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Summary:

The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council opposes LA City's Phillips SmartPole Program, which is 4G LTE cellular wireless conductivity from Ericsson embedded in streetlights. SmartPoles are cell towers that double as streetlights in one stand-alone package.

We urge the City to stop the program immediately, and deactivate the 100 SmartPoles already installed in the Central Hollywood Area, and not to install any of the 500-120k planned for LA over the next 5 years, due to the absence of transparency and over-reach by the Mayor and the City in undertaking this program.

This program was forced on residents without informing them, and those living within 500 ft. of a SmartPole were not afforded opportunities for public dialogue, not told of environmental or health risks associated with the cell towers, or given any decision-making, city notification or community meetings. None of the transparency lawfully required to be disclosed with the installation of ANY new wireless cellular transmitters in LA.

SmartPoles ARE cell towers! And there's always public risk with cellular, its called "radiation". Cellular is 4-times stronger than wifi and it discharges much stronger radio frequency emissions (radiation). CHNC also opposes CityWifi for many of the same reasons.

We oblige that the City not install or activate ANY future SmartPoles, due to the City's lack of disclosure, along with the public health risks that the radiation from cell towers pose, as demonstrated by HUNDREDS of peer reviewed scientific studies.