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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Veto Request for SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (as enrolled)

Dear Governor Brown:

The City of Cupertino respectfully requests your veto of SB 649 (Hueso), which seeks to eliminate public input, eliminate reasonable local environmental and design review, mandate the forced leasing of publicly owned infrastructure, and eliminate the ability for local governments to negotiate fair leases or any public benefit for the installation of "small cell" wireless equipment on taxpayer-funded property.

SB 649's shift of authority from the community to for-profit corporations for wireless equipment installations will have significant aesthetic and budgetary impacts, while potentially increasing the digital divide. If SB 649 gets chaptered, California will be handing out a major taxpayer subsidy for a billion-dollar industry with no foreseeable benefit in exchange.

The City of Cupertino has successfully established agreements with several "small cell" installers and wireless providers. These existing agreements create a consistent and fair playing field with reasonable terms that providers have found acceptable. SB 649 would erode these efforts and give an unfair advantage to providers who have not yet established agreements with us, due to the different terms and requirements imposed on Cities by SB 649.

The City of Cupertino is an excellent example of local government managing public property, and doing so in a manner that balances local interests with the interests of industry.

For these reasons, the **City of Cupertino respectfully requests your veto of SB 649.**

Sincerely,



Savita Vaidhyanathan
Mayor
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