

# 5G, Small Cells & Cell Towers Can Drop Property Values

Would you buy a home with cell antennas outside the bedroom window?



Legal filings by cities and municipalities to the FCC highlight how small cell deployment could impact aesthetics and property values.

**"many deployments of small cells could affect property values, with significant potential effect..."**

— Reply Comments of Smart Communities Siting Coalition (local governments and associations representing 1,854 communities)  
4/7/2017, Docket No. 16-421, April 7, 2017

**"Considering that the Smart Communities' prior filings show that the addition of facilities of this size diminish property values, it is strange for the Commission to assume that approval can be granted in the regulatory blink of an eye...."**

**"...allowing poles to go up in areas where poles have been taken down has significant impacts on aesthetics (not to mention property values)."**

— *Ex Parte* Submission of Smart Communities  
Letter to Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary,  
Federal Communications Commission,  
September 19, 2018

# 5G, CELL TOWERS AND WIRELESS DECREASED PROPERTY VALUE



"An overwhelming 94 percent of home buyers and renters surveyed by the National Institute for Science, Law & Public Policy (NISLAPP) say they are less interested and would pay less for a property located near a cell tower or antenna."

"of the 1,000 survey respondents, 79 % said that under no circumstances would they ever purchase or rent a property within a few blocks of a cell tower or antennas, and almost 90% said they were concerned about the increasing number of cell towers and antennas in their residential neighborhood."

**"Cell Towers, Antennas Problematic for Buyers"**  
— Realtor Magazine

"While the magnitude of the impact varies, the studies uniformly indicate that there is a significant impact on residential property values from installation of cell phone towers..."

— Report and Analysis by David E. Burgoyne, ASA, SR/WA Certified General Real Estate Appraiser to the FCC in Docket 16-421

"In some areas with new towers, property values have decreased by up to 20%."- **"Your new neighbor, a cell tower, may impact the value of your home"** National Business Post, 2022.

"...cell towers are concerning to many people and drop property values."

"While most states do not require disclosure of neighborhood nuisances, such as cell towers or noisy neighbors, a few states do, and more are likely to in the future."

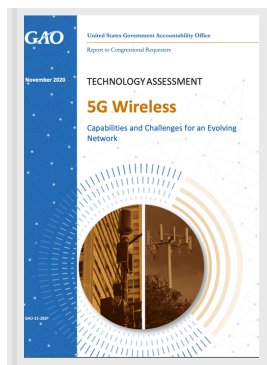
— Real Estate Attorney, South Florida Sun Sentinel, 2021

The California Association of Realtors' Property Sellers Questionnaire specifically lists "cell towers" on the disclosure form for sellers of real estate.

— Click to go to the California Association of Realtors' Property Sellers Questionnaire (p. 3-4 under K. Neighborhood)

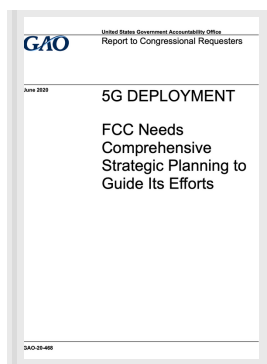
# Government Accountability Office Reports

These GAO reports confirm zero review of the totality of the science and bust the industry myth that 5G will bridge the digital divide.



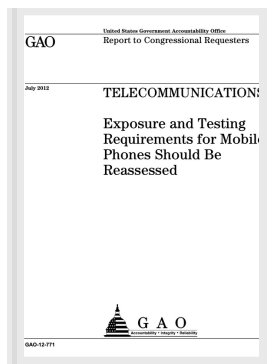
## 2020: 5G Wireless: Capabilities and Challenges for an Evolving Network

"The FCC relies on the FDA as well as other organizations—principally IEEE and the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP)—to review scientific research and provide recommendations for setting RF safety standards. **However, each of these organizations has only reviewed a subset of the relevant research...**"



## 2020 5G DEPLOYMENT: FCC Needs Comprehensive Strategic Planning to Guide Its Efforts

"The experts GAO convened also stated that 5G deployment would likely exacerbate disparities in access to telecommunications services, known as the "digital divide."



## 2012 TELECOMMUNICATIONS: Exposure and Testing Requirements for Mobile Phones Should Be Reassessed

"By not formally reassessing its current limit, FCC cannot ensure it is using a limit that reflects the latest research on RF energy exposure..."

"Some consumers may use mobile phones against the body, which FCC does not currently test, and could result in RF energy exposure higher than the FCC limit."

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