

# Two **BAD** Wireless CA Telecom Bills **NEED OUR ACTION !**

## **AB 965 “Deemed Approved” Bill** **AB 1065 “Greedy Telecom” Bill**

**AB 965**, titled “Local Government: Broadband Permit Applications” (Carrillo) allows wireless companies to intentionally dump dozens of antenna applications on local governments at once, creating new and unreasonable permitting obligations. Ask for a NO vote.

**AB 1065**, titled “Communications: California Advanced Services Fund” (Patterson) is a government hand-out to the unregulated and highly profitable wireless industry. Ask for a NO vote.

- **AB 965** allows WIRELESS companies to submit large “batches” of complex applications at a time, requiring local agencies to process and approve them according to the established FCC shot clocks. Applications will automatically be **deemed approved** if not acted upon within the prescribed time frame. Local agencies may place “reasonable limits” on batching, but a reasonable limit is considered **NO LESS than 25 or 50** project sites, depending on city or county population.
- **AB 965** does not consider the diverse needs inherent within local communities throughout California. It will hinder local government’s efforts to protect the public health and safety.
- **AB 965** is unnecessary. The FCC has already established shot clocks and local governments have already been working collaboratively with the industry and have improved processes while maintaining important local safeguards.
- **AB 965** will quickly drive more wireless 5G which will mean more small cell antennas close to people’s homes, whether they subscribe or not.
- **AB 965** is promoted as a solution to the digital divide. The truth is, wireless broadband, especially the basic services offered to low-income families, is notoriously slow, unreliable, and unable to meet the demands of present and future digital communications.
- **AB 1065** will provide funding for the increasingly massive rollout of wireless installations and take it away from the much safer, more reliable and energy-efficient option of WIRED internet connections.
- **AB 1065** will allow WIRELESS companies to apply for FFA (Federal Funding Account) grants, money that is intended for last mile WIRED infrastructure.
- Wireless will set the state back in terms of climate change management because wireless uses a huge amount of energy compared to WIRED broadband.
- Wireless facilities placed in neighborhoods have been shown to reduce property values.
- Wireless facilities increase fire risk.
- Wireless facilities impact the growing percentage of the population with disabilities related to radiofrequency radiation (RFR) exposure.
- Fiber to the Premises (to each home) offers greater capacity, predictable performance, lower maintenance costs, and a longer technological lifetime than wireless technologies. Fiber service is not degraded by line-of-sight issues and is not affected by capacity issues.
- CPUC regulators have determined that WIRED connections are technologically superior to wireless and will provide much better access for the unserved and underserved communities.

### **ACTION ALERTS COMING SOON**

These bills are moving to the CA Senate as soon as June 20th!

**Stay tuned for Action Alerts Coming Soon!**

**“Please OPPOSE AB-965 and AB-1065”**

FOR MORE INFO:

<https://www.americansforresponsibletech.org/california>

• “The Federal Funding Account (FFA), established by the CPUC according to Senate Bill 156, will fund last mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved and underserved Californians with high-speed broadband service. The FFA has a \$2 billion budget made up of state and federal funds.” <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account>

**Urge a NO VOTE on both these Bills!**