



Pittsfield, Massachusetts Electromagnetic Sensitivity Day Resolution

Approved by Pittsfield City Council on June 13, 2023 by a Vote of 10:1

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield values the diversity, equity and inclusion of all its residents, including those with visible and invisible differences and especially those that involve physical or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities;

WHEREAS six years ago, June 16, 2017 was celebrated internationally as the World's first "Electrohypersensitivity" ("EHS") day also known as Electromagnetic Sensitivity ("EMS");

WHEREAS, those with EMS exhibit one or more recognized symptoms as a result of exposure to pulsed and modulated RF radiation ("RFR");

WHEREAS, EMS is a spectrum disease and it is progressive. For some the symptoms can become debilitating and severely affect their ability to function;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2023, The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health heard HB 2158, An Act recognizing EMS as a disease dangerous to the public health, requiring inclusion in MAVEN, establishing the Massachusetts EMS registry and requiring biennial reporting and public health education as part of population health trends in an effort to document how many people in the Commonwealth are suffering from this disease;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023 there is a worldwide effort to raise awareness and visibility of this condition, to assure acceptance, equitable treatment, and inclusion in society, and are afforded the means to avoid nonconsensual exposure;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council by Resolution expresses its support for EHS Awareness Day, and joins with all those throughout the world and United States in supporting awareness, acceptance, education, inclusion and equity surrounding EMS and those who suffer from it.

Resolution on Potential Health Impacts of Wireless Facilities - Printable
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Last week, the Portland City Council passed a Resolution calling for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to take another look at whether there are health impacts related to wireless emissions. It passed 3-0, with Commissioners Fish and Leonard absent.

Today, my colleagues on the City Council allowed me to suspend the rules to vote again on the Resolution. This passed 5-0:

677 Request the federal government to update studies on potential health effects of radio frequency wireless emissions in light of proliferation of wireless use (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Fritz)

For many years, nationwide regulations have prohibited consideration of potential health concerns when siting wireless facilities. As far as we know, the Portland City Council is the first local jurisdiction in the nation to ask the FCC to consider further evaluation of this policy. We ask the FCC to seek advice from other federal agencies charged with assessing health and safety issues, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Note, the City Council's resolution does not say there ARE health impacts from wireless facilities, rather it asks the FCC to take another look at the issue. I believe it is a responsible request in light of ongoing studies and citizen concerns.

This Resolution is in response to input from Portlanders. I heard health concerns when defining new regulations for cellular facilities on lots, back during my service on the Portland Planning Commission. In January, I was assigned the Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management in my City Commissioner portfolio, and again I heard from citizens worrying about potential health effects.

One of the first issues my team and I set about tackling was new regulations for siting wireless facilities in the public right-of-way. From January through last week, I worked hard with staff in my office and in Cable, and with expert advice from the City Attorney's office and from noise and zoning experts in the Bureau of Development Services, to revise the proposed contracts.

The City is not allowed to prohibit (or make it so difficult or expensive it has the effect of prohibiting) any carrier from providing wireless service anywhere the company wants to operate. The revised regulations direct new and replacement antennae on utility poles to locate first choice on highways and in industrial areas, last choice in residential areas. I believe the proposed language goes as far as possible in encouraging siting of wireless facilities away from residences,

while remaining legal. Both industry representatives and neighbors provided valuable suggestions that were incorporated into the proposal. I am very pleased with the new contracts and application process adopted today.

Over the course of several months refining the proposal, with meetings with neighbors and industry representatives as well as many incoming emails, I heard over and over that neighbors are concerned about potential health impacts. So at the same time as we held hearings on new regulations for siting the facilities, with increased fees (\$90,000 per year in additional revenue to the General Fund, for the existing 60 poles carrying antennae, up from \$3,500 to \$5,000 per pole annually), I proposed the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 36706

Request the federal government to update studies on potential health effects of Radio Frequency wireless emissions in light of proliferation of wireless use.

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WHEREAS, state and local governments, including the City of Portland, are preempted by federal law from considering health concerns in the regulation and placement of wireless facilities, so long as such facilities otherwise comply with applicable federal law; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has jurisdiction over non-federal wireless facilities, authorizing and licensing all non-federal devices, transmitters and facilities that generate Radio Frequency (RF) radiation; and

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WHEREAS, the FCC has historically relied on federal agencies with health and safety expertise, such as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) who each have assigned roles in monitoring and investigating issues related to RF exposure; and

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WHEREAS, the Government Accounting Office (GAO) in 2001 prepared a report of its investigation into safety concerns related to mobile phones, and concluded that further research into wireless technology is needed, recommending the FDA take the lead in monitoring research results; and

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WHEREAS, the FCC in 2003 last updated guidelines for human exposure to RF electromagnetic fields from wireless facilities, based primarily on recommendations of other federal agencies after reviews of prior scientific literature related to RF biological effects, primarily from the 1990s; and

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WHEREAS, a survey released in May 2009 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that for the first time the number of households in the U.S. who only have cell phones exceeds the number of households who only have landlines;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council requests the FCC to work in cooperation with the FDA and other relevant federal agencies to revisit and update studies on potential health concerns arising from RF wireless emissions in light of the national proliferation of wireless use; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be sent to all members of the FCC, to the FDA Commissioner, and to all members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: This Resolution empowers citizens to lobby Portland's congressional delegation. It is not sufficient by itself.

If you care about this issue, please write or call your U.S. Representatives and Senators.

Senator Ron Wyden: 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Suite 585, Portland, OR 97204
503-326-7525 [email](#)

Senator Jeff Merkley: *(how I still delight in saying that):* One World Trade Center, Suite 1400, 121 SW Salmon Street, Portland, OR 97204 **503-326-3386**
[email](#)

Representative Earl Blumenauer: 729 N.E. Oregon Street, Suite 115, Portland, OR 97232 **503-231-2300** [email](#)

Representative David Wu: 620 S.W. Main, Suite 606, Portland, OR 97205 **1-800-422-4003** [email](#)

Representative Kurt Schrader: 494 State Street, Suite 210, Salem, OR 97302
1-503-588-9100 [email](#)

Our Congressmen need to hear from you if you are concerned about this issue.



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May 18, 2026

Bobbie Singh-Allen
Mayor

Hon. Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Hon. Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

Darren Suen
Vice Mayor
District 1

Re: Opposition to H.R. 2289, the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

Rod Brewer
Councilmember
District 2

The City of Elk Grove to strongly opposes H.R. 2289, the American Broadband Deployment Act of 2025. This legislation would undermine public safety, force local taxpayers to subsidize private corporations and disrupt the very broadband deployment progress it aims to accelerate.

Kevin D. Spease
Councilmember
District 3

The predominant cause of broadband permitting delays is not local government – it is -the federal permitting process. This Congress has already recognized that problem – the House passed bipartisan legislation to expedite and improve permitting by federal agencies and on federal lands, which will do far more to accelerate BEAD-funded projects than imposing rigid mandates on local governments. H.R. 2289 does not address the actual bottleneck and instead micromanages the level of government that is actively working to get broadband built.

Sergio Robles
Councilmember
District 4

Local governments' broadband permitting and cable franchise functions facilitate safe, productive deployment in our public rights-of-way while protecting roads and residents from harm caused by poorly planned or executed construction. The local permitting process is an essential tool for avoiding unnecessary repairs and cost overruns – whether from staffing overtime or reduced infrastructure lifespan caused by multiple intrusions into the right-of-way. By imposing rigid federal “shot clocks” and restricting local authorities' ability to negotiate fair compensation for the use of public property, H.R. 2289 creates a framework that prioritizes communication companies' shareholder value at the expense of the safety and financial interests of the communities and the taxpayers they serve. Furthermore, by limiting cost-recovery mechanisms for application reviews, the bill effectively forces local taxpayers to subsidize private providers' administrative expenses – a cost that falls entirely on the public.

As our nation faces unprecedented advances in both artificial intelligence technology and federal investments in broadband infrastructure, local governments, including the City of Elk Grove, seek to be a constructive partner and rely on local zoning and permitting authority to make thoughtful decisions. These zoning and permitting authorities enable cities, towns, and counties to make smarter decisions that create economic benefits for their communities and respect citizens' concerns.

In the rare instances where a local government truly obstructs deployment in the case of telecommunications infrastructure, the Federal Communications Commission already possesses sufficient authority to intervene under Sections 253 and 332 of the Communications Act of 1996.

The Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program is on the verge of shovel-to-ground implementation. Across every state, local governments have partnered with state broadband offices to establish workable timelines, build review capacity and enable safe, coordinated deployments. Introducing sweeping new, onerous federal mandates now would undo those agreements and delay.

In summary, H.R. 2289 as written, would sacrifice local autonomy, impose unfunded mandates and disrupt deployment progress already underway. The City of Elk Grove urges Congress to prioritize local decision-making while balancing the need for high-speed telecommunication.

