



Stop this invisible hazard

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There have been several powerful 4G cell towers deployed around Simi Valley—five of which are in Wood Ranch.

These close proximity microwave radiation antennas, misleadingly called “small cells,” are mounted on public utility poles and light poles in the public rights of way; some are within 100 feet of homes and, most importantly, they are hazardous.

Established science proves that exposure to wireless radiation can cause neurological illness, DNA damage, heart problems, reduced fertility and increased rates of cancer.

These transmitters so close to our homes violate our guaranteed constitutional right to privacy as it is a 24/7 surveillance grid.

Once the pole is claimed by the carrier, they can increase the power, height or width and swap out equipment without review. This is happening without our knowledge or consent.

The harm from placing industrial equipment in residential areas is the reason California cities such as Monterey, Hillsborough, Mill Valley, Ross, San Anselmo, Petaluma and Sebastopol have already rebuffed Verizon and passed local wireless and zoning ordinances to protect their residents.

Simi Valley needs to do the same, no later than Apr. 15, 2019, after which a window of opportunity closes (we lose the ability to use the “aesthetic standard”) before the FCC Report and Order, WT Docket 17-79, becomes official.

There is an inconvenient truth that the carriers don’t want the city to know about. It is called fiber optics, which is safer, cheaper (over time), private and won’t affect property

values. It's also more energy efficient.

It is critically important that Simi Valley residents make efforts in a big way, right now, if they wish to protect their safety, privacy and property values.

We need large numbers of residents to show up at the Feb. 25 and March 25 City Council meetings. We need you to recruit neighbors.

Please write to the planning department at tdrago@simivalley.org and tell them, "We are very concerned about the serious adverse health impacts caused by the microwave radiation emitted from full-power cell towers."

Please prevent the installment of these dangerous wireless transmitters in residential and mixeduse areas in Simi Valley.

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