

May 31, 2022

Ref: 20967.00

Long Island Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning & Policy Commission Attn: Ms. Julie Hargrave, Policy and Planning Manager 624 Old Riverhead Road Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

Re: Request for Jurisdictional Determination and Pre-Application Meeting Proposed Public Utility Wireless Telecommunications Facility 2055 Flanders Road, Flanders Town of Southampton, Suffolk County

Dear Ms. Hargrave:

On behalf of Homeland Towers, LLC (hereinafter, "Homeland Towers"), VHB Engineering, Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Geology, P.C. (VHB) is submitting a request to the Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission ("Commission") for a jurisdictional determination and pre-application meeting.

This request for a jurisdictional determination and pre-application meeting is submitted in connection with a proposed public utility wireless telecommunications facility (the "proposed project") to be constructed by Homeland Towers at 2055 Flanders Road in the hamlet of Flanders, Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York (the "subject property").

Request for Jurisdictional Determination

The Applicant, Homeland Towers, respectfully requests a determination of the Commission's jurisdiction over the proposed project and the applicability of the Central Pine Barrens Comprehensive Land Use Plan. As part of this request, the Applicant respectfully requests a determination by the Commission as to whether the proposed project constitutes "development" as defined at Article 57 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, §57-0107.13, which definition excludes the following activities among others:

(vi) work by a utility performed for the purpose of public health, safety, or welfare and consistent with the goals and objectives of this title.

Relevant to the above, please be advised that the proposed facility will be designed to support the federally licensed wireless services of Verizon Wireless. Under the laws of the State of New York, Verizon Wireless is qualified as a public utility for zoning purposes. *See Cellular One v. Rosenberg*, 82 NY2d 362 (1993) (hereinafter referred to as "Rosenberg"), and *Cellular One v. Meyer*, 607 NYS 2d 81 (2nd Dept. 1994). In Rosenberg, the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, held that federally licensed wireless carriers (such as Verizon Wireless) provide an essential public service and are public utilities in the State of New York.

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In support of this request, please find enclosed preliminary project plans (i.e., Lease Exhibits) depicting the location and extent of the proposed improvements.

Request for Pre-Application Meeting

Homeland Towers requests the opportunity to meet with Commission staff to discuss the subject property and associated proposed for a proposed wireless telecommunications facility. Homeland Towers and their counsel, Robert Gaudioso, Esq., of Snyder & Snyder, LLP, would be pleased to come to Commission's office for a pre-application meeting. Alternately, the chance to meet over a virtual meeting platform would also be welcomed. Particularly in the instance that the proposed project is determined to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, the Applicant and its counsel wish to have the opportunity to introduce the goals for the proposed project, and its details, and to discuss the procedures for the submission and processing of a hardship exemption application, including input on producing a complete application.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above requests. Should you have any comments or questions concerning these requests, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your convenience.

Sincerely,

VHB Engineering, Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Geology, P.C.

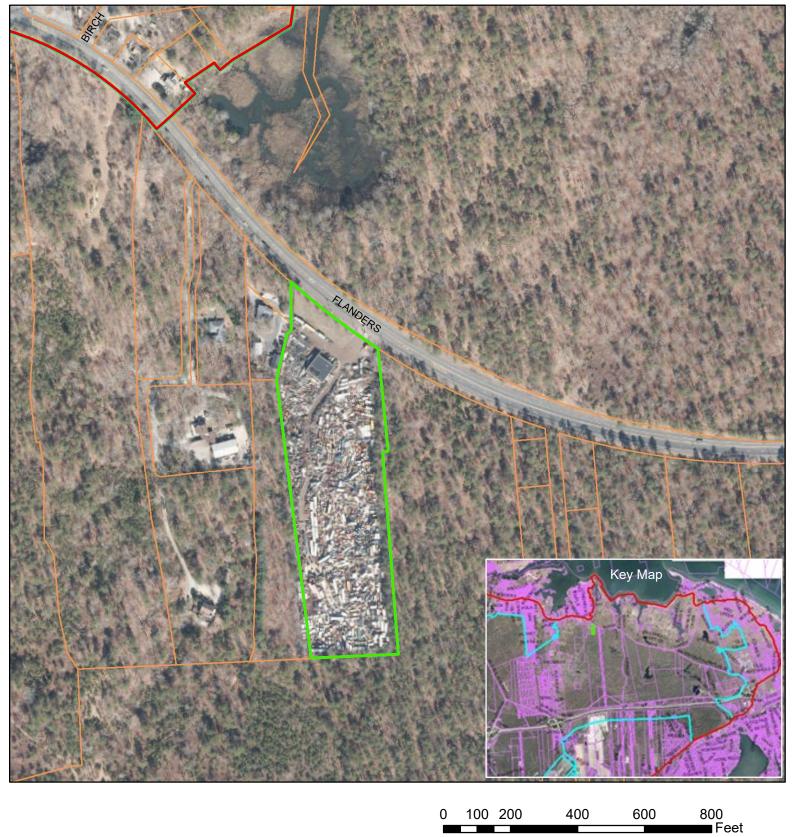
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cc: R. Gaudioso, Esq., Snyder & Snyder, LLP M. Vicente, Homeland Towers, LLC Homeland Towers 2055 Flanders Road, Flanders, Town of Southampton Core Preservation Area 900-170-1-41.1 June 15, 2022







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APPROVAL REVIEW FORM

PAUL SAENZ

PROJECT MANAGER (HOMELAND TOWERS)

N/A

PROJECT MANAGER (VERIZON WIRELESS)

N/A

PROJECT MANAGER (T-MOBILE)

HOMELAND TOWERS

REAL ESTATE MANAGER

COORDINATES:			
LATITUDE: LONGITUDE:	N 40° 53' 59.4" (NAD 83) W 72° 36' 04.46" (NAD 83)		
GROUND ELEVATION:	31' +/- AMSL (NAVD 88)		
MULTIPLE CARRIER SITE:	YES		
ZONING JURISDICTION:	TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON		
DISTRICT:	2		
SECTION:	-		
BLOCK:	-		
LOT(S):			
ZONING CLASSIFICATION:	- (-)		



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