Sincerely,



Bobbie Singh-Allen
MAYOR
City of Elk Grove

CC: The Honorable Doris Matsui





Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Alabama and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) aka Electrical Sensitivity or Microwave Sickness as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include, dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, nausea, stress, visual disturbances, severe neurological, respiratory, speech problems, chronic sleep disturbances and sleep deprivation, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the US Access Board and numerous commissions; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiations, in both indoor and outdoor environments and by conducting further scientific research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim May 2020, as

Electromagnetic Sensitivity Month

in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 5th day of March 2020.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor



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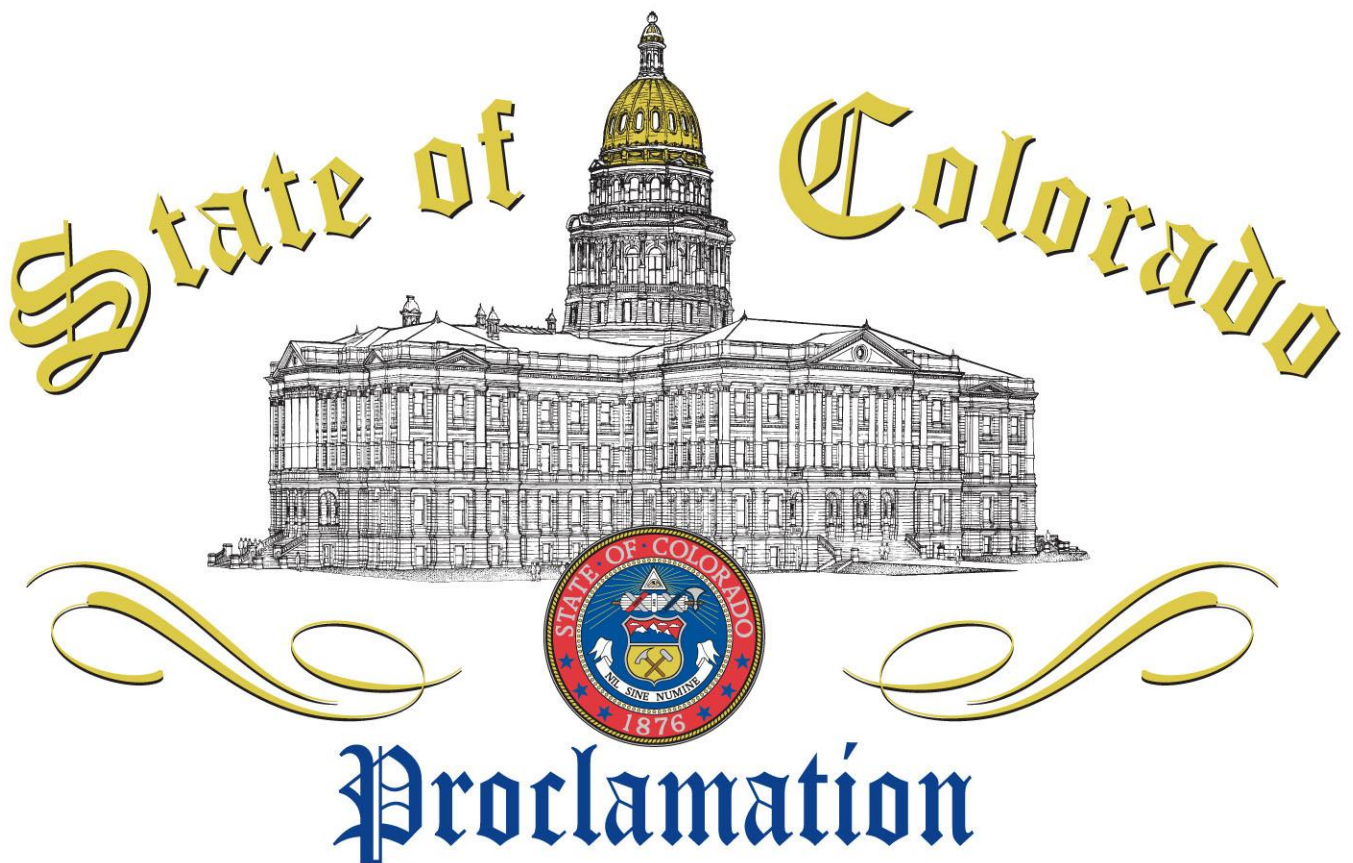
in the state of Alabama.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 5th day of March 2020.*

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor



WHEREAS, people of all ages in Colorado and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include, dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological, respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the US Access Board and numerous commissions; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiations, in both indoor and outdoor environments and by conducting further scientific research;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 2011

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twentieth day of
February, 2011*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hickenlooper".

*John Hickenlooper
Governor*



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13
INTRODUCED BY D. DUNN, A. OLSEN

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT TO ACCOUNT FOR HEALTH EFFECTS OF SITING SMALL CELL NETWORK EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana has long valued its healthy environment and the well-being of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the siting of modern small cell network infrastructure in residential areas can create radiation exposure risks for citizens; and

WHEREAS, section 704 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 prohibits state and local governments from regulating wireless service provider infrastructure siting on the basis of environmental effects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That Congress be urged to amend the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 to account for the health effects of siting small cell network equipment in residential areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Congress be urged to promote and protect local control and authority over wireless service providers in the State of Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United State Senate, and to each member of the ~~Montana Congressional Delegation~~ U.S. CONGRESS.

- END -

Proclamation

REQUESTED BY
MAYOR STACY RITTER
BROWARD COUNTY

WHEREAS, as a result of global electromagnetic pollution, people of all ages in Broward County and throughout the world have developed an illness known as Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS); and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is a painful chronic condition of hypersensitivity reactions to electromagnetic radiation in the environment for which there is currently no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include dermal changes, dermatitis, acute tingling and numbness, muscular weakness, headaches, heart rate changes, nausea, gastric problems, loss of visual acuity, severe neurological, respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, EMS is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the U.S. Access Board; and

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from electromagnetic exposures that can lead to this illness induced by electromagnetic radiations; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiation, in both indoor and outdoor environments, and further scientific research to be conducted including genetics; and

WHEREAS, people with EMS need the support of the medical establishment, and the understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and learn to adapt to new lifestyles; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

That the Board hereby designates the month of May 2009 as **"ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY (EMS) AWARENESS MONTH"** in Broward County, Florida.

May 1, 2009
Date



Stacy Ritter
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-226

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, IMPLORING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING AND DIRECT A CROSS-DISCIPLINE FEDERAL AGENCY STUDY OF THE EFFECTS CAUSED BY EXPOSURE TO CURRENT AND PROPOSED ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM AND RADIOFREQUENCY EMISSIONS ON HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF FIFTH GENERATION (5G) TECHNOLOGY; AND TO USE THOSE FINDINGS TO CREATE SCIENCE-BASED LAWS OR RULES REGARDING LIMITING HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE TO SAME; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PRESIDENT, ALL MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND OTHER LAWMAKERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH A STUDY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has been active in the telecommunications arena over the past several years by virtue of its five (5) owned and managed macro towers located throughout the City, and has sought to preserve its role, and the role of all local governments in general, in the process of implementing the fifth generation ("5G") technology; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, City staff faced tremendous pushback from the telecommunications industry and its lobbyists when it tried to update the City's local Code of Ordinances on this subject; and

WHEREAS, by mid-2018, the City Commission adopted new ordinances to ensure, despite its limited permit authority, that wireless and wireline communications facilities met the City's standards (see generally Ordinances 2018-012 and 2018-009); and

WHEREAS, in addition, the City Commission has authorized the City's participation in two (2) nationwide legal challenges to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") newly promulgated rules pertaining to accelerating small cell

deployment to enable 5G and expanding the mandatory approval requirement for existing infrastructure under FCC docket numbers 18-133 and 19-250, in large part because the FCC has not balanced the need for this technological advancement against its potentially adverse effects on human health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, since the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-104, 110 Stat. at 152 (1996), 47 U.S.C. 332(c)(7)(B)(iv), explicitly prohibits any state or local regulation on the placement of these facilities based on the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions, and vests full authority in the FCC to establish rules regarding those environmental effects, the City is hamstrung and powerless to act in this space despite many requests to do so from its residents; and

WHEREAS, currently several non-profit organizations, joined by medical professionals and individuals as named parties in the lawsuit, have challenged the FCC's latest refusal to update its emissions exposure rules in light of new medical research and technological advances in a pending petition for review of the FCC's order in docket number FCC 19-126; and

WHEREAS, in that case, the petitioners pointed out several deficiencies in the current FCC rules, including that: 1) they only prevent thermal effects from short-term exposures to one source, with extensive averaging; 2) they do not protect against the biological effects of long-term exposure or exposure from multiple sources 3) they do not protect against pulsation or modulation; and 4) they do not provide for sensitive or vulnerable populations (see Petitioners' Joint Opening Brief in *ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRUST; Consumers for Safe Cell Phones; Elizabeth Barris; Theodora Scarato Children's Health Defense; Michele Hertz; Petra Brokken; Dr. David O. Carpenter; Dr. Paul Dart; Dr. Toril H. Jelter; Dr. Ann Lee; Virginia Farver; Jennifer Baran; Paul Stanley, M.Ed., Petitioners, v. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; United States of America*, Respondents, 2020 WL 4383740 (C.A.D.C.); and

WHEREAS, in fact, the petitioner's opening brief goes on to summarize three (3) major peer-reviewed scientific studies and reports, as well as thirty (30) scientific,

medical, and health appeals and recommendations from health and environmental associations comprised of thousands of doctors, whom have opined that these emissions lead to cancer, reproductive aberration, neurological effects, prenatal and perinatal complications through teenage years, and radiation sickness (see *Id. at 20-32*); and

WHEREAS, on that very same issue, the City submitted comments on May 15, 2020, to the FCC pursuant to its rulemaking proceeding in ET docket number 19-226, wherein the City emphasized the need for further examination into these exposure issues and that the findings of the FCC, stating that negative impacts are “highly unlikely,” was based on very little, if any, contemporary medical study and/or research, see Exhibit 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it takes looking at a chart published in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Office of Spectrum Management, to see the compounding layers of use within the radio spectrum existing at that time, to understand the delicate balance required here, see Exhibit 2, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, despite all of the City’s activism in this arena, the dial has not moved in favor of local governments and the many interests that local governments are charged with protecting; and

WHEREAS, it is time to narrow the focus and unify all stakeholders upon one common goal, the most important issue of all, and that is, unquestioningly, the health and safety of human life and future generations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this resolution implores the federal government, specifically the U.S. Congress, to allocate appropriate funds and direct a cross-discipline federal agency study, based upon objective clinical and research-based evidence, of the effects caused by exposure to current and proposed electromagnetic spectrum and radiofrequency emissions on human health and the environment in light of the recent implementation of 5G technology, and to use those findings to create new laws or rules promulgated through

the appropriate federal agency to establish proper limits on human and environmental exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields; and

