

RESOLUTION NO. NS-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ SUPPORTING  
H.R. 530, TO RESCIND NEW FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, the City has significant limits on its ability to regulate the deployment of new wireless facilities; and

WHEREAS, under current Federal law, the City is required to complete its review of applications for wireless facilities within a limited period of time; and

WHEREAS, the City cannot consider any health issues with regard to the deployments if Federal Communications Commission's radio frequency radiation (RFR) emission guidelines are met, and the City has limited ability to change the exact location and aesthetics of a proposed wireless facility; and

WHEREAS, last fall the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved the Streamlining Deployment of Next Generation Wireless Infrastructure Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order (FCC Order); and

WHEREAS, this FCC Order limits the ability of local governments to properly preserve and protect public rights-of-way by narrowing the review process and limiting fees local governments can charge providers for placement, construction or collocation of new wireless communication facilities; and

WHEREAS, the FCC Order limits the time that cities have to review applications to 60 days for small cells being attached to existing structures and 90 days for small cells being attached to new poles or new builds; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities and National Association of Counties issued a joint statement in September highlighting strong objections to the new regulations; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Anna Eshoo has introduced the Accelerating Wireless Broadband Development by Empowering Local Communities Act of 2019 (H.R. 530), which would rescind the FCC Order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Santa Cruz hereby supports H.R. 530 and makes its support publicly known.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED:

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Martine Watkins, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bonnie Bush, City Clerk Administrator