

May 19, 2009

Board of Education  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

RE: SUPPORT Resolution on Wireless Telecommunication Installations

Dear LAUSD Board Members:

I write on behalf of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College to support the "Wireless Telecommunication Installations Resolution" proposed by LAUSD Board Member Julie Korenstein. We encourage you to vote to approve this resolution on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

As the second largest school district in the country, LAUSD has the ability and obligation to continue to protect students' health, as well as that of staff and local populations residing near your schools, so that they are not exposed to further wireless radiation in their neighborhoods.

In 2000 LAUSD took a strong stand to ensure that district schools were safe and free of cellular telecommunication towers on site and adjacent to campuses by approving the "Effects of Non-Ionizing Radiation Resolution." Today, you have before you another opportunity to play a crucial role in supporting revisions to Section 704 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, which severely restricts state and local governments' ability to regulate the placement, construction and modification of cell towers and other wireless infrastructure based on the health and environmental effects of radiofrequency radiation (RFR) exposure to the public who live, work and go to school in proximity to these facilities.

LAUSD can join many progressive and concerned entities worldwide that are actively working to protect people, specifically children, from RFR. Most importantly, LAUSD can have an impact at county and state-wide levels by working with the Los Angeles City Council and other local jurisdictions to amend the California Public Utilities Code to give local governments more authority to regulate the installation of wireless facilities if there are health concerns associated with wireless towers and technology. Again, support the "Wireless Telecommunication Installations Resolution."

Thank you in advance for your leadership and commitment to the health and safety of all students and staff in LAUSD.

Sincerely,

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