WHEREAS, this is not an issue of “if” – it is a matter “when” – as recent as February 11, 2020, a Verizon spokesperson confirmed completion of a neighborhood installation that included seven (7) new thirty-four (34) foot poles in Sandy Springs, Georgia (see https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/northside_sandy_springs/news/sandy-springs-residents-riled-up-about-verizon-s-mini-cell/article_2696a506-42f5-11ea-8961-5f80f6a07c67.html, last viewed on 10/19/2020); and

WHEREAS, the City readily accepts the FCC’s authority to adopt relevant exposure limits; however, with respect, the FCC’s Office of Engineering and Technology—the office responsible for establishing such exposure limits—is not comprised of medical doctors or other cross-disciplined experts that are essential to seeing the full picture that emissions densification issues present to humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of this subject matter, specifically the challenge to strike a proper balance between protecting the public from dangerous emissions exposure and promoting robust telecommunications services, the next step must be to achieve bipartisan support for laws and regulations based on comprehensive clinical and research-based evidence in order to protect human life and the environment from current and proposed microwave/radio frequency emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds and determines that this resolution has a clear public purpose to serve the best interests of the residents, and desires to unify all stakeholders on this essential topic and, as a nation, avoid repeating mistakes of the past by plowing forward possibly inciting the third industrial revolution without factoring in the clear warning signs along the way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

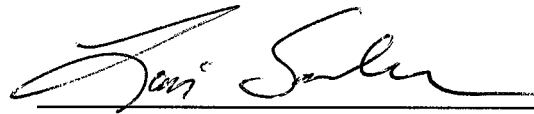
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Section 3: That the City Clerk, or designee, is hereby directed to distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, all members of the United States Congress, and other lawmakers who have expressed interest in such a study.

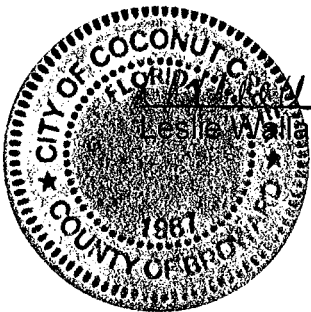
Section 4: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

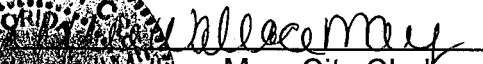
Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2020.


Louis Sarbone, Mayor

Attest:




Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>



KAREN M. BROOKS
CITY MANAGER

May 15, 2020

Honorable Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: City of Coconut Creek's Comments on Proposed Rulemaking on Radio Frequency (RF) Exposure Limits under ET Docket No. 19-226

Dear Honorable Chairman Pai,

On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, as City Manager, I would like to express our grave concerns regarding the above notice of proposed rulemaking. It is very concerning to the City that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") predicates many of its conclusions regarding cumulative RF exposure on conjecture alone, rather than actual controlled field studies and medical evaluations.^[2]

Furthermore, scientific advancement should not come at an unknown cost to human health. To illustrate the City's point – the FCC itself notes in the report at page 34, paragraph 69, that "the benefit of protecting humans from RF emissions causing exposures in excess of our existing limits outweighs the costs that may be associated with such evaluation." The City strongly encourages the FCC to fund (or support) evaluations and studies to learn more about the effects that cumulative RF exposure has on human health and set appropriate limits therefrom.

The City has a duty to educate the public on the FCC's safety standards, and to ensure that they are complied with. But, we are not seeing the full picture with such limited scientific information available. The City respectfully requests that the proposed rules are held in abeyance until outcomes claiming to be "highly unlikely" are definitively resolved through scientific studies and evaluations. Let us work together to ensure that these technologies do not create unintended health consequences for generations to come.

Sincerely,

KAREN M. BROOKS
City Manager

^[2] In the Matter of Targeted Changes to the Commission's Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, see pages 33-34, paragraphs 67 and 68, where the report states compounding exposures are "highly unlikely," but provide no objective data or study to support same.

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WHEREAS, in that case, the petitioners pointed out several deficiencies in the current FCC rules, including that: 1) they only prevent thermal effects from short-term exposures to one source, with extensive averaging; 2) they do not protect against the biological effects of long-term exposure or exposure from multiple sources 3) they do not protect against pulsation or modulation; and 4) they do not provide for sensitive or vulnerable populations (see Petitioners' Joint Opening Brief in *ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TRUST; Consumers for Safe Cell Phones; Elizabeth Barris; Theodora Scarato Children's Health Defense; Michele Hertz; Petra Brokken; Dr. David O. Carpenter; Dr. Paul Dart; Dr. Toril H. Jelter; Dr. Ann Lee; Virginia Farver; Jennifer Baran; Paul Stanley, M.Ed., Petitioners, v. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION; United States of America*, Respondents, 2020 WL 4383740 (C.A.D.C.); and

WHEREAS, in fact, the petitioner's opening brief goes on to summarize three (3) major peer-reviewed scientific studies and reports, as well as thirty (30) scientific,

medical, and health appeals and recommendations from health and environmental associations comprised of thousands of doctors, whom have opined that these emissions lead to cancer, reproductive aberration, neurological effects, prenatal and perinatal complications through teenage years, and radiation sickness (see *Id. at 20-32*); and

WHEREAS, on that very same issue, the City submitted comments on May 15, 2020, to the FCC pursuant to its rulemaking proceeding in ET docket number 19-226, wherein the City emphasized the need for further examination into these exposure issues and that the findings of the FCC, stating that negative impacts are “highly unlikely,” was based on very little, if any, contemporary medical study and/or research, see Exhibit 1, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, it takes looking at a chart published in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Office of Spectrum Management, to see the compounding layers of use within the radio spectrum existing at that time, to understand the delicate balance required here, see Exhibit 2, attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, despite all of the City’s activism in this arena, the dial has not moved in favor of local governments and the many interests that local governments are charged with protecting; and

WHEREAS, it is time to narrow the focus and unify all stakeholders upon one common goal, the most important issue of all, and that is, unquestioningly, the health and safety of human life and future generations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, this resolution implores the federal government, specifically the U.S. Congress, to allocate appropriate funds and direct a cross-discipline federal agency study, based upon objective clinical and research-based evidence, of the effects caused by exposure to current and proposed electromagnetic spectrum and radiofrequency emissions on human health and the environment in light of the recent implementation of 5G technology, and to use those findings to create new laws or rules promulgated through

the appropriate federal agency to establish proper limits on human and environmental exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields; and

WHEREAS, this is not an issue of “if” – it is a matter “when” – as recent as February 11, 2020, a Verizon spokesperson confirmed completion of a neighborhood installation that included seven (7) new thirty-four (34) foot poles in Sandy Springs, Georgia (see https://www.mdjonline.com/neighbor_newspapers/northside_sandy_springs/news/sandy-springs-residents-riled-up-about-verizon-s-mini-cell/article_2696a506-42f5-11ea-8961-5f80f6a07c67.html, last viewed on 10/19/2020); and

WHEREAS, the City readily accepts the FCC’s authority to adopt relevant exposure limits; however, with respect, the FCC’s Office of Engineering and Technology—the office responsible for establishing such exposure limits—is not comprised of medical doctors or other cross-disciplined experts that are essential to seeing the full picture that emissions densification issues present to humans and the environment; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of this subject matter, specifically the challenge to strike a proper balance between protecting the public from dangerous emissions exposure and promoting robust telecommunications services, the next step must be to achieve bipartisan support for laws and regulations based on comprehensive clinical and research-based evidence in order to protect human life and the environment from current and proposed microwave/radio frequency emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds and determines that this resolution has a clear public purpose to serve the best interests of the residents, and desires to unify all stakeholders on this essential topic and, as a nation, avoid repeating mistakes of the past by plowing forward possibly inciting the third industrial revolution without factoring in the clear warning signs along the way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

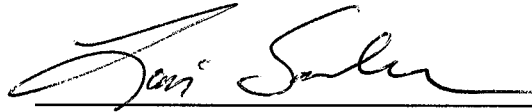
Section 2: That the City Commission implores the federal government, specifically the U.S. Congress, to allocate appropriate funds and direct a cross-discipline federal agency study, based upon objective clinical and research-based evidence, of the effects caused by exposure to current and proposed electromagnetic spectrum and radiofrequency emissions on human health and the environment in light of the recent implementation of 5G technology, and to use those findings to create new laws or rules promulgated through the appropriate federal agency to establish proper limits on human and environmental exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic fields.

Section 3: That the City Clerk, or designee, is hereby directed to distribute a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, all members of the United States Congress, and other lawmakers who have expressed interest in such a study.

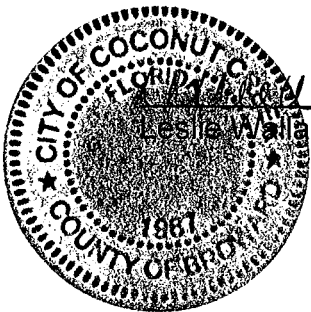
Section 4: That if any clause, section, other part or application of this resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or in application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or applications of this resolution.

Section 5: That this resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 12th day of November, 2020.


Louis Sarbone, Mayor

Attest:




Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Sarbone	<u>Aye</u>
Rydell	<u>Aye</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>



KAREN M. BROOKS
CITY MANAGER

May 15, 2020

Honorable Chairman Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, District of Columbia 20554

RE: City of Coconut Creek's Comments on Proposed Rulemaking on Radio Frequency (RF) Exposure Limits under ET Docket No. 19-226

Dear Honorable Chairman Pai,

On behalf of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, as City Manager, I would like to express our grave concerns regarding the above notice of proposed rulemaking. It is very concerning to the City that the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") predicates many of its conclusions regarding cumulative RF exposure on conjecture alone, rather than actual controlled field studies and medical evaluations.^[2]

Furthermore, scientific advancement should not come at an unknown cost to human health. To illustrate the City's point – the FCC itself notes in the report at page 34, paragraph 69, that "the benefit of protecting humans from RF emissions causing exposures in excess of our existing limits outweighs the costs that may be associated with such evaluation." The City strongly encourages the FCC to fund (or support) evaluations and studies to learn more about the effects that cumulative RF exposure has on human health and set appropriate limits therefrom.

