and Safety Context**

The proposed facility at 45 feet sets a precedent for other applications. Residents are familiar with cases where towers begin at a certain height and then receive approvals to extend taller and taller, especially as more carriers co-locate. This incremental increase is a particular concern in Sunland, which is designated both a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and a high wind area. Any precedent allowing taller vertical structures could pose visual, safety, and fire-related impacts that require close scrutiny.

**Conclusion**

This project has implications for both commercial and residential stakeholders in Sunland. While the need for improved wireless service is evident, the location, proximity to homes, health concerns, precedent-setting tower height, fire and wind safety context, and the cumulative impacts warrant thorough review.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please keep the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council and our community informed of all updates, staff recommendations, and the outcome of the scheduled public hearing on September 17, 2025.

Sincerely,

Lydia Grant, President  
Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council

cc: Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, CD7