

July 26, 2016

## **Via Hand Delivery**

Ms. Deborah Tackett  
Miami Beach Planning Department  
Miami Beach City Hall  
1700 Convention Center Dr.  
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Re: Crown Castle Letter of Intent for the Installation of a Distributed Antenna System (“DAS”) within Historic Districts in the City of Miami Beach

Dear Ms. Tackett:

Crown Castle NG East LLC (“Crown Castle”) seeks to place a DAS network in the City of Miami Beach (the “City”), which will consist of placing fiber optic cable (underground) and stealth nodes (utility poles containing telecommunications infrastructure) within the right of way. In order to meet the network coverage objectives of our client, Crown Castle must place some of this infrastructure within historic districts in the City. This letter will serve as support for each of those applications.

### Description of the Project

As stated above, Crown Castle seeks to place a DAS network in Miami Beach in order to enhance the network capacity of its client, which is a wireless carrier. The carrier has significant capacity issues in Miami Beach. In order to solve these capacity issues, several DAS nodes must be placed in Historic Districts within the City.

Below is a brief description of the locations:

- Crown Node MBCCo6 located at 10 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach FL 33139
- Crown Node MBCCo1 located at 200 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Beach FL 33139

### Description of the Equipment

Crown Castle has worked with the staff of Miami Beach Planning Department for two years to find a design for DAS nodes which would both meet the network objectives of its client and meet the city’s aesthetic and safety concerns about placing DAS nodes in Historic Districts. After much discussion and the recent passage of a new telecommunications ordinance by the City Commission addressing the installation of such technology in the City, Crown Castle has

developed a stealth node which will function as both a street light pole and a telecommunications pole. An existing street light will be removed and replaced with a functioning DAS stealth street light pole which will not require additional ground equipment installed in the right of way.

### Conclusion

Crown Castle has worked diligently with City staff to meet all of their concerns about placing DAS infrastructure within the city, including the Historic Districts. Crown Castle believes it has satisfied all of the City's concerns and accordingly requests that the Historic Preservation Board approve its applications for the installation of DAS infrastructure within certain Historic Districts in the City.

Sincerely,



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cc: David Banuelos, Crown Castle

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