The City has a duty to educate the public on the FCC's safety standards, and to ensure that they are complied with. But, we are not seeing the full picture with such limited scientific information available. The City respectfully requests that the proposed rules are held in abeyance until outcomes claiming to be "highly unlikely" are definitively resolved through scientific studies and evaluations. Let us work together to ensure that these technologies do not create unintended health consequences for generations to come.

Sincerely,

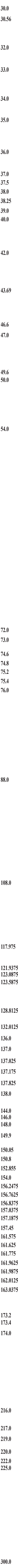
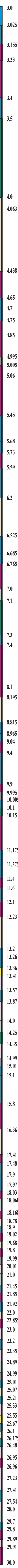
KAREN M. BROOKS
City Manager

^[2] In the Matter of Targeted Changes to the Commission's Rules Regarding Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, see pages 33-34, paragraphs 67 and 68, where the report states compounding exposures are "highly unlikely," but provide no objective data or study to support same.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

PRESS RELEASE FOR COUNCIL RE: EMS SENSITIVITY MONTH

COLWOOD, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FIRST CANADIAN COMMUNITY TO PROCLAIM
ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY MONTH -- AUGUST

I David Saunders, Mayor of the City of Colwood am proud to announce that the City has proclaimed August as Electromagnetic Sensitivity Awareness Month. This is a first for Canada, as it joins many other countries in recognizing this new environment-related illness.

The proclamation states that people in Colwood and throughout the world have developed Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of exposure to electromagnetic pollution.

EMS is a painful, chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiation for which there is no known cure. The symptoms of this disease include but are not limited to dermatitis, acute numbness and tingling, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, overwhelming fatigue, sensitivity to light, and severe neurological problems.

Relief can be obtained only by eliminating exposure to radiation-emitting devices such as cell phones, wireless technology, FM and cell transmitters, and CFL light bulbs, resulting in major lifestyle changes.

EMS is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission, the Canadian Government as an Environmental Sensitivity, the Americans with Disability Act, and numerous other international commissions.

The health of the general population is at risk from chronic, long-term exposures to electromagnetic radiation. This illness may be prevented through reduction in radiation exposure levels both indoor and outdoor. Further medical research and education is needed as is the support and understanding of family, friends and society as these people struggle with this poorly understood new environmental disease.

Sincerely,

David Saunders, Mayor
City of Colwood



PROCLAMATION

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS people of all ages in Colwood and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS Electromagnetic Sensitivity is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS The symptoms of Electromagnetic Sensitivity include dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS Electromagnetic Sensitivity is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Canadian Government as an Environmental Sensitivity, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and many other national and international commissions; and

WHEREAS this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiation in both indoor and outdoor environments and by further medical research;

NOW THEREFORE I, David Saunders, Mayor of the City of Colwood, hereby proclaim the month of August 2009 as:

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Colwood.

MAYOR





Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EHS) Tip Sheet

Background

As societies industrialize and the technological revolution continues, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number and diversity of electromagnetic field (EMF) sources. These sources include video display units (VDUs) associated with computers, mobile phones and their base stations. While these devices have made our life richer, safer and easier, they have been accompanied by concerns about possible health risks due to their EMF emissions.

For some time a number of individuals have reported a variety of health problems that they relate to exposure to EMF. While some individuals report mild symptoms and react by avoiding the fields as best they can, others are so severely affected that they cease work and change their entire lifestyle. This reputed sensitivity to EMF has been generally termed “electromagnetic hypersensitivity” or EHS.¹

¹ World Health Organization, [Electromagnetic fields and public health](http://www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs296/en/). Accessed on May 04, 2018 from www.who.int/peh-emf/publications/facts/fs296/en/

Common Accommodation Measures for Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EHS)

Accommodation	How the City can Help	Assigned To
1. Limit exposure to EMF emissions from mobile devices.	Notify all meeting attendees to set mobile phones to airplane mode at the start of the meeting.	Meeting Organizer
2. Limit exposure to EMF emissions from Wi-Fi and Bluetooth sources, to the best extent possible without significantly affecting City business in adjacent spaces.	- Temporarily disable City owned WAP device(s) in immediate proximity to the meeting room. Note: Most City owned WAP devices in meeting rooms can be remotely disabled by Peterborough Technology Services (PTS). Some meeting rooms require PTS to physically turn off power to disable the applicable City owned WAP. - Temporarily disable Nexicom owned WAP device(s) in immediate proximity to the meeting room. - Provide 48 hours notice, not including weekends, to PTS and/or Nexicom, with meeting start and meeting end times.	Meeting Organizer to coordinate with Peterborough Technology Services and/or Nexicom
3. Limit exposure to fluorescent lighting and older style LED lighting.	- Turn off or minimize amount of fluorescent lighting and older style LED lighting in the meeting room. - Consider booking meeting rooms with adequate windows to the exterior for natural daylighting. - Consult with meeting attendee with EHS prior to the meeting and at the start of the meeting to determine how to best suit the accommodation. - Consult with other meeting attendees to ensure adequate lighting is provided for everyone.	Meeting Organizer

Relevant Contact Information

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May 29, 2026

Bobbie Singh-Allen
Mayor

Mr. Brendan Carr
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District 1

Ms. Olivia Trusty
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Rod Brewer
Councilmember
District 2

RE: FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, WT Docket No. 25-276

Dear Chairman Carr, Commissioner Gomez, and Commissioner Trusty:

Kevin D. Spease
Councilmember
District 3

On behalf of the City of Elk Grove, California (City), I write to express its opposition to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the matter of "Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments.

Sergio Robles
Councilmember
District 4

While the City supports responsible telecommunications infrastructure deployment, we feel the FCC's proposed rule goes too far in preempting municipal authority and fails to account for the real costs and complexities of infrastructure management. The Commission should withdraw or substantially revise this proposal and adopt a more balanced approach that:

- Preserves local authority to manage public rights-of way and placement authority
- Recognizes local governments are entitled to compensation which reflects the full costs of wireless deployment, not an arbitrary national assessment of what costs "should" be
- Facilitates industry and local cooperation rather than heavy-handed federal mandates

We share the Commission's goal of bringing modern telecommunications options to communities that have waited too long for technological upgrades. But we also understand the realities on the ground, where local governments must reconcile deployment with wildfire risk, steep topography, historic downtowns, emergency evacuation routes, environmental protection, and fragile infrastructure that holds up our communities.

As you may know, local governments are extensively involved in the approval of wireless structures and facilities. In this regard, City Councils and Boards of Supervisors are elected to:

1. Serve the local community interests and subsequently ensure that wireless telecommunication structures and facilities adhere to local land-use ordinances and zoning regulations; and
2. Provide final approval for wireless telecommunication facilities and structure proposals that may be controversial and/or may pose a local health and safety risk.

Local elected leaders must evaluate proposals not simply as abstract deployments, but as physical structures placed near homes, schools, fire access roads, evacuation corridors, and critical community assets.

Congress spoke very clearly when drafting Sections 253 and 332 of the Communications Act. Under 47 U.S.C. § 253 (b) and (c), state and local governments retain the authority (and responsibility) to protect public safety, preserve service quality, safeguard consumer rights, and manage the public rights-of-way on fair and competitively neutral terms. For decades, this statute has formed the backbone of a cooperative federalism system that allows state and local governments to ensure the safety of telecommunications infrastructure while still accommodating new technology.

Also of concern is the NPRM's consideration of imposing accelerated timelines for application review. Jurisdictions with limited staff cannot accurately evaluate complex applications within a shortened or unreasonable time frame. Unrealistic timelines, therefore, threaten to silence the very people who must live with the consequences. If applications are rushed through or "deemed granted" without adequate review, the responsibility for any resulting harm rests not with the applicant, but with the local authority left to deal with the aftermath. Any accelerated process must ensure that all parties have due process with a fair and reasonable opportunity to be heard.

The City is deeply committed to facilitating the timely, safe, cost-effective deployment of telecommunications infrastructure. To this end, we have worked over the year to welcome wireless infrastructure while protecting the people who live closest to it. At the same time, Congress preserved state and local authority in such decisions for a reason, and communities cannot afford policies that place haste over safety, or uniformity over local judgement. Local procedures ensure transparency, fairness, legal compliance, and public input. These principles, which would be undermined by the NPRM, are essential for balancing rapid technological deployment with long-term community wellbeing.

