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Mendocino County Planning and Building Services  
860 N. Bush Street  
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**Planning & Building Services**

RE: TeleSpan Communications, LLC's Proposed Wireless Collocation, Located on APN: 145-070-01

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as an expression of support by the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office for Mendocino County's rapid consideration, and approval, of the wireless collocation facility proposed by TeleSpan Communications, LLC on Assessor's Parcel Number 145-070-01 in Mendocino County.

A critical element to a fast and effective response to emergency situations is the public's ability to contact their First Responders via either 911 or direct dialing, followed by the First Responders' ability to maintain communication with them as help is on the way. In some cases, initiating and maintaining that communication is required to even locate them in the first place. The Sheriff's Office is keenly aware that the town of Gualala and the surrounding area is trailing far behind in this regard, especially in comparison to communities of similar size in the County. It is my opinion that it would be irresponsible to allow this communication deficit to continue when a viable solution is being offered.

On December 4, 2018 I provided my report to the community of Gualala at the Gualala Municipal Advisory Committee ("GMAC") meeting, during which I made the point that this problem needed to be addressed. Coincidentally, at that meeting a representative of TeleSpan, Tim Cotter, was on the agenda to make an informal informational presentation to the GMAC on this very subject and to solicit community feedback, and I had an opportunity to briefly meet him and discuss this situation. I told Mr. Cotter that I support TeleSpan's efforts, and I made the point and I reiterate here that I feel it is imperative that any such facility include emergency generators.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (707) 463-4085.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Allman".

THOMAS D. ALLMAN  
SHERIFF-CORONER  
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