

# URGENT ACTION... NEEDED NOW through WEDNESDAY noon 4/28! Request to OPPOSE AB-537 Call AND Email: Assembly Committee on Communications and Conveyance

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- 1) CALL AND EMAIL THE COMMITTEE ASSEMBLYMEMBERS to REGISTER OPPOSITION THIS WEEK (before Wednesday's meeting)
- 2) CALL IN DURING THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY- (INSTRUCTIONS BELOW)

## Email and pre-meeting talking points:

**AB 537** Legislators want to speed up access to the internet and have better connections and eliminate the digital divide, yet...

- ☑ **Local Governments are responsible for the health, safety and well being of residents** and this bill eliminates the essential permitting processes local governments rely on to create safety.
- ☑ **FCC rules already require cites to meet time deadlines for approving telecom permits.** Yet this bill goes much farther - it makes the shortest timeline a state law and gives "deemed" approved all permits that have been submitted regardless of whether they are complete. **The FCC did not include "deemed" approval because they realized that local governments are charged with safety and approving an incomplete and unexamined permit is a great risk.**
- ☑ **Antennas reduce property value and tax revenue**
- ☑ **Bill threatens affordability and will NOT close the digital divide.**
- ☑ **Cities are not protected from fire and other safety risks, Telecom Carriers have no insurance.**
- ☑ **You can't unbuild telecom towers and antennas and you can't undo the fires they cause OPPOSE AB-537**

**Call in during Hearing on Wednesday April 28 1:30: Committee on Communications and Conveyance. [LINK](#) Hearing call-in information: **PARTICIPANT NUMBER: TBD ACCESS CODE: TBD** Should be posted by Tuesday at link above**

**We must NOT put the telecom corporations in charge of where and how many antennas and towers are put up without local community and government control.**