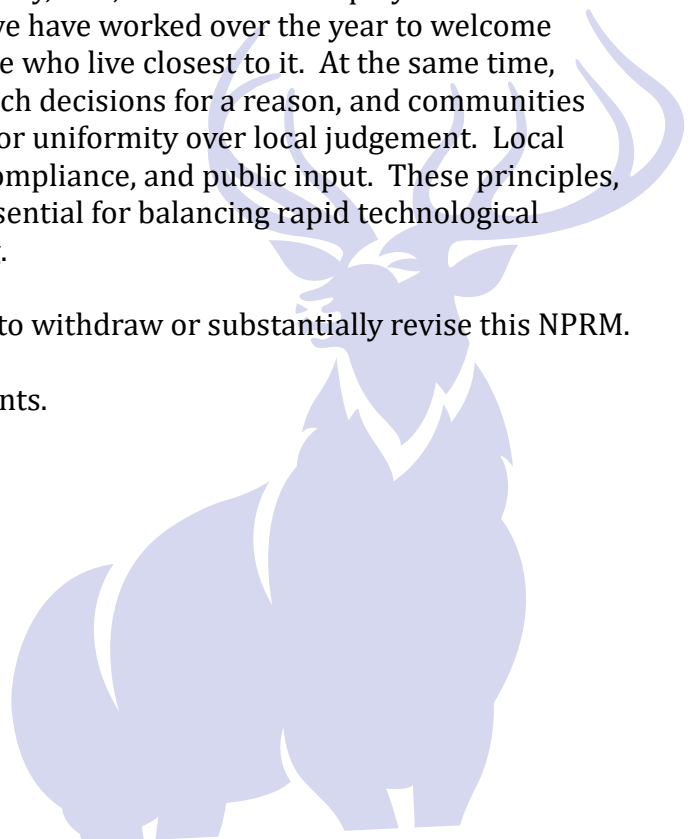
For these reasons, the City urges the Commission to withdraw or substantially revise this NPRM.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Bobby Singh-Allen
Mayor
City of Elk Grove





CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY (EMS) AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Florida and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitivities reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include, dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological, respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic sensibility (EMS) is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Access Board; and

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from electromagnetic exposures that can lead to this illness induced by electromagnetic radiations; and

WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiations, in both indoor and outdoor environments and by conducting further scientific research; and

WHEREAS, people with EMS need the support of the Medical Establishment, understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and have to adapt to new lifestyles;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 2009 as *Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) Awareness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 29th day of March, in the year two thousand nine.

A blue ink signature of Charlie Crist, written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Governor



April 21, 2022

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

RE: August 13, 2021 judgment by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, in Environmental Health Trust et al. v. the FCC

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

In response to the judgment by the U.S. Court of Appeals in the Environmental Health Trust case, I am requesting that appropriate actions be taken immediately to wireless radiofrequency radiation levels. I request that the FCC ensure an up to date examination of its wireless radiofrequency radiation regulations by reopening Docket 13-84 ("Reassessment of FCC Radiofrequency Exposure Limits and Policies") to refresh the record before issuing its final response to the judgment.

The current scientific research must be immediately reviewed and acted upon in a timely manner so that the health and safety of our citizens is prioritized. Consumers must have accurate information related to the benefits and risks of the products and services available to them. Policies should be reflective of current scientific research performed in accordance with utilization. It is impossible for consumers to make educated decisions without accurate information; therefore, I am requesting that you take immediate action as directed by the courts to review the research and update any policies as necessary for the health and wellbeing of all citizens, including the most vulnerable, our children.

Sincerely,

Mark Gordon
Governor of Wyoming

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1 EXHIBIT 1
2 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
5 OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA
6 URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND FEDERAL
7 GOVERNMENT TO INITIATE A STUDY OF THE HEALTH
8 EFFECTS OF SMALL CELL TOWERS BUILT TO
9 ACCOMMODATE 5G TECHNOLOGY AND TO DEVELOP
10 INSTALLATION GUIDELINES PROTECTING THE HEALTH
11 AND WELFARE OF RESIDENTS; PROVIDING FOR AN
12 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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14 **WHEREAS**, small cell wireless equipment is designed to boost cellular service
15 from the existing wireless carriers and will enable those carriers to implement 5G
16 technology by placing these installations on existing streetlights and utility poles; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, concerns have been raised about the health risks of 5G technology
19 including small cell installations. Many studies have linked low-level wireless radio
20 frequency radiation exposures to adverse biological effects including DNA single and
21 double strand breaks, oxidative damage, disruption of cell metabolism, increased blood
22 brain barrier permeability, melatonin reduction disruption to brain glucose metabolism and
23 generation of stress proteins. This list warrants additional scientific studies before
24 residents are put at risk; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, the health hazards of 5G technology have been intensely debated at
27 the federal level before Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
28 There does not appear to be any widely accepted definitive scientific study that proves one
29 way or the other whether small cell installations — emitting extremely high or “millimeter
30 wave” frequencies above 24 GHz — may have an adverse health impact, although in 2011
31 the World Health Organization classified radio frequency radiation as a possible 2B
32 carcinogen; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the only applicable FCC standards for radio-frequency radiation
35 emissions were set in 1996 and did not consider the use of modern wireless equipment
36 like small cells that will be located close to residences. Mere compliance with the FCC’s
37 outdated standards does not assure safety; and
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39 **WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has preempted local governments from regulating
40 the installation of small cells as it relates to their potential health effects or proximity to
41 residential areas; and
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43 **WHEREAS**, the FCC adopted regulations in 2018 that are intended to facilitate the
44 installation of 5G technology “underscore[ing] the FCC’s commitment to ensuring that the
45 United States wins the global race to 5G,” as stated in the FCC Press Release dated
46 September 26, 2018; and
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48 **WHEREAS**, global communications and technological advancements are important
49 components of the state and federal economy but need not come at the expense of the
50 public’s health. As the world’s leading economy the United States can and should “win the
51 global race” while protecting its residents from potential long term health effects that will
52 only further harm the economy in the future; and
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54 **WHEREAS**, the FCC’s action allows private cell providers the right to put antennas
55 and transmission control boxes on city-owned streetlight poles and privately-owned utility
56 wood poles subject to only minimal limitations. This means that a 5G antenna could be
57 mounted on the streetlight or utility pole in front of a resident’s home, and there would be
58 little the resident could do about it. Given the health concerns described above, the City
59 believes this should cause great concern for all City residents; and
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61 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission hereby find it is in the best interest of
62 the residents to urge the state and federal governments to initiate independent
63 scientifically reliable studies of the health effects of small cell wireless and 5G technology
64 on residential populations and develop guidelines for the installation of this technology that
65 will protect the health and welfare of the public.
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67 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
68 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**
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70 **SECTION 1.** Each of the above recitals are hereby incorporated herein.
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72 **SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby urge the state and federal
73 governments to initiate independent scientifically reliable studies of the health

effects of small cell wireless and 5G technology on residential populations and develop guidelines for the installation of this technology that will protect the health and welfare of the public.

SECTION 3. The City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate entities.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

JOY D. ADAMS
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW

ATTEST:

JENORGEN GUILLEN, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
FORM

JENNIFER MERINO
CITY ATTORNEY

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

March 28, 2023

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel
Chairwomen
Federal Communications Commission
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairwomen Rosenworcel:

I am writing to relay the well-founded concerns of my constituents in Wyandotte, Michigan. T-Mobile has recently begun the construction of a 5G cell phone tower situated above the playground area of Washington Elementary School, causing a great deal of concern and apprehension for parents. Many of the parents have specifically voiced their concerns regarding the impacts of radiofrequency radiation (RF) on their children, faculty, and staff. To this end, more than 1,500 individuals have signed a petition demanding for the swift removal of the tower. The parents have repeatedly stated that they are not opposed to 5G Technology, but there is no doubt that the placement of a cell phone tower near a children's schoolyard is precarious.

Furthermore, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has sustained a twenty-six-year-old precedent in maintaining radiofrequency exposure limits, which have not been updated since 1996. We have made significant technological advancements since, particularly in the realms of telecommunications and other wireless-related technologies. As a result, the FCC should reconsider the exposure limits currently in place. Moreover, the [U.S. Government Accountability Office](#) previously stated that the FCC's exposure limit might not reflect the latest research as international organizations have updated their exposure limit recommendations which countries in the European Union (EU) have implemented. Similarly, the [U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia](#) judged in favor of environmental health groups and petitioners on August 13, 2021, citing the current limits as "arbitrary and capricious."

Research, specifically the impacts of [RF on children](#), warrants increased attention from government agencies and academia. Although, the prevailing theory is that the effects of RF exposure produce minimal defects, it remains inconclusive. The current research should be interpreted cautiously as studies and methods must be improved immensely to reach a consensus. Thus, placing cell phone towers on school grounds should be reviewed by the agency and external partners.

Lastly, the voices of my constituents and their children are profoundly important to me. The FCC must become more responsive to the needs of our citizens and devise ways to increase trust among the American public. I implore the FCC to revise the RF limits, collaborate with

leading researchers and academic institutions, and promulgate essential research findings to the American public.

Thank you for considering this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Shri Thanedar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shri" and last name "Thanedar" clearly distinguishable.

Shri Thanedar, Ph.D.
Member of Congress

Resolution

Resolution Proclaiming September 2017 as Electromagnetic Sensitivities Awareness Month in Monterey County

Resolution No.: 17-328

Resolution proclaiming September 2017 as)
Electromagnetic Sensitivities Awareness Month in Monterey County....)

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Access Board recognized issues pertaining to electromagnetic sensitivities (EMS) and that EMS may potentially be qualified as disabling; and

WHEREAS, the economic impacts of all disabilities may fall onto local governments, causing increased social and medical service costs, with associated loss of economic drivers and loss of revenues; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County supports the health and well being of all residents, including vulnerable populations; and

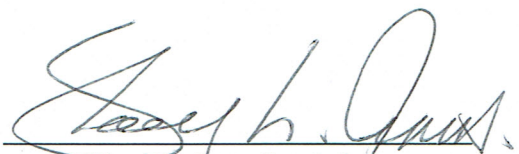
WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Labor continues to develop information on how to accommodate people with disabilities in the workplace, and California has developed Cleaner Air Room guidelines with a symbol that can be used to designate a room that includes lessened EMS exposure;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors do hereby declare September 2017 as **Electromagnetic Sensitivities (EMS) Awareness Month** in Monterey County and encourage engagement in interactive dialogue with those impacted by EMS to reduce stigma and increase understanding, inclusionary policies, and appropriate accommodations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of September 2017.

