



December 3, 2025

Scarlet Duggan, Land Use Manager
Zoning Administrator
Orange County Department of Public Works

Re: Support for Verizon Coastal Development and Use Permit (PA25-0072)

Dear Land Use Manager Duggan,

On behalf of the South Orange County Economic Coalition (SOCEC), we respectfully submit this letter in support of Verizon's application for a Coastal Development Permit and Use Permit (PA25-0072) to construct a new wireless facility north of the Cameo Highlands neighborhood in Newport Beach.

As the primary voice for the South Orange County region, SOCEC is committed to ensuring seamless and consistent access to reliable wireless services between and among our cities. Expanding infrastructure that provides both Verizon and AT&T wireless coverage in this area is essential to meeting the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors, while also supporting regional economic vitality and public safety.

High-speed telecommunications are foundational to California's economic and financial health — a reality that is especially true for Orange County. The exponential growth of wireless-enabled devices and data demands requires robust, state-of-the-art infrastructure. Unfortunately, restrictive municipal policies in recent years have slowed the deployment of needed wireless facilities. Projects like this one represent critical investments that strengthen connectivity and maintain the region's competitiveness.

SOCEC is also mindful of the importance of reliable communication during wildfires and other natural disasters. Ensuring dependable wireless service is vital for first responders, public safety officials, and residents alike. The proposed facility would significantly improve coverage in an area of Corona del Mar that currently experiences limited to no service, directly enhancing emergency response capabilities.

Finally, the South Orange County region — and the communities connected by Pacific Coast Highway — depend on strong, uninterrupted communications infrastructure to support both daily commerce and public safety. Approving Verizon's and AT&T's Coastal Development and Use Permit (PA25-0072) will help advance these goals and provide essential connectivity for the greater Orange County community.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership in supporting vital regional infrastructure improvements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victoria Hernandez".

Victoria Hernandez

South Orange County Economic Coalition