Two BAD Wireless CA Telecom Bills

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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 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.

• “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!