Dated: September 19, 2017




Chair Mary L. Adams

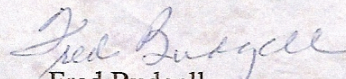
PROCLAMATION
Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity Awareness Month
October 2009

- Whereas; People of all ages in Norris Arm and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EMHS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution ;and,
- Whereas ; Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure ; and,
- Whereas : The symptoms of Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity include dermal changes , acute numbness and tingling ,dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms and often develop into Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS); and,
- Whereas ; Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity is recognized by the Canadian Human Rights Commission. The Canadian Government as an Environmental Sensitivity, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and many other national and international commissions, and,
- Whereas ; Powerlines and transformers generate electromagnetic fields and may be contributing to electrical sensitivity and to other illness, such as cancers ; and ,
- Whereas : this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiation in both indoor and outdoor environments and by further medical research ;
- Now
Therefore I, Fred Budgell , Mayor of the Town of Norris Arm, hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 as ;

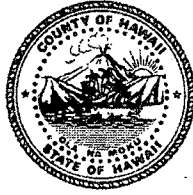
Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity Awareness Month

Signed at The Town of Norris Arm, Newfoundland this 30th day of September 2009

Norris Arm


Fred Budgell
Mayor



RESOLUTION NO. 678 20

A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES AND PUBLIC UTILITIES OPERATING IN HAWAII COUNTY TO CEASE THE BUILDOUT OF 5G WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE UNTIL SUCH TECHNOLOGIES HAVE BEEN PROVEN THROUGH INDEPENDENT RESEARCH AND TESTING TO BE SAFE TO HUMAN HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the telecommunications industry is engaged in a deployment of microwave and millimeter-wave "small cell" antennas across the County to facilitate the fifth generation of wireless communications known as 5G; and

WHEREAS, the T-Mobile website is advertising that areas across the State of Hawai'i have 5G coverage; and

WHEREAS, this new technology uses existing wireless infrastructure and new types of radio-frequency (RF) microwave radiation to transmit large amounts of data, but requires significantly closer proximity to users, resulting in the dense deployment of antennas near residences, schools, and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the deployment of 5G-enabled small cell antennas in our neighborhoods raises serious questions regarding the potential health and environmental impacts of long-term exposure to untested RF microwave radiation frequencies; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has not conducted any long-term safety testing of new 5G wireless technologies, and has failed to update its human RF microwave radiation exposure guidelines since 1996, despite being advised to do so by the U.S. General Accounting Office, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and hundreds of medical and scientific experts from around the world; and

WHEREAS, telecommunications industry leaders have publicly admitted that they have not conducted any safety tests to determine the possible adverse health and environmental effects from exposure to RF microwave radiation emitted by 5G-enabled small cell antennas; and

WHEREAS, a significant body of published, peer-reviewed, independent science links exposure to RF microwave radiation with serious environmental and biological harm, including increased risk of cancer, reproductive problems, and neurological impairments can be found at <https://www.5gcrisis.com/scientific-studies>; and

WHEREAS, populations especially at risk from this exposure include pregnant women, children, the elderly, and individuals with implanted medical devices, or cardiac or neurological problems; and

WHEREAS, in its 2019 SONAR Emerging Risk Report, which focuses on systematic observation of notions associated with risk, Swiss Re, the second-largest re-insurance company in the world, called 5G a “high impact” liability risk due to health risk; and

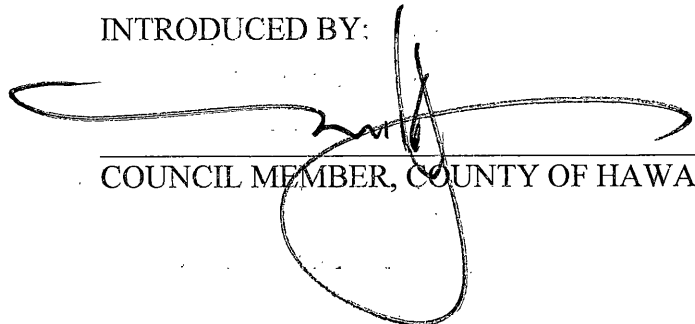
WHEREAS, the theory that exposure to RF microwave radiation is harmless, which has been the underlying principle of all federal legislation and regulations regarding wireless technologies for more than twenty years, has now been proven false; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I that it calls upon all telecommunications companies and public utilities operating in Hawai‘i County to cease the buildout of 5G-enabled small cell antennas until such technologies have been proven safe beyond a reasonable doubt through independent research and the public health and welfare can be assured.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Harry Kim; Mayor; Roy Takemoto, Managing Director, and Michael Yee, Director of Planning.

Dated at _____, Hawai‘i, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

INTRODUCED BY:



COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I

COUNTY COUNCIL
County of Hawai‘i
Hilo, Hawai‘i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by
the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the
County of Hawai‘i on _____.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Reference: _____ C-986/PC _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ **678 20** _____



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

April 2, 2021

The Honorable Chris Van Hollen
United States Senate
110 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Van Hollen:

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) will undoubtedly have a major impact on the lives of Montgomery County residents. On their behalf, allow us to thank you and your colleagues in the Maryland Congressional Delegation for your leading role in ensuring that the bill was signed into law with many essential provisions intact. Notwithstanding the scope and magnitude of ARPA, there remain many other pressing issues that require legislative action. This letter presents a number of priorities for Montgomery County regarding federal policies and programs. Additionally, recognizing that Congress will include community project funding in annual appropriations bills, as well as consider more extensive authorization earmark requests in a multi-year infrastructure package, attached is information regarding specific projects for which federal funding would be appropriate and important. The relevant forms for each project will be submitted to your office electronically, in accordance with your guidelines and procedures. We welcome the opportunity to discuss them. To that end, our Office of Intergovernmental Relations stands ready to work with your staff on these matters.

Transportation

Invest in bus infrastructure. Appropriate funding for infrastructure investments to improve bus transit, with an emphasis on Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridors like Montgomery County's Phase 1 BRT system and the State of Maryland's Corridor Cities Transitway (CCT). Provide increased funding in fiscal year 2022 (FY22) for competitive discretionary programs as well as formula grant programs. Appropriate funding to and expand the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Capital Investment Grant program to fund new transit systems, particularly New Starts and Small Starts, with a focus on BRT. Increase funding for the U.S. Department of Transportation's BUILD Discretionary Grant program.

Improve Commuter Rail. Expand funding availability to improve the quality and effectiveness of the State of Maryland's MARC Commuter Rail system including capacity expansion of the Brunswick line and its station and park-and-ride facilities. These improvements would allow all-day, two-way train service and the addition of stations in high-priority growth areas like Shady Grove and White Flint. Coupled with investments in run-through service in Washington, D.C.,

better Commuter Rail could be the key to increasing the connectivity between the dynamic activity centers within the National Capital Region.

Support clean vehicle fueling networks. Develop clean fueling (hydrogen and electric) networks through implementation of charging and fueling infrastructure grants that promote phasing out gas-powered vehicles. Improve access to economies of scale so local jurisdictions can benefit and apply for resulting technologies. Fund local governments' ability to develop and implement long-range plans to accelerate deployment of charging and refueling infrastructure, with priority to infrastructure at workplaces, existing multi-unit dwellings and low-income communities. Include funding for utility infrastructure upgrades.

Fund transit operations and community connections to achieve equity. Continue funding sustaining transit as the Country recovers from COVID-19 to avoid loss of services to transit-dependent communities and to avoid increased reliance on single occupancy vehicles. Provide competitive opportunities for local governments to explore transit pilot programs that use transit as a tool to promote equity. To promote investment in and adoption of transit in a way that will have positive effects on quality of life and climate change, treat transit as a public service available to all, similar to public schools and libraries. Implement Community Connectivity Pilot Program for planning and construction of projects to restore connections between communities historically impacted by highway development.

Reauthorize Passenger Rail Investment Improvement Act (PRIIA). Adopt a multi-year PRIIA reauthorization of at least \$150 million each year. Annual appropriations will be matched by local jurisdictions and should increase gradually to support the transit backbone of the Washington Metropolitan region.

Prioritize safety. Provide a safety incentive program with formula funding for States and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with a significant portion of funding to be suballocated, to support improving transportation safety for vulnerable users (e.g., people walking, bikers, and with disabilities) by including Vision Zero priorities and actions to work towards ending traffic deaths. Provide funding opportunities to support local governments in developing and employing a universal design approach so that public infrastructure is accessible, understandable, safe, and useful for all. Shift funding priorities to support investment in modification of existing infrastructure to better accommodate safe travel by all roadway users.

Invest in Transportation Demand Management (TDM). Support creation of a TDM formula grant program (separate from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program) as a cost-effective approach to promote use of alternatives to personal-auto-focused transportation modes including teleworking, qualified transportation fringe benefits, and improved cycling and pedestrian infrastructure. Reinstatement of the bicycle benefit within federal qualified transportation fringe benefits and adoption of H.R. 384, the Bicycle Commuter Act or similar proposal to expand the benefit to include entire range of low- or no-emissions micromobility devices. Pass H.R. 382, the Adopt the Bikeshare Transit Act or similar proposal to amend federal code to include micromobility projects (i.e. bikeshare, e-scooter) under the umbrella of transit improvements

eligible for federal transit funds. TDM strategies will advance climate goals, expand racial equity and health benefits, and encourage more effective use of existing infrastructure.

Fund programs that renew infrastructure and support adaptation and resilience in response to climate change. Modify programs to prioritize funds invested in existing maintenance backlog for pavement, storm drain systems, and street tree maintenance. Develop or expand funding programs for systematic safety programs and programs that measure, or reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT), while prioritizing access to jobs and economic opportunity. Provide formula and discretionary programs for local governments to improve resilience of critical infrastructure including transit systems, bridges and culverts, roadway, and trail networks.

