

Richard Onyejuruwa
Ithaca

Hello All,

Thank you for hosting this meeting. My question to the council and specifically the mayor is - what is the update on the Barksdale case? has the city , city attorney, IPD or the Benevolent board made any recent decision or taken any steps forward in the process? If so what are they? And while the Mayor might want to claim that he is limited to the information that he can provide publicly - the reality is that he is not. According to our state governor - it is within the Mayor's power to release this information

In addition, while we have seen some police reform policies taken up in the last few years. There is still no proper established way to evaluation police officers or the chief or Deputy Chiefs - will the mayor promise to establish this? also will the mayor commit to having the information available to the public? Ithaca citizen should have an idea of how well or how poor their officers are serving them. If Mcdonald's can tell me how many calories I am consuming, then there should be a way of know what exactly or how exactly Ithaca city residents are being served.

Thank you Council and Mayor Myrick

Richard Onyejuruwa

Ithaca City Community Police Board Commissioner

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Ithaca

"We Have No Reason to Believe 5G Is Safe. Effects include increased cancer risk, cellular stress, increase in harmful free radicals, genetic damages, structural and functional changes of the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, neurological disorders, and negative impacts on general well-being in humans. Damage goes well beyond the human race, as there is growing evidence of harmful effects to both plant and animal life." (from Scientific American.)

Please do, with deep and full research and interrogation into the subject, understand the dangers of 5G and do not expose Ithacans to them.

Carlin Wakefield
Ithaca

My name is Carlin Wakefield, and I'm an Ithaca resident, state employee and community member.

I demand that you immediately rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca. There is not enough known about the health and environmental ramifications of this technology to bring it into our communities. Please do your due diligence protect our community from these unknown risks.

Erik Hillman
Ithaca

I want more 5 g. I want 6 g.

Claudia Reese
Ithaca

My name is Claudia Reese, and I've lived and worked in Ithaca for 7 years. I am a substitute teacher in Ithaca now, and all my life activities are focussed in Ithaca.

It is highly irresponsible and uncaring to the residents of Ithaca to ignore studies done on 5G showing its adverse health impacts to humans and animals. Projections have been made regarding damage to the environment as well. To approve the resolution to authorize approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca is unethical, and disregards these studies currently being published.

For this reason I implore you all to wait till the effects have been thoroughly researched, and the science of this is deeply understood. Similar to fracking... studies will change minds on this as well.

I am asking that you nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca. There is too much risk, as the studies so far look bad.

Many people want this to wait until its effects are thoroughly understood.

Bert Scholl
Ithaca

Clearly the City Council needs to take more time to further research the possible negative effects 5G may have on our community. I would come to meeting in person if I could. Please approve nothing at this point except for more research to be done before making a decision.

Sincerely,
Bert Scholl
912 N Cayuga St.

Adrianna Hirtler
Ithaca

I am surprised and concerned to learn that in early May the Common Council voted 9 to 1, without a public hearing, to approve the construction of 5G infrastructure in Ithaca. While many proponents of expanding this technology claim that no measurable detrimental effect of RF radiation has been found, it also has not been proven to be safe as the director of the Center for Family and Community Health in the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley notes in the following Scientific

American blog: <https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/we-have-no-reason-to-believe-5g-is-safe/>

We also know, from local experience that certain things that were not considered to be hazardous to health or environment at the time of their inception, eventually were understood to cause serious health hazards. Many of these have required very expensive, albeit usually only partial, environmental cleanup down the line. An easy example of this would be the dangerous substances, such as TCE, in solvents used in the process of cleaning chains in the course of daily production at the Morse Chain facility on South Hill. For many years these substances were “innocently” washed into storm drains on South Hill. It wasn’t thought to be hazardous. To this day they continue to require expensive remediation to downhill properties. Or the toxic coal tar pollution “innocently” created through the production of manufactured gas at certain Ithaca sites requiring expensive cleanup at places such as Markles Flats across the street from GIAC. Who was thinking about this necessary by-product of the process at the time? Or sites such as the Clinton West Plaza where dry cleaning operations “innocently” used solvents containing substances now known to be toxic to humans and wildlife, even in small amounts. We didn’t know they would make their way into the environment and plague neighborhoods for generations to come. Even after some remediation, many of these substances are still found in groundwater and soil vapors

<https://www.cityofithaca.org/DocumentCenter/View/1627/Record-of-Decision-May-2010-PDF>

I’m not trying to compare Ithaca’s legacy of toxic pollution to the construction of 5G infrastructure. I use these examples merely to point out that our understandings of how the world works and our ability to “measure” effects of something on human health evolve over time. While I am not necessarily one of them, there are people living in Ithaca now who claim to feel adverse health effects that they attribute to the existing radiation levels from our current technologies. I do know that when I spend time in places where there is no wifi or cell phone service, I do sleep better and feel generally better. We have tested this in our house by turning off our wifi router for periods of time and do notice a positive difference and now try to do it whenever we can. I’m just trying to express that because we don’t have a way of measuring potential harmful effects of something at the moment doesn’t mean we shouldn’t consider that possibility. And I do know that there are a significant number of people living in Ithaca who do claim to feel health effects from the current levels of RF radiation.

