

Comments on LAUSD Wi-Fi Plan

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Dear Esteemed Board Members,

My name is Joshua Hart MSc, and I am Director of Stop Smart Meters!, an organization fighting the forced deployment of utility meters that harm health, violate civil liberties and endanger public safety. I have worked in the energy industry, as an urban and transportation planner, environmental advocate, and freelance journalist. I obtained my MSc in Transport Planning in the UK at University of West England, Bristol in 2008, and completed research entitled Driven to Excess, presenting the social and quality of life impacts of car traffic on local residents. The research was published in an international transportation journal and covered in over 100 international media outlets including the BBC, the Guardian, Tehran Times, and the Daily Mail.

As a grassroots journalist and citizen advocate, I have investigated hundreds of cases of reported health and environmental impacts of smart meters and other wireless facilities. I have also read hundreds of

scientific reports on the subject and attended multiple workshops, public forums, and conferences regarding RF, electromagnetic fields, and health.

I have personally interviewed, read first person accounts and listened to first and second hand accounts of smart meter victims suffering from a wide range of adverse health effects from mild to severely debilitating- from the wireless signals that smart meters emit. I am familiar with well over one thousand such accounts. Many of these victims began suffering symptoms before they knew a smart meter had been installed either on their home or in their neighborhood. Many of these people have become so sensitized they have been forced from their homes [because of proximity to area meters] and have been forced from their jobs because of RF in the workplace. For many people who have become sensitized to RF, they have remained so even with removal of their meter. While we may not have a sufficient understanding of the effects of RF and mechanisms of interaction with biological systems to establish 100% certain causation, it's astoundingly clear in repeatable real life situations that smart meters can cause adverse biological effects and that sensitivity to RF can result from instant exposure and or exposure over time.

Wi-Fi utilizes the same frequencies (2.4Ghz) that are emitted by the smart meter.

Based on my experience and knowledge in this area, if you decide to install microwave wi-fi and wireless technology in every classroom in Los Angeles, rather than a robust, safe, reliable wired system you will be gambling with the health and well-being of our children.

We are not anti-technology. We are pro-appropriate technology. That means bringing kids the most secure, fastest, safest technology we have now available to us-wired, ethernet internet connections. Why risk the health of thousands of children if there is no demonstrable benefit (beyond perhaps marginal cost savings)? Given the controversy surrounding this issue, and the proven risks to our children, it would be advisable for your board to send this item back to the planners, and request a wired, safer alternative be developed. Why is that the only course of action that makes sense?

Because there is no raging, international debate about the safety of wired communications. There are not thousands of peer-reviewed studies linking *wired* technology to poor health outcomes, as you are probably aware exists with RF wireless technology.

Why introduce a recognized health risk into our classrooms- one that the World Health Organization classifies as a 2B possible carcinogen?

Why take the risk if it isn't even necessary, given the safe, wired alternatives? Please ask yourselves that question before you vote on this item.

Sincerely,

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