Promote use of electric vehicles (EVs) and zero emission vehicles (ZEVs). Implement a formula carbon reduction incentive program for projects that reduce on-road mobile source of carbon emissions from transportation. Support legislation to accelerate the use of EVs and ZEVs. Include provisions to enable low- and moderate-income households to benefit from these technologies and extend and enhance tax credits and other incentives (e.g., cash grants for eligible lower income recipients) for sale of new and used ZEVs and for charging and alternative refueling facilities. Include e-bikes in federal tax credit and rebate programs for lower cost solutions for those not requiring cars.

Increase appropriations for FTA's Bus and Bus Facilities program to support purchases of low- or no-emission buses and necessary bus facilities through its discretionary program for low- or no-emissions bus deployment projects (Federal Transit Act §5339). Expand reauthorization to allow for expansion of electric bus fleets and charging infrastructure without penalty for age and quality of existing fleets.

Telecommunications Technology

Radio frequency (RF) and small cell standards. Request responsibility for setting RF standards be transferred from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)- a regulatory agency- to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)- a standards setting body. Direct NIST to complete a review of credible published papers on the health effects of RF emissions on humans, including women and children, and tests to measure biological impact on humans, and thermal and biological tests of RF at different frequencies within 6 months. Further direct NIST to create and update thermal and biological standards for smart phones, small cells, and household Internet-of-Things (IoT) devices, Wi-Fi, and Bluetooth devices within 2 years and review and update standards every 5 years thereafter.

Communications Act and Spectrum Act. Clarify Communications Act and Spectrum Act to affirm that local governments are not limited to cost recovery, to enable local governments to charge market-based rents for use of public rights-of-way, streetlight lights, and street furniture and generate funding to address the digital divide locally.

Communications Act and Public, Educational and Government (PEG) channels. Clarify Communications Act to ensure that cable operators may not charge local governments for the value of PEG channels that cable operators are required to provide under federal law. Under the Biden administration, the new FCC has been tasked with undoing harm created by the previous administration. A statutory change will eliminate the ability of partisan administrations to make arbitrarily changes that negatively impact local community news and information.

Environment

Address climate change. Advance legislation increasing federal funding to local governments for climate change mitigation and resilience actions including funding for green and resilience banks to facilitate private investment in domestic low-carbon, climate-resilient infrastructure. Adopt legislation to phase out gas-powered vehicles, establish a carbon tax, and expand federal tax credits for solar installations.

Create environmental conservation corps. Support funding for an environmental restoration conservation corps offering training and education on environmental restoration necessary to address climate change and restore America's ecosystems.

Education

Fund Title I and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Support full funding for Title I and IDEA which provides billions of dollars nationally to public education for disadvantaged children and disabled children.

Increase supply of school-based social workers. Fund higher education degrees in social work and practicum opportunities for masters' degrees for individuals serving K-12 students. Anticipate shortage of social workers to meet students' mental health needs due to unfinished learning challenges from the pandemic.

Libraries

Fund Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Support Library Services and Technology Act providing funds for crucial library services during the pandemic including expanded access to digital content, digital service, and Wi-Fi lending. Adopt S. 284/H.R. 1003 or similar proposal supporting library services and technology needs stemming from COVID-19.

Health and Human Services

Adopt immigration reform. Support comprehensive immigration reform legislation, including a pathway for permanent residence and citizenship, and eligibility for unemployment benefits and healthcare coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Our economy benefits from the spending power of immigrant consumers, and our communities are stronger and more resilient when every resident has access to affordable healthcare.

Support aging and disabled residents. Increase appropriations for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP) providing programming and staffing for housing individuals with complex needs. CHSP funds critical housing and continuity of care support for frail elderly, nonelderly disabled, and temporarily disabled residents with persistent and pervasive behavioral health issues preventing premature and unnecessary institutionalization. Support legislation in 117th Congress addressing access to ALS critical therapies (introduced as H.R. 8662/S. 4867 in the 116th Congress). Support legislation in 117th Congress addressing dependency and indemnity compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (introduced as H.R. 3221/S. 1047 in the 116th Congress).

Address mental health issues after COVID-19. Fund federal health programs directed toward mental and behavior health for school-aged youth and families struggling with long-term trauma from extended isolation, death of family and friends, economic hardship, and housing instability. Funding should extend for not less than three years beyond end of pandemic.

Housing

Address and prevent homelessness. Increase FY22 appropriation for HUD's Housing Trust Fund by \$20 billion, and HUD's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program. Support President Biden's plan for universal housing vouchers addressing housing inequities and poverty. Specifically, require direct portion of additional Housing Choice Vouchers for conversion to project-based vouchers for use by non-profit and for-profit affordable housing developers.

Adopt the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (S. 98). Sponsored by Senator Cardin, S. 98 would create a tax credit program to incentivize affordable homeownership by providing a tax credit to investors that subsidize the gap between what it costs to build or rehab and what the home can sell for. This could be a game changer on ownership in certain communities. We urge our Congressional delegation to support this initiative.

Address housing affordability. Increase annual federal funding for key housing and community development programs needed to address recovery in communities most impacted by COVID-19 (e.g., Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program).

Finance

Restore Advance Refunding Bonds. Reverse provision of Trump tax cuts and adopt S. 479 or similar proposal amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore tax-exempt status of Advance Refunding Bonds. Restoring tax-exempt treatment of advance refunding bonds provides County flexibility to restructure and manage its debt.

WSSC

Authorize low-income water utility assistance program. Make permanent the temporary Low-Income Water Utility Bill Assistance program included in CRRSAA and ARPA. Provide FY22 appropriations helping customers cover drinking water and wastewater utility bills.

Support direct financial assistance to water utilities during pandemic. WSSC Water experiencing significant economic fallout from COVID-19. Expected consequences are rate increases or decreases in preventive maintenance. Establish permanent federal assistance program comparable to utility assistance in energy sector.

Increase funding for critical waste and wastewater repair, replacement, and rehabilitation. Adopt comprehensive multi-year infrastructure package authorizing water and wastewater program funding. Critical to environmental health, public health, and national economy.

Montgomery County has worked closely with our Congressional delegation over the years, and we value our partnership. Thank you for your time and consideration of our 2021 federal priorities.

Sincerely,



Marc Elrich
County Executive



Thomas Hucker
County Council President

PROPOSED 2021 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUESTS

FY22 Appropriations Bills

Name of Project	Summary/Project Description	Applicable Appropriations Bill or Federal Program (if known)	Requested Amount (estimated)	Contact
Transit Operation Support Facilities (MCDOT)	Brookville Depot Facility Modernization; Metropolitan Grove Transit Depot; Shared WMATA/MoCo Operations Feasibility Analysis;	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies- USDOT Local Transportation Priorities	\$24.1M Brookeville; \$2.5M preliminary design Metropolitan Grove; \$1M WMATA Analysis	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
Complete Streets projects (MCDOT)	Old Columbia Pike Complete Street and Road Diet; Montrose Road Redesign & Reconstruction; Darnestown Road Redesign & Reconstruction	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies- USDOT Local Transportation Priorities	\$1.3M Montrose Road; \$7M Old Columbia Pike; \$1M Darnestown Road	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)

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5G Job Training Bootcamp for Communities of Color (DTS)	Create workforce development skills training program and technician apprenticeship opportunities targeted to under-employed African-Americans, Hispanics, women and veterans in broadband infrastructure deployment sector needed to support fiber and 5G expansion in the region. Work with Montgomery College's experienced grant administrator and technical skills instructors, tap UMD's curriculum, industry's Wireless Infrastructure Association (WIA) Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program, and CTIA's Wireless Industry Service Excellence (WISE) Technician Certification Program	Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies- DOL WOIA Demonstration program	\$1M	Gail Roper (CIO, DTS); Mitsuko Herrera (ultraMontgomery Director, DTS)
Family Wellness Program (HHS)	COVID-19 related program to provide family intervention and crisis intervention support that is linguistically proficient as well as a framework for protective factors and family strengthening and coaching supports addressing multiple levels of trauma	Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies- HHS SAMHSA	\$1M	Luis Cardona (Administrator, Positive Young Development, HHS)
High School Wellness Center Expansion (HHS)	High School Wellness Center (Seneca Valley HS) providing support services in a culturally and linguistically proficient manner to students and their families including extra-curricular opportunities, mentoring and case management services, mental health counseling and on-site health screenings and care	Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies- HHS SAMHSA	\$1.16M for both somatic health staff and positive youth development services	Luis Cardona (Administrator, Positive Young Development, HHS)

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Stabilization Center- mental health or substance use crisis facility (HHS)	Divert persons experiencing mental health crises or substance use crises from correctional facilities and emergency rooms to more appropriate short-term care (prior to being referred to next level of care toward recovery) in compassionate and less-costly setting staffed by culturally and linguistically professionally trained behavioral health, medical, and peer support personnel. Public-private partnership between MoCo HHS, DGS, DOCR and private partners to construct and operate center	Labor, Health & Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies- HHS HRSA	\$1M	Rolando Santiago, PhD (Chief, Behavioral Health and Crisis Services, HHS)
Green Infrastructure Projects (DEP)	Complements current work toward Municipal Storm Sewer Permit Program (MS4) requirements. County exploring multiple green infrastructure projects. Projects will increase water quality and climate-change induced flooding in currently underinvested areas of County. Large impacts to underserved areas, water quality downstream, and prevention of further erosion and pollutants from entering Chesapeake Bay	Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, Clean Water Act- EPA STAG	Any level of support	Frank Dawson (Division Chief, DEP)
Resiliency Hubs (DGS)	Replicate county-wide Scotland Neighborhood Recreation Center model (serving an historic African-American neighborhood) providing programs and services to residents in a small urban hub or larger community center upgrades. These services should be responsive to the diverse needs of different constituencies throughout the County	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies- HUD Economic Development Initiative	\$500K-\$1M	David Dise (Director, DGS)

