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CITY OF NEVADA CITY

August 5, 2016

EBI Consulting
Attn. Tara Cubie
3703 Long Beach Blvd., Ste. 421, 2nd Floor
Long Beach, CA 90807

Re: Proposed Cell Antenna Installation
109 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, California
EBI Project #6115002400

Ms. Cubie,

I am writing in response to your letter of July 26, 2016 soliciting input from the Nevada County Historical Society on the matter of the proposed cell antennas requested for permission to be installed on the roof at 109 N. Pine Street, Nevada City, California.

Our Board of Directors has reviewed this matter and offers the following opinion and position statement on this proposal:

1. We are opposed to the installation of any visible cell antenna installation in Nevada City's Historic District. Although we recognize that new or expanded wireless technology may be necessary or desirable, visible antenna would be in direct conflict with the City's stated intent in the City's Ordinance 338 that "...buildings which may hereafter be constructed or altered as to their exterior appearance, situated within the Historical District and fronting upon the streets or alleys within or bounding said District, shall as to their exterior appearance within public view substantially conform with the Mother Lode type of architecture." As I am sure you know, in the 1970s the town underwent a decade of major renovation to place utilities underground to enhance the historic character and distinctive architecture of the District. We cannot support an action that would erode that effort. A consideration of non-intrusive cell antenna technology should be explored.
2. The City of Nevada City is renowned and recognized for its legacy of preserving the historic look and character of the downtown district. Past elected leadership and city staff have exhibited commendable effort in honoring the requirements of the Historic District. Recently, we have noted the profound erosion as to the intent to carry forward a preservation effort and thus we are concerned.

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Firehouse No. 1 Museum
214 Main Street
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-5468

**Nevada County
Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum**
#5 Kidder Court
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 470-0902

North Star Mining Museum
933 Allison Ranch Rd.
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(530) 273-4255

Searls Historical Library
161 Nevada City Hwy.
Nevada City, CA 95959
(530) 265-5910

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3. On this basis, we ask that the City Council carefully consider this proposal relative to the exact requirements as set forth in the Historic District's governing documents. And we ask the City Council to evaluate what, if any, state or federal regulations apply as a result of the District's position on the National Register of Historic Places.

An approval that violates the intent of the Historic District will result in a dangerous precedent and that may result in the further potential expansion and inappropriate installation of more antennas.

Your consideration of the Society's concerns are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel R. Ketcham
President – Board of Directors

Cc: Nevada City Council members and planning staff