My personal concerns about 5G relate mainly to the intensive and pervasive infrastructure required. Is this the direction we want to go as a community? Shouldn’t we at least have a public hearing on this issue before moving forward as this is something we will potentially live with for generations? It certainly feels more like the approval was something that was slipped through while city residents were distracted by the current pandemic. I urge you to reconsider this decision and to move forward by soliciting public involvement in this important decision.

Eva VanAken
Ithaca

I am writing in support of a 5g moratorium until sufficient studies and provisions are offered to the public.

Sylvan Whitmore
Ithaca

I appreciate the work you all do to act on behalf of this community. I am still working to learn how the City of Ithaca's government functions so please excuse any misunderstandings.

Given recent events, I hope that Ithaca, like other cities is taking a closer look at their policing system. I hope you will consider taking the following actions if you have not already:

- 1) Increasing the accessibility of information to the public about how the community police board functions and if/when the Chief of Police does not take appropriate actions to resolve a complaint.
- 2) Provide the public with records of police complaints in cases of repeated complaints of an officer or complaints that have gone unresolved.
- 3) Investigate and recommend punitive actions against Officer Herz and the other officers involved in the events that took place on April 6, 2019 involving Rose DeGroat, Cadji Ferguson, and Joseph Ming.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sylvan Whitmore

Matthew Lam
Ithaca

From the long stretch of Triphammer Road along Cayuga Heights, cars are running 40-50 mph down into the City of Ithaca. The speed limit says 30, but because there is such a long stretch with no lights or stop signs from the Hanshaw Rd intersection, drivers are uninhibited. They speed right into Jessup Rd / Triphammer Rd / Dearborn Pl intersection, which is so busy. I lived on 150 Triphammer Rd, right on the corner, along with lots of students in nearby properties and we all feel very endangered. It's especially dangerous crossing the road to get to the bus stop on Jessup Rd corner next to the soccer fields. There needs to be some traffic calming in place, like a stop sign. Maybe even a simple speed bump would do it. The current situation is safe for no one. Who can follow up with this? What's the process to getting this built? Please keep in touch! Thanks.

Vivek Iyer
City of Ithaca

City Councillors,

In response to the demands to "defund" the Ithaca Police Department, I would like to ask that the City tread with utmost caution. Law enforcement is the most basic function of government. Cutting that core function entails thoughtful deliberation and finesse, and if executed poorly, will erode the precious law and order that make society livable.

Horrible incidents at the national level have provided the impetus for this discussion, but I would like to ask that the City consider our local police department independently on its own merits and flaws.

If there are concerns about the police being "over-funded," those concerns should be weighed in comparison to every aspect of the city government. We in Ithaca like to complain about our high taxes, but police spending is only 20% of overall city spending. Singling out the IPD in a moment of heated passion, as some want to do, is the wrong approach.

Because budget-cutting calls are being driven by concerns about police tactics, I would like to note that police tactics are generally independent of the police budget. If anything, training the police to use better tactics may require greater expenditure borne by taxpayers; conversely, spending less on training will increase liability exposure for the city. Therefore, instead of cutting funding for the police, please consider alternative measures such as the following:

- 1) An intervention policy with some serious consequences, that would require anyone, regardless of rank, to intervene when they see excessive force. (To avoid a situation like the one with George Floyd where three officers stood by without doing anything.)
- 2) Training in de-escalation.
- 3) Review of the use of force policies in general, and especially those involving neck restraints.
- 4) Tracking the use of force by each officer.
- 5) Work with the state to ensure that fired officers don't get their jobs back at any law enforcement agency (not just the one they were fired from) because of statewide civil service protections.

I hope the City Council is prudent and circumspect in its future course of action.

Sincerely,
Vivek Iyer

David Gaydos
NEWFIELD

Hello, I'm writing with the purpose of urging Council to rescind the 3.3 resolution on 5G from the May meeting. 5G is something that's certainly not needed in our area and there are still too many questions about its safety. Before moving ahead with 5G, it's more prudent to wait for more studies regarding its possible health ramifications.

Thanks,
David Gaydos
Newfield (with a sister and many friends in Ithaca)

Sherri Bennette
Town of Dryden

I am a resident of Etna, very close to Ithaca. My dog & I are extremely sensitive to 3G & 4G, so I can't imagine how much worse it could get with 5G. Whenever I turn on my cell phone my dog, who is my shadow, will leave the room until I turn my phone off. When on the cell phone for any amount of time I develop a migraine. So I only turn on my cell phone to check for messages or if I am expecting a call. I usually make phone appts so I don't have to stay on for long. I mostly use emails & portals to communicate. So please, my dog & I are an examples of the ill effects of cell phone waves. Please do not roll out 5G until more studies can be made regarding the ill effects. Best regards, Sherri Bennette.

William Fudeman
City of Ithaca

The rush to introduce 5G to the city of Ithaca seems foolhardy and unnecessary.

Cell service at present seems perfectly adequate with earlier technologies.

Several studies indicate that exposure to 5G could risk cancers, especially in children. To ignore the possibility of serious health consequences to our citizens would be irresponsible, and some might say, criminal.

Please reverse previous decisions that indicated a "go forward" approach. Instead, please pause any introduction of 5G to the city of Ithaca until further study shows it to be safe (totally harmless) to human health.

