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January 12, 2022; *last updated at 4:00 p.m. 01-12-2022*

Attached to this document are the public comments received to date in relation to the January 12, 2022 regular City Council meeting.

**JASON LINDGREN
CITY CLERK**

Interoffice Memorandum

January 10, 2022

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Date

City Council

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To

Jason Lindgren, City Clerk

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From

Item 9.3 – Receive update on the Redistricting Project

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Subject

Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

Since the publishing of the staff report at 2 p.m. on January 7, 2022, staff was contacted by Redistricting Insights, who informed the City the firm would not be able to service the contract, and retracted the proposal.

The Request for Proposal process yielded the one proposal, which is now retracted. Staff will present a work plan at the January 12, 2022 regular agenda under this item for a City initiated, staff moderated outreach process to engage the community to participate in redistricting. Staff has initiated discussions with demographic firms to secure the services to conduct demographic analysis of finalized maps, but it is anticipated that identifying a firm to assist with public engagement and outreach will be difficult to secure prior to the required public hearing timelines to present redistricting to the public and the deadline to submit a final district map.



01-12-2022

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Bobbie Singh-Allen](#); [Darren Suen](#); [Patrick Hume](#); [Kevin Spease](#); [Stephanie Nguyen](#)
Cc: [Jason Behrmann](#); [Christopher Jordan](#); [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Comments on agenda item 9.1 for January 12, 2022 Council meeting
Date: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 3:38:20 PM

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

January 12, 2022

Elk Grove City Council members and staff,

Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing. The so called smart city plan allegedly, according to the resolution presented in the staff report on page 8, does not entail the installation of thousands of radiation transmitting antennas in Elk Grove. But this will happen eventually as a direct result of this smart city plan.

Radiation is the biggest problem with the smart city plan.

If the City could do this entire plan without approving the installation of radiation transmitting antennas it would not be so bad. It would waste time, money and effort, but it would not harm the health of Elk Grove residents. But you can't and you won't. Smart cities have to install thousands of new radiation transmitting antennas, so the health issue is real and will eventually be here.

Communicate better with your constituents. It doesn't require more technology, only will.

The smart city plan describes several things that the City should do that are good ideas. All of them can be summarized as – communicate better with, and listen better to, your constituents. That will not require any new radiation transmitting antennas. It will require EFFORT and determination by the Council and staff, which is often noticeably lacking, as when the Council ignores constituent emails on City policy issues. A smart city plan will not change that!

Build a community based broadband like Chattanooga has

The staff report attachment A mentions Chattanooga, Tennessee as a city with a high speed internet infrastructure, but the report fails to recommend that the City develop such an infrastructure, known as community based broadband. (page 45) I recommend it. Chattanooga's community broadband provides faster, safer, healthier internet access at a lower

price than cell antennas. It uses **fiber optic cables all the way into the home** or business. It saves residents millions of dollars each year. I recommend that Elk Grove add such a program to the smart city plan. For more information see the [Institute for Local Self Reliance](#) on this subject.

A solution we don't need to a problem we don't have.

A slick salesman begins by convincing you that your life is incomplete without his or her product. That is what has happened in this staff report attachment A. It is a **solution the City doesn't need to a problem the City doesn't have**. This proposal is entirely driven the consultants and staff. NOT by Elk Grove residents. No Elk Grove residents asked for a smart city at either of the March, 2021 workshops or the December, 2021 survey. Neither the City nor residents need for the City to collect and send out more data through radiation transmitting antennas. Use the City's website and email. You can have transparency without this plan. You don't need to build a culture of analytics (page 3).

Every smart city eventually installs thousands of radiation transmitting antennas

Elk Grove should look at the experience of other so called smart cities. To be smart cities they allowed telecommunications companies to install thousands of radiation transmitting antennas in public places. This exposes everybody in those places to harmful electromagnetic radiation (EMR) also known as radiofrequency radiation or electromagnetic fields (EMF). Thousands of scientific studies since 1996, when the FCC created and last updated its EMF exposure limits, show measurable biological harm from EMF that is lower than and permitted by the FCC limits.

Look at this [report from the National League of Cities](#). It says,

“The more smart devices and sharing platforms there are, the more data is generated about consumer preferences and habits. But what does this mean for cities? Smart cities are employing the same technology to connect their disparate utility, infrastructure and public service grids, generating real-time aggregate data.” (page 2)

Look at these web pages of other smart cities and companies that will soon be knocking on the City's door to sell you and operate thousands of new radiation transmitting antennas. There are many more.

[TE Technology](#)

[City of Los Angeles, a so called smart city](#)

[Wideband WLAN MIMO Antenna for Smart Cities](#)

[Multilayered antenna design for smart city applications](#)

[Optically Transparent Antennas and Filters for Smart City Communication](#)

[Commscope](#)

The [City of Toronto, Canada, had been offered a "smart city" plan](#) but decided against it. Staff should have spoken with somebody in the Toronto city government, such as their city manager or mayor, about why they chose NOT to do the smart city plan.

[The City is not obligated by law to accept more radiation transmitting antennas as a smart city](#)

Unlike the situation with permitting cell towers and antennas, there is no federal or state law requiring Elk Grove to allow the installation radiation transmitting antennas. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TCA) requires that and preempts any City regulation that would constitute an effective prohibition (section 253 and 332) or regulates EMF on the basis of environmental effects. That does not apply to smart city equipment.

