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March 13, 2019

Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager
City of Hollywood
2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Room 419
Hollywood, Florida 33022

Re: Communications Tower Location

Dear Dr. Ishmael:

It appears things remain on track for assessing the rooftop installation of the Circ Hotel and Residence as the priority location for the communications tower, which supports radio coverage for the Hollywood-Hallandale-Dania Beach areas of the county. The City remains laser focused on ensuring things move expeditiously for this "Plan A" solution, and we thank you for that.

Concurrently, given the amount of time associated with siting an alternate location should the Circ site be deemed unviable, there was discussion by representatives from both of our Boards of the importance of a "Plan B." Unfortunately, Plan B is not progressing. We have consistently said that Plan B can either be at West Lake Park, the City's original preference for the tower, or at one of two sites at the City's Wastewater Plant. As it is clear the City elected officials no longer supports West Lake Park due to resident objections, we have concerns regarding the City staff's objections to the Wastewater Plant sites. The City has raised three objections. Please see below our response to each of those objections.

1. The City asserts that the 75' by 75' area needed for the tower cannot be accommodated due to potential future expansion needs.

We reviewed the plans submitted to the County by the City to ascertain if this small area is truly an impediment to the City's expansion plans. The two areas proposed do not appear to conflict with the City's future expansion plans.

2. The City asserts that certain environmental concerns were purportedly shared by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

After our meeting on March 4th and conference call on March 7th, we discussed the matter with FDEP, and their counsel relayed that FDEP is not objecting to the use of either proposed site and would not have a regulatory basis to object to the proposed sites. Again, the County is confident that the means by which these new towers are

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constructed pose little to no risk as evidenced by the County's placement of a tower at one of its Water Plant Sites.

3. The City asserts it has concerns regarding increased traffic on the plant property.

The County again explains that upon completion of the 120 days construction period after permits are issued, we expect that a technician in a small truck or cargo van will need to visit the site no more than once a week. Thus, the traffic impact is, at most, *de minimis*.

In closing, the City indicates it is not your preference that the Wastewater Plant be used as Plan B. Both sides are not dealing with the ideal at this point, but time is of the essence. Please let me know by close of business on March 15, whether the City will accept, as Plan B, one of the two identified locations on the Wastewater Plant site. If it will not, we believe it is appropriate to move to the next step in the Chapter 164 process, which is a joint meeting of our respective commissions.

We look forward to hearing from you by Friday, March 15th. In the interim, please call at any time if you wish to further discuss this matter.

Sincerely,


Bertha Henry
County Administrator

cc: Mayor and Members of the County Commission
Mayor and Members of the City Commission for Hollywood
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney
Alphonso Jefferson, Assistant County Administrator
Tracy Jackson, Director, Regional Emergency Services and Communication

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March 14, 2019

Ms. Bertha Henry, County Administrator
Broward County
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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33331

Subject: Communication Tower Location

Dear Ms. Henry: *BERTHA*

Thank you for your recent letter pertaining to the second Communications Tower location within the City of Hollywood. We are especially appreciative of your recognition of the Circ Hotel Site as "Plan A" and your pledge to continue to work diligently with all parties to help finalize this option.

As for the pursuit of a "Plan B" option, we certainly understand its importance and have worked to advance options that are of mutual benefit. With a compressed timeframe for implementation and a basic framework of space and coverage needs, additional sites have been or should be explored (see attachment one):

- A. Road Option 1
- B. Road Option 2
- C. Anne Kolb Nature Center Option 1
- D. Anne Kolb Nature Center Option 2
- E. West Lake Park Option 1
- F. West Lake Park Option 2
- G. Wastewater Treatment Option 1
- H. Wastewater Treatment Option 2

However, there seems to be limited interest in sites A through D. Without greater details as to the constraints pertaining to the remaining sites, the County has instead focused on options within the grounds of the City's Southern Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, identified as G and H. We considered the request, but unfortunately, the site is not a viable location given identified limitations that have already been shared with the County's team. As we have indicated, this treatment plant serves, in addition to residents of Hollywood, several adjacent cities through Large User Agreements. As such, space needs and the ability to be flexible in order to expand or rebuild as necessary, become the limiting factors for us to support locating a new tower here. A relevant example of this is our imminent installation project of a new disposal system at the facility.

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Furthermore, this plant is considered a critical infrastructure under the Department of Homeland Security, not just because of operational and safety logistics, but also because of hazardous chemicals being produced and housed at the plant as part of treatment requirements.

Also, as acknowledged in your letter, resident input is always a factor in decisions impacting quality of life. The proposed locations of a tower within the Wastewater Plant are in close vicinity to the original location and the concerns raised by residents due to the size, aesthetic, and fit within the adjacent neighborhoods will be identical here as it is at the West Lake Park site. As such, the locations within the Wastewater Plant are not viable for the aforementioned reasons.

Given the impacts to our future plans at this facility and facing the same challenges that the original location presented, the only logical option between the Wastewater Plant and West Lake Park is the latter.

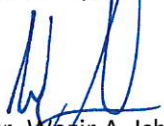
However, there should be a desire to closely examine sites A through D. In this regard we are available to meet with your siting consultants to expeditiously examine each of these based on your coverage, technical, and engineering parameters.