I have not heard a single argument for going forward with 5G. Just because it's the "latest" new thing, does not mean that it is necessary, or even beneficial in any way.

Honestly, you folks need to be careful and thoughtful of all our well-being.

Truly,
Will Fudeman
806 Giles
Ithaca

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Ecovillage Ithaca

COMMENT:

I am a mother, professor, and proud resident of Ithaca. After researching electromagnetic frequency radiation (EMF) from common sources like cell phones and wireless technology, I can say that the evidence to date is concerning enough to warrant caution around powerful EMF-emitting technologies like 5G. The sensible course of action is to follow the Precautionary Principle enshrined in the Rio Declaration: "Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation" (UNEP.org). Please honor this principle and reverse the 3.3 resolution on 5G.

I'm sure the Council is sorting through enormous amounts of information when making this decision. With that in mind, I'd like to speak briefly to the mixed scientific results on EMF health effects. Through my research, I learned that the variability in reported findings is heavily dependent on funding source. Independently-funded studies are highly likely to report harmful effects of EMF, whereas research funded by industry (e.g., the telecommunications industry) is much less likely to do so. This funding bias is real and dramatic. One review surveyed 59 studies on the health effects of cell phone radiation and reported that 82% of independently-funded research reported health effects from EMF exposure, but only 33% of industry-funded studies reported such effects (Huss, 2007). (See further details below if time permits.) One researcher states: "The industry strategy has been to fund low-risk studies that will assure a positive result--and then use it to convince the news media and the public that it is proof that cell phones are safe" (Carlo, cf Blank 2013, p. 133).

Of course, we all use cell phones and I'm not arguing that we throw them out. There is very good reason, however, to protect Ithacans from the increased power of EMF radiation that would stem from 5G installation.

I encourage the Council to consider funding sources when reviewing the evidence and to base decisions on independently-funded work. Please protect all of us by preventing the installation of 5G in Ithaca. Thank you.

POST-COMMENT, for consideration if time permits:

Further information on funding bias:

Another study reviewed 23 case-controlled studies on the tumor risk from cell phones and reported that, "Among the 10 higher quality studies, we found a harmful association between phone use and tumor risk. The lower quality studies, which failed to meet scientific best practices, were primarily industry funded" (Myung et al., 2009; described in Moskowitz 2013). Unfortunately, in the US context, the majority of funding for research on EMF comes from industry rather than independent funding sources like the NSF or NIH.

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Grace Horowitz
Ithaca NY

My name is Grace Horowitz. I am writing because I am greatly concerned about any possible rollout of 5G in Ithaca. There is a very large literature detailing the risks to our health and the health of our children. The only benefit of 5G goes to very large corporations. Their bottom lines will be very much improved. But please put first the health and safety of all of us.

So I am asking you to reverse the May decision which gave a green light to 5G in Ithaca. Please honor the democratic process, have a real public debate. There is nothing to lose by rescinding the resolution. It can always be considered later.

Thank you very much.

Grace

Kristen Nygren
ITHACA

As a local physician, I am writing to express my concern about the safety of 5G, and respectfully request that the Council consider reversing its May meeting 3.3 resolution regarding 5G. Given the uncertain and potentially dangerous health impacts of 5G, the precautionary principle encourages us all to apply caution in our willingness to embrace new technologies with unknown health consequences. Independent studies are significantly more likely to show safety concerns than are studies funded by the telecommunications industry. Please do consider allowing more time and research to show us the impact of 5G before we rush into a technology that could harm our resident's health.

Jill Kellner
Ithaca

There is no part of a 5G roll out that I am for. I do not want more cell tower radiation than already exists. I do not want to expose myself, any wildlife or any other creatures to the increase in radiation caused by the 5G network's need to increase the number of cell towers. I do not want a cell tower anywhere near my home. There is enough data to show that this technology has great potential to cause great harm to all life on the planet. I do not understand why we would ever vote to have something that we know causes great harm when there are other safer alternatives. I will not vote to have 5G in Ithaca.

I implore anyone with a conscience not to vote for the 5G roll out either. You only have to look at the science and research to know it is wrong and it is dangerous.

Camille Doucet
Ithaca

You cannot streamline the building of the new 5G technology locally without thorough research. The best is to wait for impact on other communities who have already built it in their neighborhoods. The

information that I read it heavily in disfavour of 5G technology. Please use extreme caution and reverse the 3.3 resolution, research current 5G impact before greenlighting this!

Dennis Anello
Town of Ithaca

Hello,

I am very concerned about the rollout of 5G in Ithaca, and would like to ask the council to reverse the May decision to move forward with 5G.

I am a former physics teacher, clearly NOT anti-science.

I have researched topics related health concerns from Electromagnetic emissions, and do not feel there is sufficient evidence that this technology will be safe for humans exposed.

Please see this scientists report on the audio program "With Good Reason" which aired on WRFI radio on August 2, 2019:

Virginia Humanities:

Do Cell Phones Cause Cancer? (14 min.)

With: Deborah O'Dell (University of Mary Washington)

"Does the radiation emitted by our cell phones harm us?"

<https://www.withgoodreasonradio.org/episode/do-cell-phones-cause-cancer-2/>

Deborah O'Dell is a professor of biology at the University of Mary Washington

"Deborah O'Dell recently finished a study that found cell phone radiation can cause changes to our cells.

In a nutshell, what we found was that when cells are exposed to cellphone radiation that there are certain genes whose activity is changed as a result of this exposure. These genes that are changed are genes that help regulate the reproduction of cells. And of course cancer is produced when cells can't regulate their growth and so they constantly reproduce themselves. And so by altering these genes, what we're doing is altering the way those cells reproduce....

We found that a single episode of 25 minute cellphone activity can cause significant change in some of these genes. This change persists up to at least 24 hours and in some genes we even see it persisting to 48 hours after just a single exposure...

But, you don't use your cellphone once every two days. What I'm afraid of is that And I haven't tested this. But that these changes are not being permitted to go back to their original state. The genes are not allowed to maintain their basic activity but rather by continually activating them, we're causing them to change persistently. And that could then lead to changes in how cells reproduce themselves leading to them maybe to tumors. There are some genes that are well known and well associated with cancer. The BRCA 1 and BRCA 2 genes, which are associated with breast cancer and prostate cancer. These genes,

their function is actually to slow down or restock cell reproduction. Well, cellphone radiation actually stops the activity of those genes. And by doing so, would tend to promote cell reproduction...

And as cellphones are being used sometimes it puts out less radiation, but a lot of times it can put out more radiation. In my study we saw some spikes in radiation as the phone was being used that came up to be about three to four times the average allowable maximum...

Well, there have been some long term studies. Certainly there's been a report of a 20 year study, again, looking at do people who use cellphones develop tumors? I don't think our studies have been long term enough. I think certainly long term studies need to be examined. There are some things that I certainly would not do with a cellphone. I would not listen to a conversation. I try to limit my conversations as much as possible. Use texting. I would not give them to children. Because the young children, they're going to have the longest exposure."

Please reconsider allowing 5G into Ithaca at this time.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dennis Anello

Elizabeth Salon

Ithaca

My name is Elizabeth Salon and I'm a 32 year resident of Ithaca, concerned parent, and health care provider.

My concern about the possible rollout of 5G are the known health risks, antennas everywhere invisibly injuring our bodies, property values declining, and the obvious lack of added benefits of 5G. We don't need or want this dangerous technology!

I'm asking you to reverse/undo/revoke the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca.... to weigh pros/cons, more thoughtfully consider, have more public education/debate before deciding, honor a more democratic process, etc.

What do you have to lose by rescinding the resolution? You can always revisit it later.

Please!

Marcy Little

Ithaca

As someone with sensitivities to Electromagnetics, I am very concerned about bringing 5G to the Ithaca area. I am NOT in support of the current decision, and would like to see our city move more cautiously, and much more slowly around this issue.

Jeffrey Zorn
ITHACA

I am deeply, deeply troubled that the town and city of Ithaca are thinking of allowing the installation of 5G systems in our area. The effects of these systems on human beings living in the vicinity of their towers is unknown. It is especially shocking that a liberal leaning community like ours would fall in lockstep with corporate American in this way when there is growing concern across the US about the safety of these systems. 4G has been perfectly acceptable, and I for one, am willing to live with it for another few years to safeguard my health, the health of my family and the health of my community.

Nothing should be installed until there has been thorough testing of these devices. Doing the testing after the devices are installed is obviously a no-go since the telecommunications industry would tie up any efforts to shut down an already installed and functioning system in court I do not want to be a lab rat for Verizon. Much better would be to install these devices outside the offices and home of Ajrt Par (FCC chair) for a couple years first to see how he feels about them being so close to him.

Please do what is best for people, not corporations.

Joyce Campbell
Ithaca Tompkins county

I am a long-time resident of Ithaca and I have strong misgivings about any rollout of Five G in Ithaca or anywhere, for that matter I have read extensively on this matter and consider myself fairly well-informed It seems to be being pushed by certain financial interests ignores the many scientific studies worldwide that urge caution and puts the entire ecosystem at risk Safety cannot be guaranteed I'm urgently asking that the May decision to go ahead with Five G in Ithaca be reversed I would also like to see a much more transparent inclusive and democratic process in place so all interested parties have a chance to communicate viewpoints and be a part of such an important decision

Thank you

Joyce Campbell

Nathan Walz
Ithaca

My name is Nathan Walz and I've been living in Ithaca for the past 4+ years.

I request that you immediately rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6,2022) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca. I moved here from Washington, DC and one of the reasons I chose Ithaca is because I was healing from chronic Lyme disease. I made a lot of progress in DC however hit a plateau. I learned about the biologic impacts of EMFs and made a decision to move away from DC to escape the high levels of EMFs and wireless radiation that I was exposed to. I chose Ithaca because of it's beauty, access to local organic food, and its low population density. I had heard it was an informed and health conscious town. Within a year of being out of DC I fully recovered and my health continues to improve.

Never did I imagine that the city council would approve the roll out of 5G, exposing us all to radiation 24/7, absent any health studies showing it to be safe and with an abundance of scientific studies showing the biologic harms of EMFs and wireless radiation.

