

**GOACT COMMENTS TO GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL
ON FINAL DRAFT WIRELESS ORDINANCE
APRIL 6, 2010**

I am here representing Glendale Organized Against Cell Towers, which formed after residents discovered a cell site about to be installed in front of a neighbor's home.

In bringing our concerns here, we appreciate that city council members have been committed to finding the best solution to this complicated issue. We've also found city staff members to be highly professional and forward-looking in their approach.

The result presented tonight, after a lot of discussion and a great deal of work, is a thoughtful and carefully developed ordinance that we are very pleased to support, particularly with the added language proposed by staff.

The city has addressed many challenges in the past several months working on this ordinance –

- City council enacted a moratorium for residential installations.
- City staff mapped and documented the condition of wireless sites throughout the city.
- Staff also reported on the FCC's National Broadband Plan initiative and recommended comments for the city council to send along for that plan.
- The city tracked significant high court cases on this subject that were resolved during this period.
- This city council voted to join a coalition expressing concern when the FCC placed time limits on processing of wireless permits, and staff had to assess the impact of that ruling on the draft ordinance. Thank you to city council for taking a stand for sensible local control by joining an appeal of that FCC ruling.

Thank you for this and special thanks and acknowledgment to Public Works Counsel Christine Sansone who so ably led this effort. She's very knowledgeable and has kept up to date on every significant development.

The ordinance that has resulted from this whole process provides strong local oversight and sensible guidelines for wireless installations. The challenge will be in its implementation, and we are pleased that public notice requirements and public hearings will provide opportunities for city staff, members of the public and industry to discuss wireless facility deployments.

Let me just conclude by saying that Glendale has been a leader in a very positive way on this issue, and an example to many other communities. I hope the ordinance will serve as a starting point for other cities that are dealing with this issue. Thank you very much.