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Downtown Silver Spring Place-based economic revitalization and workforce development initiative (MCEDC)	Interagency, place-based, community economic development initiative of Montgomery County Commerce Cabinet. Jumpstarts economic recovery after pandemic and enhances downtown Silver Spring to visitors and residents by leveraging existing breweries and Silver Spring's Public Art Walk (GA Ave from Colesville Rd to East-West Highway). Project positions downtown Silver Spring as destination for craft brewery district as well as leveraging investment in the area as a bold climate industry corridor. Provides workforce development opportunities by collaborating with Montgomery College- Silver Spring campus on training and apprenticeship opportunities for careers in local brewery and food manufacturing industries	Transportation, Housing and Urban Development & Related Agencies- HUD Economic Development Initiative	\$300K	Ben Wu and Ben Seigel (MCEDC)

PROPOSED 2021 PROJECTS

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

TRANSPORTATION – BUILDING BACK BETTER

Name of Project	Summary/Project Description	Requested Amount (estimated)	Contact
Veirs Mill Rd BRT (MCDOT)	Implement first BRT along Veirs Mill Road (and a portion of MD 355) between the Wheaton Metro Station and Montgomery College-Rockville. Purchase buses and construct BRT stations, pedestrian and bicycle facility improvements. Facilitate bus time savings with priority lanes at intersections (“queue jumps”).	\$80M	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
MD 355 BRT (MCDOT)	Implement first BRT between Clarksburg and Bethesda, serving Germantown, Gaithersburg, Rockville, White Flint, N. Bethesda, Grosvenor, Medical Center and Bethesda.	\$850M	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
Great Seneca Science Corridor Transit Enhancements (MCDOT)	Provide bus priority improvements to serve and support growth in the life sciences, medical, and educational institutions in Rockville/Gaithersburg.	\$60M	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
Veirs Mill Corridor Pedestrian & Bicycling Improvements (MCDOT)	Improve pedestrian and bicycle access and safety along the Veirs Mill corridor. Projects include design and construction of dedicated bike facilities, new or improved sidewalks, new or improved pedestrian crossings, and other related safety improvements.	\$28M	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
Purple Line Station Access Improvements “First and Last Mile” (MCDOT)	Implement planned facility enhancements to better connect Purple Line stations to surrounding communities and provide for safe access to and from the new light rail system. (i.e. ADA improvements, signage and wayfinding, sidewalks, crosswalks, intersection improvements, bike facilities, trail connections)	\$8M	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)

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US 29 Phase 2 Improvements for Transit (request also submitted by Howard County) (MCDOT)	Implementation of BUS/HOV or dedicated bus lanes on US 29 (also serving Howard County) between Tech Road and the Silver Spring Transit Center to complement the County/Federal investment in the existing US29 Flash BRT.	\$110m	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)
Support for State Projects (MCDOT)	Maryland Department of Transportation's Corridor City Transitway (BRT) and MARC Commuter Rail Improvement Projects (including through-routing to Virginia and all-day passenger service in both directions).	\$1 billion +	Greg Slater (Secretary, MDOT)
Additional BRT Corridors (MCDOT)	Initiate BRT on New Hampshire Avenue, North Bethesda Transitway, Randolph Road, University Boulevard, and Georgia Avenue as described in the Countywide Transit Corridors Functional Master Plan.	\$1.2 billion (individual project costs range \$102M - \$500M)	Chris Conklin (Director, MCDOT)

**CLIMATE ACTION AND LONG-TERM RESILIENCE –
BUILDING BACK BETTER**

Name of Project	Summary/Project Description	Requested Amount (estimated)	Contact
Material Recycling Facility (MRF)- Upgrades (DEP)	30-year old MRF supports all County residents. Upgrades to modernize processing technology to increase commingled processing capacity by 20%, increase operation time and produce higher quality and more market viable product. Increased capacity and better product leads to higher rates of proper disposal, reductions in landfill use, decreased material incineration, and enhanced Chesapeake Bay protection	Any level of support toward estimated \$20.4M project cost	Patty Bubar (Deputy Director, DEP)
Montgomery County Green Bank (DEP)	Montgomery County created the Green Bank (MCGB) as an independent, non-profit organization in 2015. Focus of MCGB bylaws to assist low- and moderate-income communities. Purpose to accelerate investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy critical to County's Climate Action Plan. Provides technical and financial assistance to residential and commercial property owners addressing energy efficiency gaps and renewable energy financing gaps in markets and increases private sector climate-based investment. Infusion of federal funds increases County's ability to leverage investment of public funds and create greater activity than otherwise available with direct spending. Leveraging achieved through variety of mechanism including co-investing with private lenders, loan loss reserve programs, and interest rate buydowns. MCGB positioned to serve as a "Resilience Authority" created by State in 2020. Resilience Authority authorized to operate under same principles as MCGB – leveraging public money to encourage private investment in climate-based investment	Any level of support	Stan Edwards (Division Chief, DEP)
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) (DEP)	County currently in planning phase of WRDA Program 206 project. Expected construction beginning 2023. Request to access WRDA funding or similar federal funding	Any level of support toward upgrades costing \$15.3M	Frank Dawson (Division Chief, DEP)

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Land and Habitat Conservation and Outdoor Recreation	Invest in natural resource management programs that address climate change by preserving and protecting natural resources including parkland, trails and open space	\$5.4M	Brian Anleu (Senior Advisor to MNCPPC Chair Casey Anderson)
Climate Action Planning through Building Oriented Programming (DGS)	Support Climate Action Plan by deploying energy efficient projects including LED lighting and building automation control upgrades with intended purpose of achieving Zero Energy Buildings across County-owned building assets	\$200M	David Dise (Director, DGS)
Renewable Energy through onsite generation at Hillandale Gateway (HOC with support from DHCA)	Primary goal of Hillandale Gateway (mixed-use redevelopment of intergenerational affordable housing in the White Oak area of Silver Spring) is achievement of Zero Net Energy on two-thirds of the affordable age-restricted buildings. Construction of onsite generation to allow for implementation of clean renewable energy without inefficient losses associated with power distribution	\$3.3M	Zachary Marks (Chief Real Estate Officer, HOC)
Renewable Energy through air sealing at Hillandale Gateway (HOC with support from DHCA)	Primary goal of Hillandale Gateway (mixed-use redevelopment of intergenerational affordable housing in the White Oak area of Silver Spring) is achievement of Zero Net Energy on two-thirds of the affordable age-restricted buildings. Address air leakage through air sealing techniques to increase energy efficiency and reduce baseline energy consumption	\$500K	Zachary Marks (Chief Real Estate Officer, HOC)
Renewable Energy through Project Sustainability Certification at Hillandale Gateway (HOC with support from DHCA)	Fund costs associated with obtaining project sustainability certification (e.g., LEED, Energy Star, and Passive House) in constructing durable, energy efficient and resilient affordable housing	\$400K	Zachary Marks (Chief Real Estate Officer, HOC)
Resource Center Transite Panel and Window Replacement (Montgomery College)	Remove and replace exterior transite panels, add insulation, and replace windows to increase building efficiency and decrease energy usage	\$1.5M	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)

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Campus Center Roof Replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency with new roof	\$2M	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Upgrade Building Controls from Siemens to Pritchett (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency through centralized control of HVAC, lighting, motors, and other systems	\$2M	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Cafritz Building- boiler replacements (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency with newer, more efficient boilers	\$300K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Student Services Center- boiler replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency with newer, more efficient boilers	\$600K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Cafritz Garage Lighting Replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency by converting fluorescent lights to LED lighting	\$50K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Gym Lighting Replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency by converting metal halide lights to LED lighting	\$300K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
Parking Lots Lighting Replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency by converting low pressure sodium lights to LED lighting	\$500K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)
West Garage Lighting Replacement (Montgomery College)	Increase energy efficiency by converting low pressure sodium lights to LED lighting	\$250K	Susan Madden (Chief Govt Relations Officer, Montgomery College)

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PROCLAMATION

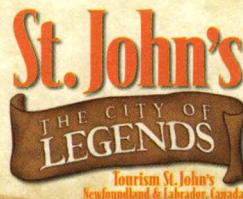
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September, 2009

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- Now*
Therefore I, Dennis O'Keefe, Mayor of the City of St. John's, hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as:

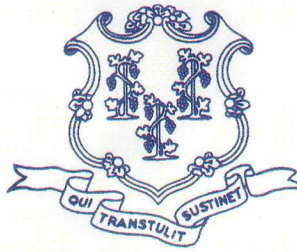
Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity Awareness Month

Signed at City Hall, St. John's, Newfoundland this 24th day of August 2009.



Dennis O'Keefe
Mayor

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Connecticut and throughout the world have developed the illness of Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) as a result of global electromagnetic pollution; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is a painful chronic illness of hypersensitive reactions to electromagnetic radiations for which there is no known cure; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of EMS include dermal changes, acute numbness and tingling, dermatitis, flushing, headaches, arrhythmia, muscular weakness, tinnitus, malaise, gastric problems, nausea, visual disturbances, severe neurological respiratory, speech problems, and numerous other physiological symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Electromagnetic Sensitivity (EMS) is recognized by the Americans with Disabilities Act, the U.S. Access Board, and numerous commissions; and

WHEREAS, the health of the general population is at risk from electromagnetic exposures that can lead to this illness induced by electromagnetic radiations; and

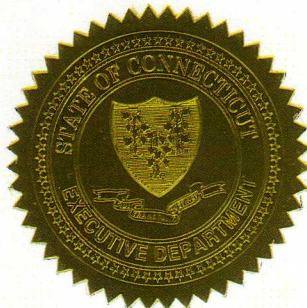
WHEREAS, this illness may be preventable through the reduction or avoidance of electromagnetic radiations, in both indoor and outdoor environments and by conducting further scientific research; and

WHEREAS, people with EMS need the support of the medical establishment and understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and have to adapt to new lifestyles; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2009, as

ELECTROMAGNETIC SENSITIVITY (EMS) AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor