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Vote NO on AB-965

Applications for small wireless facilities are complex and require proper analysis to prevent mistakes and avoid fire and safety issues, and time to consider resident concerns and work with applicants to resolve outstanding issues.

Trying to force fast approvals for the benefit of the wireless industry does not serve the public interest.

- **Proponents of AB-965** laud communities that utilize "industry best practices" but those practices may not be best for the people who live in those communities.
- FCC regulations **already provide adequate remedies** for delayed applications. This bill adds a significant and completely unnecessary administrative, legal and financial burden to local municipalities.
- Forcing local governments to make hasty decisions on wireless applications does not "lessen the workload" of government staff; it does the opposite.
- Cities and counties with part-time officials and those with complex planning needs may be **unable to meet shot clock deadlines for good reason**. As a result, permits could be "deemed approved" before local officials have even had time to discuss, no less review them for completeness and safety.
- Both the FCC and the 9th Circuit Court agree that if an application is not approved in time the **applicant should be required to get court approval before starting construction**. This bill transfers the financial burden of going to court to stop construction to California cities and counties.
- **Claiming that AB 965 will help close the digital divide** is a cruel ruse. Wireless broadband is slow, expensive, unreliable, hazardous and cannot deliver the speeds required for next generation programs and services.

Learn more about why fast-tracking wireless infrastructure is not in the public interest at www.Americans4RT.org/california