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Ms. Deborah Tackett
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1700 Convention Center Dr.
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Re: Historic Preservation Board Application for the installation of Distributed Antenna System Utility Pole Crown Castle Node MBLP08 / SFL10205 located at 99 15th Street, Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Crown Castle NG East LLC ("Crown Castle") respectfully submits this letter to the City of Miami Beach (the "City") regarding an application seeking Design Review Board (the "Board") review and approval for a Distributed Antenna System ("DAS") utility pole within the City. As part of the application package, the Board requires an explanation whenever a proposed DAS utility pole or node (such poles are referred to in the telecommunications industry as "nodes") cannot be collocated. A "collocated" node would be a node placed on a pole or other infrastructure already existing in the right of way. This letter explains why the application package referred to above is for a "stand-alone" DAS node rather than a collocated node.

As you know, Florida Statutes, Section 337.401(3), allows Crown Castle, as a communications services provider, to place its communications facilities within the right of way subject to reasonable and non-discriminatory regulation by the City. Although Crown Castle collocates its DAS facilities whenever possible on poles and other infrastructure already existing in the right of way, in this case Crown Castle engineers examined each potential collocation site and determined that there was not a suitable collocation site which would have provided the wireless coverage for the intended target of each node. In other words, the possible sites upon which Crown Castle might collocate the particular DAS node was too far away, was not in a location which would be able to provide the additional wireless capacity each node was intended to provide, or was not a site for which Crown had rights to attach. Therefore, in each of these instances, Crown Castle is proposing a stand-alone DAS stealth pole. The particular node location above was determined by Crown Castle engineers to be the preferred location as it provides additional capacity to both the intended target while taking into account aesthetic and traffic safety criteria.

Please do not hesitate to call or contact me with any further questions or to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wanda Melton'.

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