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Federal Communications Commission

45 L Street NE

Washington, DC 20554

*Bruce Ehlers*

Mayor

Subject: Statement of Strong Opposition of FCC Docket 25-276

Dear Commission,

While we support the Telecommunications Act of 1996, I **strongly urge you to not adopt Federal Communications Commission (FCC) proposed rules in Docket 25-276, misleadingly titled, “Build America: Eliminating Barriers to Wireless Deployments.”** This initiative is not about “building America” it is about stripping away all local rights, eliminating public participation, and giving the wireless industry absolute control over the placement of cell towers in Encinitas. If adopted, these rules will:

*Jim O'Hara*

Council Member

- Block local government from requiring independent experts to verify FCC radiation compliance, leaving the industry to self-certify.
- Force automatic approval of cell towers after 150 days, even if there is strong community opposition.
- Eliminate vital community protection by prohibiting consideration of aesthetics, property values, and historic preservation.
- Silence resident by removing public hearings, conditional and special use permits, and local decision-making.
- Undermine private property rights by driving down home values without recourse or compensation.

*Maro San Antonio*  
Council Member

These rules will allow towers to be placed literally anywhere in Encinitas, with no say from my City Council nor our residents. This is unacceptable. We desire to maintain our control over their locations, aesthetic impact, historic impact and removal when no longer in use.

*Luke Shaffer*  
Council Member

I respectfully call on both the FCC and Congress to reject these rules and preserve the authority of local government control to protect safety and character of the City of Encinitas.

*Jennifer Campbell*  
City Manager

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Ehlers".

Bruce Ehlers, Mayor  
City of Encinitas