

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO.

On the motion of  
duly seconded by  
the following resolution is adopted

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 649, WHICH WOULD  
SUBSTANTIALLY LIMIT COUNTY DISCRETION IN REVIEWING THE INSTALLATION  
OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, Senator Hueso has introduced Senate Bill (SB) 649 which, in an effort to streamline local permit approval of wireless communication facilities, would greatly restrict local counties' discretion to review wireless communication facilities; and

WHEREAS, this bill would eliminate discretionary review for the installation of small cells in the public right-of-way and utility easements as well as anywhere within land use zones that include commercial or industrial uses; and

WHEREAS, SB 649 would limit a county's discretion and ability to consider public input and aesthetics impacts of small cells installed within the public right-of-way in all zones, including residential neighborhoods, or anywhere inside or outside of the public right-of-way in mixed use residential/commercial zones; and

WHEREAS, the bill would require counties to allow the installation of small cells on streetlights and other infrastructure that hasn't previously been used for communications or electrical transmission purposes; and

WHEREAS, the bill imposes limits to rents for installations on non-utility poles, such as streetlight poles, and given the public investment used in developing this infrastructure, counties owe it to their taxpayers to secure a fair rent for the lease of this public property; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires that public property outside of the public right-of-way be leased for small cells if it is to be leased for any commercial purpose, whether or not that purpose is similar to the installation of small cell wireless antennas; and

WHEREAS, the bill is opposed by the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors hereby opposes the passage of Senate Bill 649.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, by the following vote:

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AYES: SUPERVISOR  
NOES: SUPERVISOR  
ABSENT: SUPERVISOR

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JOHN LEOPOLD, Chair  
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of said Board

Approved as to form:

 4/7/17  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Office of the County Counsel

DISTRIBUTION:

CSAC  
League of Cities  
Senator Bill Monning  
Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Assemblymember Anna Caballero  
Members, Senate Government and Finance Committee