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May 3, 2017

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

The Honorable Ben Hueso  
California State Senate, District 40  
State Capitol Building, Room 4035  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 649 (HUESO): OPPOSE

Bob Kellar  
Councilmember

Dear Senator Hueso: *BEN*

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes SB 649 related to the permitting of wireless and small cell telecommunications facilities.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

On April 25, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 649. This bill would prohibit local discretionary review of small cell wireless antennas, including equipment collocated on existing structures or located on new "poles, structures, or non-pole structures," including those within the public right-of-way and buildings. The proposal preempts adopted local land use plans by mandating that small cells be allowed in all zones as a use by-right.

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita currently has in place, policies and procedures related to wireless and small cell telecommunications facilities. These adopted policies provide the City the ability to review and process small cell deployments based on unique local circumstances. SB 649 preempts the ability for local authorities to take into account unique local circumstances and instead, transfers control of public property to private telecommunications companies.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes SB 649. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or [mmurphy@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mmurphy@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

*SORRY WE CANT  
BE WITH YOU ON  
THIS ONE...*



Honorable Ben Hueso

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