[The staff report avoids the issue of radiation health effects.](#)

The staff report fails to mention the issue of radiation transmitting antennas or radiation exposure, even though Mark Graham brought this issue to the attention of staff during one of the two workshops in March, 2021. The staff report mentions that one individual participated and there was a robust discussion. (page 5). Most of that discussion was about the scientific research on EMF health effects and the lack of any federal or state law that requires the City to be a smart city or allow radiation transmitting antennas.

The staff report also fails to mention any of the following words: "health", "hazard", "radiation", "antenna" and "frequency". Staff is misleading the Council about this issue by omitting those words and a discussion of the issue. Staff is concealing from the Council and the public the health hazards that this smart city plan will bring.

Elk Grove residents have asked the City to minimize our wireless radiation exposure.

Approximately 200 Elk Grove residents contacted the City to oppose the AT&T zoning code amendment for the proliferation of cell antennas. The main reason was EMF health effects. That is according to the [staff report for the August 28, 2019 Council meeting](#), item 9.3, page 4.

When the City did a resident survey in 2021 the sixth most commonly requested additional project or initiative was to minimize the amount of radiation Elk Grove residents are exposed to.

(page 5 if the City's resident survey report)

Research shows EMF is harmful; FCC is lying according to a federal appeals court

Thousands of studies have shown the adverse health effects of non-ionizing radiation. It doesn't matter what the Federal Communications Commission says about this. They are wrong. According to the [U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit](#), ruling on August 13, 2021 FCC failed to objectively evaluate the thousands of scientific studies that people had filed with the FCC in the FCC's reassessment of the scientific literature on EMF health effects. [Childrens Health Defense](#) won this lawsuit, and the court ordered FCC to consider the non-cancer and child related health effects studies.

Please reject this project and send it back to staff to be revised according to the recommendations I have made in this letter.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this message.

Sincerely,

Mark Graham

Keep Cell Antennas Away From Our Elk Grove Homes

www.KeepCellAntennasAway.org

Sent from my hard wired computer

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Jason Lindgren](#)
Subject: Public Comment for the City Council Meeting 1-12-2021, Item 9.4
Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022 9:18:00 PM

01-12-2022

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear city council members:

We, the board of HART, are writing to encourage your support of an innovative proposal you will be voting on at your upcoming city council meeting. We are so thankful of your support of our unhoused in the city and currently have six families and four unmarried individuals living in our 3 transitional houses. A total of 26 individuals. Several of them are gainfully employed and have worked hard to save for deposits and moving expenses, but to no avail, they are unable to move.

The problem is we can find no housing for them to move into. We have joined them for months in seeking housing. A couple of the families have housing vouchers that are useless without a home to move into.

The incentives for landlords that are being proposed, we believe, will open the doors to housing for them. We believe that permanent housing for these families and individuals are a good, long-term use of the federal funds that are being made available to Elk Grove.

We so greatly appreciate the city's continued collaboration with HART in caring for our unhoused neighbors.

Respectfully yours,

Diane Lampe, on behalf of the HART Board of Directors

Diane Lampe
Board President
Elk Grove HART

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From

Item 9.5 – Consider appointment of ten voting members to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission

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Subject

Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council Members,

Since the publishing of the staff report at 2 p.m. on January 7, 2022, a fourth application was submitted.

Thirty-nine (39) applications have been submitted to date. The Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, shall make appointments to the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. The following page has an updated listing of candidates which replaces the table presented in the staff report:



Diversity and Inclusion Commission Candidates

	Date Filed	Name	District
1.	12-15-21	Joy Yip	4
2.	12-21-21	Michael Thomas	4
3.	12-22-21	Charles Woods	4
4.	12-26-21	R. Ashok Shankar	4
5.	12-29-21	Delia Baulwin	1
6.	12-29-21	Jinky Dolar	2
7.	01-03-22	Jace Huggins	4
8.	01-03-22	Kowjuana Ross-Kirkland	2
9.	01-03-22	Max Vargas	1
10.	01-03-22	William Aceves	4
11.	01-03-22	Jenny Anette Rodriquez	4
12.	01-03-22	Mai Foster	3
13.	01-03-22	Tina Lee-Vogt	3
14.	01-04-22	Kristin Wright	2
15.	01-04-22	Nicolette Ortiz	2
16.	01-04-22	Bhavin Parikh	1
17.	01-05-22	Pamela Harris	4
18.	01-05-22	Gurjatinder Randhawa	4
19.	01-05-22	Pamela Lomax	2
20.	01-05-22	Sheldon Fields	3
21.	01-05-22	Anya-Jael Woods	4
22.	01-05-22	Raymond Hess	3
23.	01-05-22	Mohinder Singh	2
24.	01-05-22	Jessica Carlson	2
25.	01-05-22	Robyn Rodriguez	4
26.	01-06-22	Marissa Johnson	4
27.	01-06-22	Roberta Gleeson	3
28.	01-06-22	Jesus Tarango, Jr.	4
29.	01-06-22	Marcell Wilson	2
30.	01-06-22	Kavi Lal	4
31.	01-06-22	Josmar Burga	4
32.	01-06-22	Jessica Carter	2
33.	01-06-22	Survi Parvatiyar	2
34.	01-06-22	Michael Vargas	3
35.	01-06-22	Phuong Nguyen	1
36.	01-07-22	Richard Gutierrez	1
37.	01-07-22	Andrienne Lewis	2
38.	01-09-22	Bree Garcia	1
39.	01-10-22	Sau Hsu	3