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**The New Wireless Communication Wireless facility Proposed by Verizon at 1881 S. First Avenue
(CUP No. 15-03, ADR 15-06, W 15-01)**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to comment on the above-mentioned wireless facility housed in a 53-foot tall faux bell tower structure in the southeasterly portion of the parking lot at the Church of the Transfiguration property that is located at 1881 S. First Avenue in the City of Arcadia, California.

Based on the August 23, 2016 staff report (page 3), the proposed wireless facility, which includes a diesel generator, is next to the church administration building. The site plan A-1 attached to the August 23, 2016 staff report stated that the proposed wireless facility would be approximately 7.7 feet from the church administration building. Based on a review of aerial maps, SCAQMD staff estimates that the church preschool and daycare facility is less than 50 feet from the proposed diesel generator. Based on this close proximity to sensitive receptors such as children, SCAQMD staff recommends that the City consider the potential health risks to sensitive receptors during the decision-making process for the above-mentioned wireless facility.

SCAQMD staff is available to work with the City to address any air quality and health risks questions that may arise. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at jwong1@aqmd.gov or Lijin Sun, Program Supervisor, CEQA/IGR at lsun@aqmd.gov.

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