If you haven't seen it. Sujata Gibson held a zoom conference with 2 PhDs and a Lawyer. They all shared really great information and the science behind the biologic harms of 5G. I request you chose the health of the people of this town over industry.

Emma Frisch
Ithaca

Hello,

I'm a longtime Ithaca resident and concerned parent and local business owner. I do not believe we know enough about 5G to roll it out in our community. I've experienced firsthand the aesthetic and ecological impact of the antennas downtown (not to mention the potential health risks) and do not feel comfortable having 5G in our community. Not only do they make an unattractive sound, we're also not supposed to go right up to them! As a parent, that feels very disconcerting walking through residential neighborhoods with my children.

I know there is a lot of information supporting their safety, however, as we well know, the effects of many modern technological advancements are impossible to understand until decades later (i.e. industrial agriculture!). We need more time to properly assess whether 5G will ACTUALLY benefit our community. How much faster do we actually want our community to operate? (The Internet and media in general seem plenty fast to me, and we're already suffering from it / struggling to keep up).

I think Ithaca is in a unique position to do something different, and I know many people who have already said that Ithaca is their preferred summer destination right now precisely because they want to escape from the new 5G rollout in their urban communities.

Let us put this decision on hold, assess it thoughtfully, and be a model for what a truly healthy community looks like when we assess something new for everyone and from all angles.

I sincerely hope you will take this into consideration.

Thank you,
Emma Frisch

Klaus Paasche
Ithaca

Hello

My name is Klaus Paasche and I'm a longtime resident of Ithaca. I'm asking you to reverse/undo/revoke the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca and to weigh pros/cons, more thoughtfully consider, have more public debate before deciding.

I'm calling to express my concern about the possible rollout of 5G regarding health risks, can't guarantee safety, lack of added benefits of 5G,

Thank you

Klaus Paasche

For further information please read some of the research that has been done regarding cell phones

The European experience is unquestionable: "In Germany, researchers studied 1000 residents who lived in close proximity to two cell phone towers for about 10 years. According to the study, during the last five years of the observations, researchers discovered neighbors living within 400 meters of the cell towers were diagnosed with cancer at a rate that was three times higher than those who lived much further away."

The U.S. National Toxicology Program has released partial results of a new animal study which finds cell phone radiation poses an increased risk for certain cancers.

The \$25 million study, the most expensive in the NTP's history, may be a turning point in a decades-old debate about the possible link between cell phones and cancer.

<https://www.whsc.on.ca/What-s-new/News-Archive/U-S-researchers-release-landmark-study-on-cell-ph>

All cell towers emit Radio Frequency (RF) Radiation. There are literally hundreds of peer reviewed scientific studies from around the world that have linked this "non-ionizing" form of electromagnetic radiation to things like cancer, DNA damage (especially in infants and fetuses), and infertility. And Kevin Mottus of the US Brain Tumor Association says that within the radio frequency portion of the electromagnetic spectrum, the higher the frequency, the more dangerous the radiation is.

<https://www.radiationhealthrisks.com/5g-cell-towers-dangerous/>

Irina Peress
Ithaca

My name is Irina, and I'm a longtime Ithaca community member. I am concerned about the possibility of Ithaca installing 4G and 5G small cell antennas. Many cities are looking into the health risks of 5G and other wireless radiation, including Boston. Many cities have banned 5G because the risks to health and property values are too great, and the returns are very small. Even Verizon says that 5G will not offer home broadband internet coverage, and that the best thing for internet is fiber optics. Let's follow

Dryden's lead and install municipal fiber optic cables for safe, fast internet for everyone. The city of Ithaca is facing many daunting challenges at this time. Let's lighten our burden by reversing the approval of 5G. This is not the right time to be spending our energy on 5G. Ithaca has other more important issues to deal with now. I urge you to reverse the vote from May, and let's say no to 5G. What is there to lose by rescinding the 5G approval at this time? Don't forget that as Common Council members, you are accountable to the public, not to Verizon or other corporate or political lobbying.

Rebecca Holland
City

Dear committee members; Please reverse your decision to approve the Verizon master license for addition of 5G small cell radiation exposure to our already existing 3/4G towers. The World Health Organization classifies EMFs as a "class 2b" carcinogen, the same classification as lead and asbestos. Verizon openly admits that 5G/60 GHz is absorbable by oxygen (the lower frequencies are NOT absorbed by oxygen). The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), our largest organization of children's doctors, has repeatedly written the US government that current regulations on cellular radiation are outdated and non protective for children and pregnant women. "Children are not little adults and are disproportionately impacted by all environmental exposures, including cell phone radiation. Current FCC standards do not account for the unique vulnerability and use patterns specific to pregnant women and children. It is essential that any new standard for cell phones or other wireless devices be based on protecting the youngest and most vulnerable populations to ensure they are safeguarded throughout their lifetimes." Please reconsider this decision, for our children (our future).

Thank you

Jonna Climie

My name is Jonna Climie, I am a longtime resident of Ithaca and concerned citizen.

I am writing to to express my concern about the possible rollout of 5G in our community and it's imminent health risks; with antennas everywhere, downtown aesthetics, ecological impact, property values declining, federal government overreach and all that can't guarantee safety and lack of added benefits of 5G...other than what we already have with 3G and 4G.

