

RESOLUTION NO. 22-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
ASKING CONGRESS TO EXPAND CITIES' ABILITY TO REGULATE THE
PLACEMENT OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond adopted a resolution in November 2009 declaring Richmond to be a Human Rights City and adopting the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of themselves and of their families; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council has been informed by numerous residents of adverse health impacts they experienced from living in close proximity to wireless communications facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has determined through federal legislation that cities may not consider health concerns when regulating the placement of wireless communications facilities within their jurisdictions, in spite of the fact that there is no conclusive proof that such facilities do not have adverse health impacts; and

WHEREAS, the more prudent path would be to follow the precautionary principle and allow cities to consider the concerns of their communities about potential adverse health impacts when regulating the placement of wireless communications facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council hereby affirms the right of all residents to health and well-being and the importance of considering the health and well-being of all residents in every decision it makes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council calls on our federal elected officials to amend the Federal Communications Commission legislation to expand cities' ability to regulate the placement of wireless communications facilities within their jurisdictions and allow for consideration of potential adverse health impacts; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to Congressman George Miller, Senator Barbara Boxer and Senator Diane Feinstein.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond, California at a special meeting thereof held March 15, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

[SEAL]

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 22-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a special meeting held on March 15, 2011.