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County of Riverside
Department of Facilities Management
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**RE: NOTICE OF PREPARATION (NOP) FOR A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT – PUBLIC SAFETY ENTERPRISE (PSEC) PROJECT**

Dear Ms. Mitchell,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP for the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the PSEC Project. The County of Riverside is proposing to expand the existing radio network for fire and law enforcement agencies, from an existing twenty (20) sites to approximately seventy (70) sites Countywide. Within the City, the proposal seeks to develop an approximately eighty (80) foot tower near the intersection of Hole Avenue and County Circle Drive, within a major County administrative complex.

The City is supportive of the County's effort to expand upon the existing radio tower network for fire and law enforcement agencies. After reviewing the proposal, Planning Division staff is concerned with the aesthetic appearance of the proposed eighty-foot radio tower, as the designs proposed do not appear to be appropriate given the tower's proposed location within an established urban setting. As such, staff recommends that alternative radio tower designs be considered.

Furthermore, careful consideration should be given to the potential collocation of equipment to already existing towers in the area. Should this not be feasible, staff recommends that the proposed radio tower be designed to allow for the future collocation of other communication equipment.

We look forward to continue working with you. Please send us copies of all revised plans, staff reports, and environmental documents as it pertains to this project. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Moises A. Lopez, Associate Planner, at (951) 826-5264 or by e-mail at mlopez@riversideca.gov.

Sincerely,

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