



**NOTICE OF ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION REVIEW  
NEW WIRELESS TOWER  
509 S. COLLEGE AVENUE (#16-A09, #16-SUDP11)**

**Project Description:** New 60-foot tall steeple tower to serve as a concealed wireless facility for Verizon Wireless

**Meeting Location:** City Council Chamber, 225 W. Second Street, Claremont, CA 91711

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 - 7 pm

You are invited to attend an upcoming meeting of the Architectural Commission where the Commission will review a proposal for a new unmanned wireless facility designed as a 60-foot tall steeple or bell tower at the above-referenced property, owned and occupied by the Claremont Center for Spiritual Living. The applicant, Smartlink, LLC has proposed locating the tower approximately 25-feet to the east of the existing church building in a landscaped area. The proposed tower would be located in an 18-foot by 18-foot enclosure area and would be located over 50-feet away from the southern property line and approximately 125-feet away from the front (College Avenue) property line. The approximate location of the proposed tower is indicated on the vicinity map on the back of this notice. The proposed tower features a modern, angular design consistent with that of the angled modernistic design of the existing 1959 church building. The tower would feature a steel-frame construction with a series of angled steel cross braces with stucco texture-coated panels spanning the areas between the steel frames. Both the steel frame and stucco panels would be painted an off-white color, consistent with the color palette of the existing church buildings. The Center of Spiritual Living's motif would be subtly featured near the top of the proposed tower.

The Claremont Municipal Code (CMC) requires wireless facilities to obtain approval of a Special Use and Development Permit (SUDP) pursuant to CMC Section 16.100.040.C as well as architectural design review approval pursuant to CMC Section 16.300.030.B. Planning Division staff has reviewed the project for conformance with the CMC's development standards for wireless facilities through the SUDP review process. The Architectural Commission is tasked with reviewing the architectural design of the proposed tower. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) sets standards for radio frequency (RF) emissions generated by wireless telecommunication facilities and prohibits the City from establishing its own standards or for denying wireless facilities based solely on health concerns.

The proposed project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303(e) - Class 3 for new construction or conversion of small structures in that the project consists of the construction of a new structure that is accessory to an existing use at the subject property, one where all public services and utilities are available. Approval of the proposed project would not result in the removal of mature trees located at the property and would not result in an increase in traffic to

and from the site. Further, the project would not result in impacts to biological or archeological resources, given the site's location in a developed area.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** The site plan, floor plan, and building elevations are on file with the Department of Community Development at City Hall, located at 207 Harvard Avenue, and are available for interested parties to review Monday through Thursday, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information on the proposal, please contact Associate Planner, Nikola Hlady at (909) 399-5353, via email at [nhlady@ci.claremont.ca.us](mailto:nhlady@ci.claremont.ca.us), or send written comments to P.O. Box 880, Claremont, CA 91711-0880. If you would also like to be notified electronically about this project in the future, please provide your email address to the one above and your email will be added to our project file.

*Finally, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), any person with a disability who requires modification or accommodation to participate in a City meeting should contact the City Clerk at (909) 399-5461 "VOICE" or 1-800-735-2929 "TT/TTY" at least (3) working days prior to the meeting, if possible.*