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Best regards,
Lesley Weinstock

Lesley Weinstock, PA, Public Comments for BOS, September 14, 2021

Dear County Board of Supervisors:

Who should decide the regulations for the placement of small cell wireless facilities, proven to adversely impact climate change, health, safety, security, fire risks, property values and the environment. Should it be telecoms, whose primary goal is profit? Or should it be our local elected officials, who know our communities and whose primary goal is the health, safety, privacy, security and well-being of residents?

Passage of state bills SB-556 and AB 537 will exacerbate the unconstrained proliferation of 5G small cells. Please go online to: **Petition Governor Newsom: VETO SB-556 & AB-537**, and sign the petition.

Allowing the wireless carriers to write the laws are analogous to asking the tobacco company CEO to be the surgeon general and head the FDA, Exxon, Mobile, coal company, Monsanto, Bayer and Dow Chemical CEO's to write the laws and direct the EPA.

Far too many wireless facilities are too close to homes. Without proof of a significant gap in service, they lack justification. I encourage you to drive down East Valley Road between Sheffield and San Isidro and count the "so called" small cells, many of which are colocated. They are multiplying like rats. If this continues, 5G will be on every pole, every streetlight and in every front yard.

Site developers often mislead local governments to believe that they have little or no authority to regulate the placement of wireless facilities. Applicants submit patently false or misleading information to local zoning boards, and install wireless facilities without approvals and permits, complete stealth installations under cover of darkness or when the owners and nearby occupants are not home or asleep, and lie to local property owners and neighbors as to their intent, and regarding the placement and size of the facilities.

Congress decided to explicitly preserve local governments authority to regulate the placement, construction and modification of wireless facilities. Local governments have prevented irresponsible placement. You can stand up to the wireless carriers.

I will be sending you a 39 page Federal Law Based Analysis of the City of Santa Barbara Municipal Code. This document provides a detailed review of the legal means to deny applications and ensure Smart City planning based on Telecommunications Act. Please read the entire analysis and meet with Safe Technology for Santa Barbara County to discuss it.

Thank you for your consideration.