Because I'm a person which suffers from electromagnetic magnetic frequency sensitivities, I'm asking you to reverse/undo/revoke the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca. We all need to weigh pros/cons, research data more thoughtfully, have more public education/debates before deciding, honor a more democratic process.

We need to uncover all possible effects from this so-called upgrade which benefits the telecommunication industry. Is it really needed? If you for some reason that it is needed, you can revisit it later.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jonna G. Climie
Ithaca resident

Sheila Out
Ithaca

I believe Ithacans don't need 5G. We also don't need more structures in our neighborhoods, with are already made ugly enough with all the cables and wires strung above our streets and sidewalks. Also there are serious health concerns about 5G. 5G is a BIG DEAL and we need to have public hearing before deciding to go forward with it.

What is needed in our COUNTY is broadband access for those who have none. Ithaca is fine as is.

Chelsey Kingsley
City of Ithaca

Please read my comment in it's entirety.

Do not implement and install 5G technology in Ithaca! The health and well-being of our citizens must take precedence over technological convenience and corporate interests in this matter.

This issue begins with considering the convenience of new technology and it is inseparable from matters of the unseen habitat we live in, and it's impact on us. Who on this council, has done the scientific research to make decisions impacting my health and the health of my family and the members of our community? Are you each willing to step in and impose upon us, your own preferences and opinions about the safe use and exposure to technology?

There is insufficient data to claim that the increase in electromagnetic radiation in this new bandwidth is safe. It is egregious and presumptuous to make this decision on behalf of community members of all ages especially when they have no way to protect themselves from the repercussions of it. There would be no escape possible for people to control or monitor the amount of radio frequencies they expose themselves, and their families to. The network would permeate all spaces in the community!

For these reasons I demand that you rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution to allow a 5G network to be installed in Ithaca. Reversing this decision would begin to repair the break in community trust that has ensued from your vote on May 6th.

Please, heed the voices of our concerned, educated and informed community and reverse your decision! The people who want greater access to technology will still have the choice and capability to do that for themselves. If you adopt 5G you are usurping the choices and control of exposure for everyone else.

25 Yr resident, 50 to go!

Chelsey Kingsley

Richard Farmham
City

It is my belief/understanding that health and safety of the constituents you represent is a priority in any decisions made by you For this reason I would like to know the councils stance on this issue and you

state it publicly As I see it there are 3 choices 1) 5G is safe and does not present a public risk 2)5G is not safe and presents a public health danger or3) I don't know and we need more information before approving or not it's roll-out in Ithaca It is the publics right to know how you feel cumulatively and individually on this subject anything less interferes with public trust and makes a joke out of transparency Previous meetings and decisions made by the council has damaged public trust Sincerely Richard Farnham 611 west court st

Lisa Margaret
Town

Today more people are getting sick and not getting better. The 5G technology has been proven to cause cancer and great harm and should not even be a consideration. Think of the children and the effects this will have on their growing developing brains. It is time now to stop and take a stand. This is a matter of right or wrong.

Lisa Margaret

David Gallahan
City of Ithaca

My name is David Gallahan, PhD

I am a long time resident and home-owner in the City.

I demand that you rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca.

There are many peer-reviewed studies that establish the likelihood of harm to our population from the deployment of this technology: you must establish a moratorium until such time as this technology actually be proven safe. This is an extremely controversial issue, it is really shameful that the May 6th decision was rushed through without any public hearing.

I am an essential worker who interfaces (talks with) a very large sampling of the community, so when I say that it is controversial, that really means that a large number of Ithaca voters are opposed to 5G. Many of them are very strongly opposed, especially those that have loved ones who have already been harmed by the existing levels of pulsed, polarized EM radiation generated by wireless communications. For some this has been debilitating.

The 5G technology is new. There are no long term studies of the effects. The existing studies indicate that it is most likely harmful. If you are not familiar with a range of actual studies (not industry sponsored studies) it is your duty of public trust to vote against 5G.

The 5G infrastructure also will transmit 4G, greatly increasing our exposure to these frequencies that have more clearly been proven deleterious.

A starting place to educate yourselves is the zoom panel discussion that the Sujata Gibson campaign sponsored last month. Also there are a number of individuals in Ithaca that have studied this topic extensively and would be able to educate you to be able to make a more informed decision. Could I help you connect with information? Please email me at davidgallahan[at]yahoo[dot]com.

A municipal fiber-optic network is what we need, with real broadband access delivered in a fully safe, non-controversial way.

April Peress
Newfield

I am a longtime Ithaca community member, and in particular I do all my shopping in Ithaca. That could change if Common Council lets Verizon install 5G because I will not want to spend time around the 5G wireless radiation. 5G antennas have warning labels pasted on them because they're dangerous. The labels say to keep away from the radiofrequency radiation. Thousands of published, peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown that the microwave radiation that 5G antennas emit causes harm to health. Common Council has failed to fully inform themselves about 5G before approving it. You have also failed to involve the public in discussing 5G. Reverse your mistaken approval of 5G. Rescind 5G and give the community a chance to recover from the economic crisis, the pandemic, and the shutdown.

