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Summary: The Central Hollywood Neighborhood Council opposes LA City's Phillips SmartPole Program that consists of 4G LTE cellular wireless conductivity from Ericsson embedded into streetlights in L.A. These SmartPoles are actually mini-cell towers that double as a streetlight in one standalone package.

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

We opposed the program because it was forced on residents without informing them. As those living within 500 feet of the SmartPoles installations were never notified about them, or afforded any opportunities for public dialogue about them. They were not informed of any environmental and health risks associated with these mini-cell towers, or allowed any decision-making. Including City notifications, community meetings, Neighborhood Council meetings, City Council meetings or any of the transparency lawfully required to be disclosed with the installation of ANY new wireless cellular transmitters in LA.

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 these cell tower's radiation poses, as demonstrated by HUNDREDS of peer reviewed scientific studies.