



Sonoma County Sheriff's Office

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To Whomever It May Concern,

I am writing the State of California, Department of General Services (DGS), in support of granting the County of Sonoma the "broad public benefit" clause, thereby reducing fair market value cost for the rental of space on State-owned communications-sites throughout Sonoma County.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Office currently provides a variety of services to local law enforcement, as well as State and County agencies (State Parks, Fish & Game, Road Department, Animal Services, California Highway Patrol, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and a variety of others). Law enforcement services are provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week with approximately 140,000 law activities processed annually across Sonoma County's 1,600 square miles and a population of over 500,000 residents.

To support this County-wide communications system, the Sheriff's Office Telecommunications Bureau constructs and maintains a network of communications sites throughout the County. The primary purpose of these sites is to provide wireless voice and data systems for mission critical public safety dispatch and operational communications. These systems are comprised of microwave, voice radio, wireless data, 911 emergency dispatch, and other specialized electronic systems. Several of these core communications sites are located on State property and are crucial to the overall functionality of the Sonoma County public-safety radio network.

I ask that you to consider these vital communication sites as direct-support for broad public benefit, as they are an integral part of our emergency response system in Sonoma County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark Essick".

MARK ESSICK
Sheriff-Coroner

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