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It would be a misinformed, sad disservice to the community to approve this gigantic cell tower. Not only would it expose people living close by to harmful levels of WiFi’s electromagnetic radiation, but putting it on a hill would send its rays even further in all directions.

This would be exactly counter to the Precautionary Principle that Mendocino County has adopted, in which children are to be protected as much as possible. There are bound to be children within range of such a tower. As Sir William Stewart, a WiFi expert in England and creator of the Precautionary Principle, said, “Masts should not impact areas with children - schools, playgrounds, homes.”

The research on the health hazards of the electromagnetic radiation used in WiFi, especially 5G, is now so well established that denial is no longer possible. Professor Henry Lai of the University of Washington, who has studied WiFi radiation for 30 years, said, "Two to three thousand studies confirm electromagnetic radiation damage.

The California Firefighters Association has announced that, because of the health hazards, it doesn’t want cell towers or antennas close to any fire stations. And the LA School District, the second largest in the country, has banned WiFi from all their classrooms out of concern for children and staff. Computers will be hard-wired, and all WiFi gadgets are banned.

There has also been an Urgency Ordinance passed, No. 947-1019, that recommends that cell towers not be sited on, or next to, hospitals, fire stations, and police stations.

A viable alternative is fiber optics, which are completely safe (and at least 100 times faster than WiFi), and will be well worth the time and effort needed to install.

Please, reconsider this blind push for more and higher cell towers, and go with fiber optics instead.

We have been residents of Mendocino County since 2012, pay taxes, and vote here.

Thank you.

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Here is some research data for your information:

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There is no doubt about EMF dangers, no doubt that electromagnetic radiation has a biological impact. EMR/EMFs affect life at the cellular