

## RESOLUTION NO. 08-34

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT, CALIFORNIA, STRONGLY OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SALEM COMMUNICATION RADIO TOWERS ON UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY LAND ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER: 8277-031-018, LOCATED DIRECTLY ADJACENT TO WALNUT'S NORTHERLY INCORPORATED BOUNDARIES (L.A. COUNTY APPLICATION NO. T2008-00057)

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that it is necessary and obligated to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. The City Council has adopted the following Mission Statement: "Our mission is to exceed the expectations of the people of Walnut. We collaborate with the community to enhance our civic pride. Walnut is a place where small town values are respected and blended with contemporary ideals. It is a community that considers the lessons of the past, understands current and future realities, and shares a sense of cultural belonging. These are the core values....;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the vision and fundamental goal of the City of Walnut is to continue its role as a suburban residential community and to preserve its rural character. The peace and tranquility which is the hallmark of Walnut can be preserved by safeguarding the town and country atmosphere through the emphasis on green and open space and the integration of development (both residential and commercial) into the natural environment with minimal alteration to the natural terrain.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed the proposed project, heard the voice of many concerned Walnut community members, and made the determination that they strongly oppose the construction of five (5) 285 foot radio towers located at Assessor Parcel No. 8277-031-018 based on many negative factors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposed site is covered with extensive amounts of undisturbed, non-maintained and dry vegetation, has over 120 oak trees present, some of which are several hundred years old, and constructing said towers will seriously hamper efforts to extinguish any brush fires by helicopter or fixed-winged aircraft in and around this parcel leading to a potential and serious public safety concern to the families living nearby; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Walnut City Council has prohibited access to the proposed site via San Gabriel Valley Drive for the purposes of constructing said radio towers and ongoing maintenance of said radio towers as this street is categorized as residential and has weight restrictions; and,

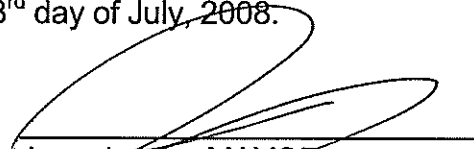
**WHEREAS**, this proposed project jeopardizes, endangers and constitutes a menace to the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community. Construction

on this site may compromise the integrity of hillsides supporting many single-family housing structures, and raise the risk of Walnut families' exposure to cancer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that the home values in and around the area of the proposed radio towers will severely decline leading to a drop in property tax base for the City—one of the main revenue sources for City programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Walnut as follows:

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008.

  
Joaquin Lim, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Teresa De Dios, CITY CLERK

STATE OF CALIFORNIA            )  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES    ) ss.  
CITY OF WALNUT                )

I, Teresa De Dios, City Clerk of the City of Walnut, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 08-34 being:

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was an action item duly introduced and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2008, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBER(S)	CARTAGENA, KING, LIM, SU, TRAGARZ
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBER(S)	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBER(S)	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBER(S)	NONE

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Teresa De Dios, CITY CLERK