Katherine McClevis
Ithaca

My name is Katherine McClevis and I'm a longtime resident of Ithaca and the surrounding area. I am a concerned parent and concerned resident

I'm calling to express my concern about the possible rollout of 5G. I am deeply worried about the health risks, antennas everywhere, downtown aesthetic, ecological impact, property values declining, federal government overreach, that you can't guarantee safety, all for the lack of added benefits of 5G.

I'm asking you to reverse/undo/revoke the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca.... to weigh pros/cons, more thoughtfully consider, have more public education/debate before deciding And honor a more democratic process.

What do We have to lose by rescinding the resolution? You can always revisit it later.

Thank you So much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Katherine McClevis

Mecke Nagel
Cortland

I visit Ithaca frequently for shopping and tourism (the arts, movies, festivals), and if you install such network, I will no longer be able to visit.

I also no longer visit New York City, even though there are many professional obligations (conferences, etc.) that I miss out on, because I get migraines when I enter the city space. Since I don't suffer from migraines, I have to attribute it to the massive 5G network in Manhattan.

Virginia Miller
Brooktondale

Dear common Council,

I believe we need more time to research the safety of 5G technology. There is no reason to rush it. Especially during this scary time, I need more information and science and a little more time to think. The council decision blindsided us. Please more time. It won't hurt anyone to step back and consider the science. It feels like not enough has been done and I am concerned that at some later date we will discover that we have caused harm to our vulnerable folks because we needed something as non life affirming as faster internet. Let the pandemic caution patience if nothing else. Please be open to the science.

Than you

V. Miller

Rita Boratav
Ithaca

My name is Rita Boratav, and I have been working and living in Ithaca for the past 22 years. I live in and own a home on Campbell Avenue, in Ithaca's 1st Ward. I demand that you immediately rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca.

From what I know, this technology can be very harmful to humans and other living things. Please PAUSE this so that we have more time to educate each other about it. We need to better understand this technology and its impact on public health. We need to keep public health at the front of our minds when considering whether to use it or not. I would hope that, especially now in light of the pandemic, that the health and well-being of your constituents and yourselves would be your highest priority. By pausing 5G, you will be demonstrating that public health trumps quickly green-lighting profits made off a technology that hasn't been universally agreed upon to be safe.

Thank you,

Rita Boratav

Bruce Rosenbloom
Town

I am opposed to the 5G rollout in Ithaca since this technology is largely untested and will pose significant health risks. 5G is in the same electromagnetic spectrum as microwave ovens, but also with the potential to blanket an area giving residents no chance of avoiding its deleterious effects. The wireless industry has captured both the regulatory and legislative branches so that these bodies no longer serve citizens, but instead, impose their toxic products on an unsuspecting public.

I would strongly hope that your committee would reconsider the earlier decision to approve this technology in our community. The safety of our community is at stake.

Sincerely.....Bruce Rosenbloom

Dean Zervos
City

It's very disturbing that these 5G towers would be placed outside my house at 215 King st. directly across from the Fall Creek School. The amount of radiation that these towers are emitting is far beyond the amount that I'm comfortable with and definitely not across from an elementary school. My question to the Council **WOULD YOU WANT THIS OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSE** if no then Don't put it outside Mine

Sincerely

Dean Zervos

Owner

Simeon's American Bistro & Ithaca Resident since 2007

Rolf Verberg
Town

My name is Rolf Verberg and I'm a 19 year long Ithaca resident. I demand that you immediately rescind or otherwise nullify resolution 3.3 authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca.

I am appalled to discover that the city is moving forward with a 5G rollout with absolutely no open public forum for discussion, particularly during these time of stress due to Covid-19. I have a Ph.D in Physics with a certification in radiation technology and I am seriously worried about the health risk of this new technology. It turns out I'm not alone. Over a thousand peer-reviewed studies have shown that wireless radiation causes real harm to humans and the environment. These are not internet posts of conspiracy theories by anti-vaxxers and the like, these are research papers by medical professionals and scientists in peer-reviewed well established and respected scientific journals.

To pick out one recent example (<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/16/18/3406>, September 13, 2019): The authors analyzed and reviewed 94 relevant publications performing in vivo or in vitro investigations. Their conclusion was "The available studies do not provide adequate and sufficient information for a meaningful safety assessment, or for the question about non-thermal effects". I read the paper and some of the ones that are cited in the paper. I have the knowledge and background to assess the validity of the paper. This is not an endorsement of the safety of the new technology, but a request for more research before concluding that it is safe for us and the environment. Would your conscience be OK if hundreds of Ithacans are harmed by this? If not, then you must vote to rescind resolution 3.3 and slow down the 5G rollout until more research is done into the specific dangers of 5G technology. Mike Ellis
City

Greetings, and thank you for this opportunity to comment on this subject again. As someone who spends most of my week in downtown Ithaca while serving the community through my work at Family and Children's Service, I am not convinced that moving ahead with the planned 5G roll-out is a healthy choice for our community. With the layers upon layers of crises we are facing, I simply have not had the space to educate myself on the pros and cons of 5G yet, to separate the solid science from the junk science and corporate propaganda. However, I have friends and acquaintances who are passionately appealing to you, our community gatekeepers in city and town government, to slow the process down for deeper consideration of the potential health, economic, and environmental risks associated with 5G infrastructure and increased RF microwave exposure. My understanding is that there are scientific and corporate voices saying that 5G is perfectly safe, and there are peer-reviewed studies that suggest serious potential health risks that should require more study and discussion before we dive into exposing our community to 5G. As you well know, once we cross that line, there is no going back, so this is the time for serious reflection on whether or not moving forward is the best action we can take.

