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May 24, 2021

Bill Miranda  
Mayor

The Honorable Bill Dodd  
California State Senate, District 3  
State Capitol Building, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Dodd:

SUBJECT: SB 556 (DODD): OPPOSE

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Senate Bill 556, related to the preemption of the installation of small wireless facilities and leasing of public infrastructure. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on April 27, 2021.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

The City recognizes the importance of efficient, reliable, and accessible internet service and wireless broadband. However, Senate Bill 556 significantly preempts the City's ability to apply careful discretion and local authority in the installation of small wireless facilities.

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

The City's current regulations intend to preserve the health, safety, and overall quality of life of our community, while ensuring a feasible review and processing of equipment installations in the public right-of-way.

Additionally, Senate Bill 556 creates ambiguity in the fees local governments can charge for access to local public infrastructure. Federal law explicitly outlines conditions for valid fees, limiting fees to a "reasonable approximation of the local government's actual and direct costs," including costs to maintain a structure within the public right-of-way, process an application or permit, and review a siting application. However, Senate Bill 556 chooses not to incorporate these federal standards, further restricting fees to "actual costs" and "reasonable actual costs."

For these reasons, the City respectfully opposes Senate Bill 556. We look forward to working with your office to address our concerns. Should you or



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your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



William A. Miranda  
Mayor

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