On another note, we have consistently expressed concerns that the Chapter 164 process is premature, as such a measure is typically warranted only after a formal denial has been made resulting in an actual dispute. The City Commission has not denied the County's initial request for locating a second tower at West Lake Park and furthermore, to our knowledge, there may be an unaddressed deed restriction at that location that precedes a final decision from Hollywood. As a concerned party, in order to keep the project moving, even with the noted concerns about the formality of a Chapter 164 meeting, the City will happily, on a voluntarily basis, participate in further discussions.

Once again, recognizing the balance of the urgent need for public safety infrastructure with long term impacts to neighborhoods, the City stands ready to assist the County in finalizing a mutually beneficial option for a second P25 Communications tower.

We anticipate a response by Monday, March 18, 2019 and can be reached prior with any further questions or concerns.

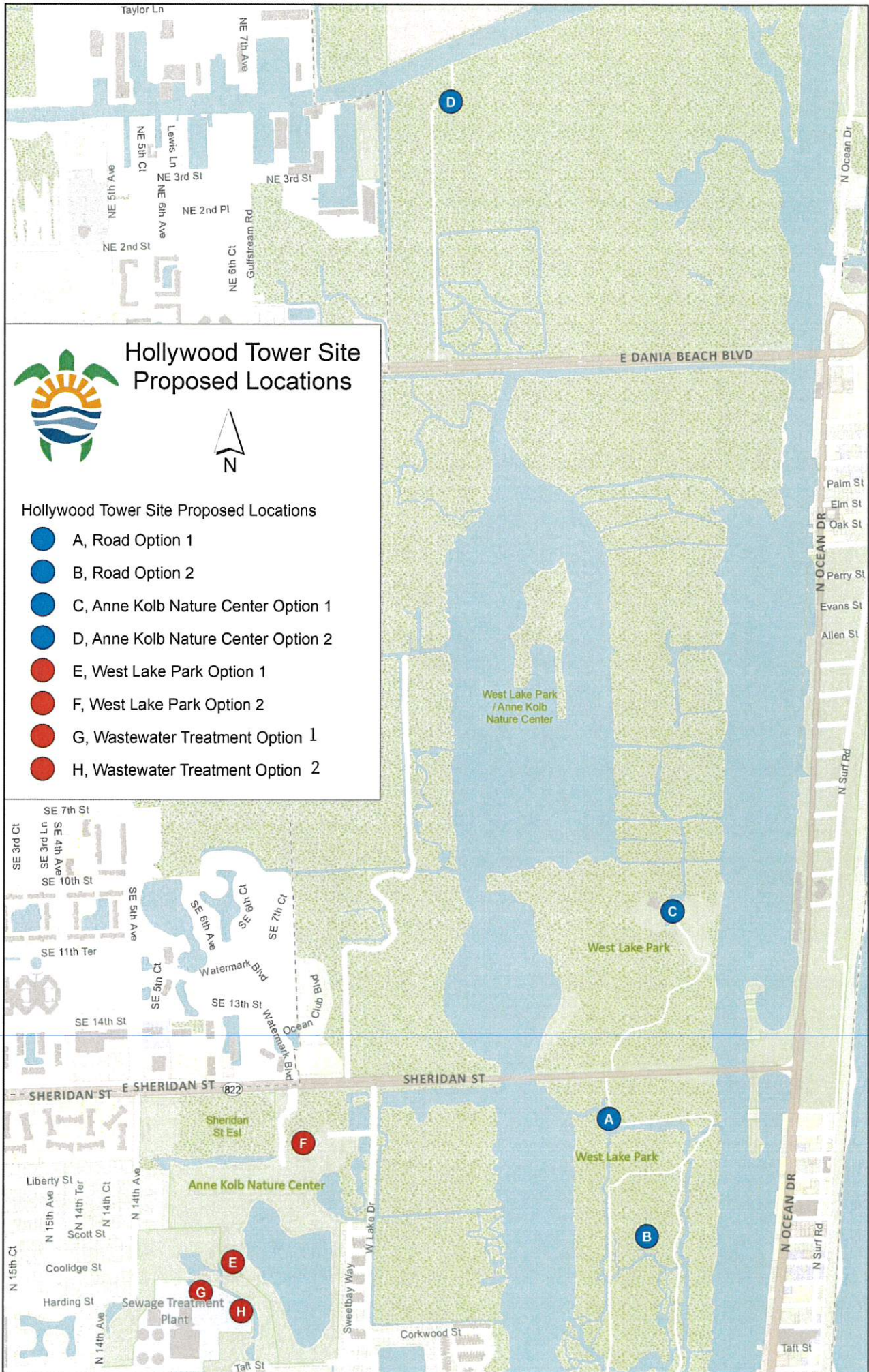
Sincerely,



Dr. Wazir A. Ishmael
City Manager

Attachment

c: Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the Hollywood City Commission
Assistant City Managers
City Attorney
Director of Development Services
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Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the County Commission
County Attorney
Assistant County Administrator
Regional Emergency Services Communication Director





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