FFLA Sample Letter #2

Dear member of the Board of Supervisors.

I strongly urge you to vote against adoption of the proposed changes to Title 16 and 22 of the Los Angeles County Codeon Tuesday, November 15th. Here’s why:

First, these changes remove our due process rights. Under the proposed changes, wireless antennas and towers can be constructed in our neighborhoods withNO public notification, NO public hearings and NO opportunity for appeal.We can literally wake up one morning and see a tower or array being put up right next to our house or apartment. This is simply undemocratic and should be illegal!

Second, we are concerned about our fragile environment. Wireless technology is an energy hog, using as much as ten times as much energy as fiber optic connections, and increasing our carbon footprint at a time when we need to be finding other solutions.Cell towers and antennas are also prone to fire. They have caused, in whole or in part, four major California wildfires. Given the increase in Scientific studies confirm that radiofrequency radiation (RFR) emissions from wireless infrastructure have contributed to the sharp decline in bee populations and have adversely affected navigation of birds as well as their growth and reproductive cycles. They also have identified harm to trees causing thinner cell walls and increased terpenes that make them more flammable.

Finally, fake trees that contain camouflaged cell antennas have been shown to discharge hazardous microplastics as well as lead and other Prop 65 chemicals into the environment.

Fiber optic connections to the home have been prioritized for funding by the Federal Government. Fiber is superior to wireless based on access, overall cost of infrastructure, equitable service, enhancing economic growth, specific speeds for upload and download; reliability of service, consistency in quality of service, and affordability to the end user. Wireless doesn’t compare to fiber when it comes to any of these issues.

For these reasons I urge you to vote NO on the proposed changes.

Thank you.