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Dear Angelica,  
Please place the attached public comment into the record. Thank you,  
Katie Mickey

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for welcoming Santa Barbara residents back into the County Board room. It is a pleasure to be here in person face to face. I have stacks of letters that I have spoken over the last 17 months of public comment attempting to educate you on how SB County can set restrictions based on zoning laws on the placement of small cell wireless antennas. My purpose remains the same, to inspire and motivate you to amend the County Code so that SB County residents do not suffer adverse effects of exposure to high levels of microwave radiation.

By its own admission, the FCC does not "have the resources" to test the radiation emissions from wireless facilities, wireless companies are free to cause their facilities to emit any levels of radiation they choose. The potential danger posed to citizens due to the utter void of actual FCC oversight over radiation emission levels is exacerbated by the fact that applicants seeking zoning approvals often file false FCC compliance reports. These reports falsely claim that a proposed facility will be FCC compliant, when in reality, the facility may expose members of the general public to radiation levels that exceed the FCC's limits by several hundred percent or more.

I know first hand that residents and workers in our county are being exposed to unsafe levels of radiation. In 2001, when my Institute became the site for three cell towers radiating within feet of where I worked and conducted my institute, I developed Microwave illness. I recently conducted a survey of 40 common symptoms that high exposure to RFR can induce and distributed to 20 students and staff of the Santa Barbara Body Therapy Institute. It was sobering to learn the majority of our students and staff have a high percentage of microwave illness symptoms such as insomnia, headaches, anxiety, fatigue and lowered immune response. Since County Public Health is our number one priority, it begs the question, what do you need to take seriously the need to restrict the placement of wireless antennas?

The County Code as it stands has no teeth to stop the rollout of 5G small cell wireless infrastructure within feet of residents home. The officials who are charged to review small cell applications hands are tied, not by the TCA but by our own codes abdication of establishing grounds of denial for these applications. Our officials reviewing applications can only deny these applications if we state grounds for denial upfront in our County Code and provide adequate training.

Just like asbestos, lead, tobacco and glysohate, it appears that corporate profit is inspiring laissez faire policies on these hidden harms. I ask you to be on the right side of history and amend our county code sooner rather than later with the pending approval of State broadband bills.

Katie Mickey

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**From:** Lesley Weinstock <lesleyweinstock@gmail.com>  
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Dear Clerk for the BOS:

Thank you for receiving these public comments.  
Please distribute to the supervisors and put them in the public record.

Thank you.  
Lesley Weinstock

Lesley Weinstock, Public Comments regarding the Telecom Code, August 30, 2021

Dear Supervisors:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, the FCC was remanded by United States Court of Appeals. The court ordered the FCC to explain why it ignored scientific evidence showing harm from wireless radiation. Given the remand, it is irresponsible for us to proceed with laws and codes that enable the unrestricted installation of wireless infrastructure, *until* NEW FCC Emission Safety Guidelines, *based on science* have been established.

Would you like a cell tower in your front yard?

Would you like your property values to go down 20-30% and lower the local tax base?

Would you like more fires? California has suffered devastating fire losses due to telecom equipment. Small cells close to homes and businesses will increase risk of fires. Yet, no wireless carrier or their agents can get liability insurance for claims of injury, death or illness. For over a decade, Lloyd's of London and other insurers have instituted Pollution Exclusions for RF-EMR/EMF exposures. Wireless telecommunication facilities are uninsurable.

In addition, thousands of scientific studies show radio frequency microwave radiation has been proven harmful to humans, plants, animals and the environment. Government research proves that exposure to radio frequency radiation (RFR) causes cancer.

We oppose installations of unneeded, overpowered cell towers, often without any notification to occupants and without proof of a significant gap in cell phone service.

The free pass to the telecom industry is at the expense of our property values, fire risks, privacy, carbon footprint, health, safety, and the quiet enjoyment of our streets. Wired broadband, which is faster, more reliable, less hackable and more secure, NOT wireless broadband, should be accessible and affordable to everyone.

Wireless networks consume more energy than wired networks and add to global pollution, human rights violations and an ever-increasing digital waste stream. 5G Generates Twice the Greenhouse Gas Emissions As Wired Fiber Optics. It is documented that the communications industry could use 20% of all electricity and emit up to 5.5% of the world's carbon emissions by 2025.

We look forward to working with you to add protective code amendments and help enable our local regulatory boards to recognize what constitutes "substantial evidence" within the meaning of the Telecommunications Act, and ensure that such boards will not be misled by false, misleading, or deceptive documentation submitted by an applicant seeking approval for a wireless facility.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lesley Weinstock, PA, Coordinator of Safe Technology for Santa Barbara County