

# One of the big problems with wireless antennas: *They Can Cause Fires!*



If there's one thing we don't need right now, it's tens of thousands of small cell wireless antennas placed on utility poles in neighborhoods and rural areas across California, where strong winds or traffic accidents could topple an antenna and start a fire, as it did in Malibu in 2007.

**SB-556** will drastically increase the number of small cell antennas and related equipment placed on old utility poles, putting Californians at greater risk of harm from fire and property damage.

**SB-556** also limits the amount of time local governments have to consider antenna applications, while another industry-sponsored bill, **AB-537**, grants approval ("deemed approved") to any applications not processed in these new unreasonably short time frames.

## *How do these bills help Californians? They don't!*

Despite claims to the contrary, these bills do absolutely nothing to provide broadband to underserved communities. They are a gift to the telecoms who don't want local governments to get in the way of their plans for a fast roll-out.

**DON'T BE MISLED. VOTE NO ON SB-556 AND AB-537.**

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