













February 18th, 2014

City of Blaine
Planning Commission
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

RE: Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Permit Application 12555 University Avenue Blaine, MN 55449

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that has been submitted by Verizon Wireless for the address listed above. Verizon Wireless respectfully tower as described. requests the City of Blaine to review this proposal and grant the Conditional Use Permit to build the The purpose of this letter is to provide supporting information to the Conditional Use Permit Application

a high school facility known as Blaine High School. The property is currently owned by Anoka-Hennepin School District. The property current use if that of

safety standards. The equipment shelter, a 12' x 30' building that will house the Verizon equipment, will Verizon is proposing to install a 109' monopole tower, which includes a 9' lightning rod as required per a 32' x 36' fenced compound be located at the base of the tower. The monopole and equipment shelter will be enclosed/secured by

side of the tower is screened by mature trees, blocking the majority of the tower from view of University courts are located to the north, the school building is located to the east and the soccer fields are does not block any access to the street, pathways to the back of the building or the soccer field area Avenue and the houses to the west. The proposed compound, located on a hill by the tennis courts, located to the south and southeast. These items are all located on school property. The entire west The proposed compound area will have a minimal impact on the existing use in that area. The tennis

attempted to collocate on the Crown tower. However, after the application was filed with Crown, nothing worked with the remaining space that Crown had available under their current lease through several site sketches and revisions trying to come up with a layout for the equipment, but Crown stated that there was not sufficient ground space for the Verizon equipment. We worked The subject property does have an existing Crown tower near the track and field area. Initially, Verizon

own. Aside from the modification costs, there was not sufficient ground space for the Verizon not economical for a proposed tenant on a tower to invest that kind of money in a tower they don't required for the Verizon installation on the tower. The modification costs are approximately \$100,000 Along with that, Crown advised us that the tower failed structurally and modification costs would be second tower on the property. installation. At that time, I approached the School District to see if they were interested in discussing a This is far beyond normal modification costs that could be considered feasible to secure the site. It is

Comprehensive Plan. The property is currently zoned as School and is planned to remain the same classification in the City's

demand on a tower or an area is too great. In this situation, the capacity and service issues are most mentioned items has brought about the need for additional capacity in this location. This site will University Avenue running north/south and Main Street NE running east and west. The area to the surrounding area. The major roadways, which intersect at the property line of the subject property, are likely due to consumers traveling near the site along with residences and businesses from the existing cell sites that have reached maximum capacity. These capacity issues occur when the consumer alleviate the capacity issues that travelers and property owners are experiencing in the area. west, south and east is Residential. The area to the north is not developed. A combination of the above nearby. Verizon has experienced dropped calls, slow connection or no connection in this area due to The main purpose of this site is to alleviate capacity issues in the area, as well as fill in some coverage

The proposed installation of the above mentioned tower is planned for the summer or fall of 2014

I appreciate your time in regards to this matter. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may

Sincerely,

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