July 25, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
Chair, California Assembly Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 649 (Hueso)

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez Fletcher,

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for SB 649 (Hueso), which establishes a streamlined process for local permitting of small wireless installations and a uniform, cost-based approach for access to municipal infrastructure.

Cleantech San Diego is a member-based trade organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. Our members include more than 100 local businesses, universities, governments, and nonprofits committed to advancing sustainable solutions for the benefit of the economy and the environment.

As part of our Smart Cities San Diego collaborative, Cleantech San Diego members are using the latest technologies to help transform the greater San Diego region into one of the world’s smartest regions. Public, private, and academic organizations are working to develop and implement initiatives that will improve the San Diego region’s energy independence, empower consumers to embrace clean technologies, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and drive economic growth.

The future of San Diego’s smart cities efforts will depend on the evolution of communications networks, including small cell networks. Small cells will help lay the foundation for the technologies of the future, including 5G networks, and enable economic and other benefits in areas like energy, health, public safety and transportation. SB 649 will help ensure that San Diego can indeed become a smart city by ensuring that the city will have critical network infrastructure in place and can support the latest wireless technology and services.

For these reasons, we ask that you support the passage of SB 649.

Sincerely,

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