

San Rafael Chamber

September 20, 2012

Planning Commission
City of San Rafael
1400 5th Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: Proposal of ExteNet Systems to Bring an Enhanced Wireless Network to Northern San Rafael

Dear Planning Commissioners:

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce writes to express its support for the application of ExteNet Systems (ExteNet) to bring an enhanced wireless network to a currently underserved part of northern San Rafael. The Chamber believes that the safety, social and economic benefits of reliable wireless telephone access weigh heavily in favor of approving this application.

In today's society, access to high speed data and dependable wireless service is a vital component for business growth, job creation and emergency response – as well as everyday life. For that reason, we strongly encourage the Planning Commission to consider the benefits that this modern distributed antenna system (DAS) will bring to many residents, businesses, work-from-home professionals and public safety professionals.

Like everywhere else in the world, Marin's demand for quality wireless capacity and coverage continues to rise dramatically. Our reliance on cell phones and high speed data has caused wireless broadband to become a necessity – and this trend will only continue. In fact, the deployment of these enhanced wireless networks is a high priority of our federal government for economic growth.

Furthermore, we recognize that in the event of an emergency, access to greater wireless capacity can be of critical importance. ExteNet's proposal will provide this important infrastructure while remaining aesthetically and environmentally sensitive to the surrounding communities.

The San Rafael Chamber of Commerce believes that a healthy business community is invaluable to the community as a whole. Therefore, we recommend that the San Rafael Planning Commission support this proposal, which will provide tremendous value to our local businesses and residents.

Sincerely,



Rick Wells
President and CEO

cc: Mayor, Gary Phillips
City Manager, Nancy Mackle
Chamber Board of Directors