



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

September 8, 2015

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Opposition to AB 57 (Quirk) Telecommunications: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 57 (Quirk). This bill would reduce local control over local land use authority, including locally adopted zoning regulations, specifically by providing that a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility is *deemed approved* if specified conditions are met.

Long Beach strictly enforces locally adopted zoning regulations related to wireless telecommunication facilities in accordance with State and federal law. The City will lose significant authority to regulate the aesthetic impacts of telecommunication facilities as the *deemed approved* applies to new and collocation wireless installations that require more time for important environmental, engineering and aesthetic review. The collocation and siting of wireless telecommunications facilities are matters best addressed by local governments.

AB 57 imposes challenging timeframes on local governments, making it difficult to involve the community, and address the aesthetic issues that are at the heart of the concerns of the community. This bill would facilitate a dramatic expansion of telecommunication facilities, which would result in a negative impact to Long Beach's skyline and building aesthetics, and these are inconsistent with the City's General Plan policies for attractive and well-designed development. The City must retain our existing authority to regulate local land uses, infrastructure aesthetics and implement the City Council's adopted General Plan.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach, along with numerous local governments, oppose AB 57 and respectfully requests a veto on AB 57 (Quirk).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

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