I am strongly advocating that we follow the example set by communities like Easton, CT, who passed a resolution on May 7, 2020 to cease and desist their community's roll-out of 5G until December, 2020, to make time for further study and community participation in the decision. Ithaca ought to be among the communities leading the way with responsible implementation of new technology, and not among the communities who are bowing to the will of the telecommunications industry as they work to push 5G into communities at a time when most people's concerns and attention are appropriately on COVID-19 developments, anti-racism, economic free fall, and daily scandalous and possibly traitorous behavior coming from the White House. Give us, and yourselves, a chance to catch our breath and shift our focus to this issue! We have the power to slow this controversial decision down, and we should do so for everyone's sake.

In summary, I am not saying 5G shouldn't or can't happen here. I am not informed enough to come to a conclusion, and that is my point. We, the public, have not had sufficient opportunity to engage in the discussion of whether or not it is the best choice for our community, and it may have serious impacts for those most at risk of harmful outcomes of exposure. Please re-consider your commitment to moving forward according to the schedule you had set forth, and give us a chance to catch up and participate in coming to a responsible conclusion.

Sophie Alexander
Enfield

My name is Sophie Alexander. I am a long-time resident of Tompkins County and owner of the Nutritional Wellness Center of Ithaca, which is located in downtown Ithaca.

I ask the Council to immediately rescind or nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2:020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G capability in Ithaca.

I am concerned about the health effects of this technology. Thousands of studies have shown the health dangers of wireless radiation, including the development of cancers, neurological impairments, DNA damage, etc. In 2015, the National Institutes of Health and the National Toxicology Program concluded that there is a clear link between wireless radiation and cancer. I personally have experience with clients who suffer from exposure to this type of electromagnetic radiation. 5G technology requires exponentially more transmitting stations than the current cell phone technology, causing people to potentially be exposed to substantially more radiation than with existing towers. No testing has been done on this new technology.

It is unfair for citizens who do not want exposure to 5G to be exposed to it against their will. Our local community should be able to regulate our own safety and well-being. Ithaca needs to wait to move forward on allowing any "small cell" installations in Ithaca until further study is done at the state, federal and international levels.

Thank you.

Ram Venkat
City of Ithaca

Dear Common Council members,

My name is Ram Venkat and I'm a longtime resident of Ithaca. I am a parent of two young boys who moved to Ithaca from the City in order to slow things down. Life in the City (as you can imagine) moves pretty fast. Its hard to stop and smell the roses, hear the bird songs or see the stars over the smells of exhaust, traffic noise and city lights. I also moved here to live in a healthy environment and to teach my kids to explore the world around them and not just stare at their phones. If you are parent, you know ow much we spend in getting our kids to put their phones down and wish you could just turn off wifi. So, it is very concerning to see this City moving in the direction of 5G this fast. Why?? What's the rush?? Do we really need to download things that much faster?? Do we really need to down things from anywhere?? Do we really need uninterrupted internet access at all times??

Trust me, I understand the need to do things faster and faster, and from anywhere. I practice Architecture which is all about speed and mobility. This is because everyone believes the faster you can build something the more money you save - time is money. This is true in concept, but in practice it raises the risk considerably. Yes risk can be managed, but not that effectively when you are moving fast. If you have ever dealt with designers or contractors, you know what happens when unforeseen

conditions creep up during design/construction? Everything slows down!! The project schedule gets longer and people get blamed for not planning things well.

Imagine rolling out 5G as fast as you can and then realizing that it is harmful to our health and environment. It would be too late and frankly unprofessional to say at that time that you wish you had slowed down to evaluate things better. You will most certainly be blamed for making a bad decision.

Take the current COVID crisis for example and how NY vs. Texas opened up their states. NY has been very careful and patient, and obviously has its sight on the long-term future of its inhabitants. The concept is simple - the slower we reopen the better we will be able to react to unforeseen conditions like sudden increases in infections. Why can't we use this approach when considering the roll-out of 5G???

I'm asking you to slow things down and to reverse the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca. Slowing down to evaluate things properly does not mean you are slowing progress. You need to slow down so you can establish a clear and scientific way to evaluate 5G. After all we live in a City that is home to Cornell University. It is important to hear the public and their concerns. After all, the 5G system is for their use. The network companies are not going anywhere. They will be ready to build this tower now, one year from now or ten years from now. After all, all they want to do is make more money. For them this is business. For us this is our life, our people and our City.

So, please slow down, hear our concerns and don't rush into a decision you will regret.

A very concerned citizen of Ithaca

Ram

Elan Shapiro
Town of Ithaca

Dear Common Council members

I expect are elected officials to hold strongly to the Precautionary Principle, which in this case would mean not moving forward on 5G, but waiting for more research outcomes to be clear. I hope you do not give in to corporate pressure at the expense of public health. Again, I hope you do not give in to corporate pressure at the expense of public health.

Please do the right thing

Elan

Kira Cole
Ithaca

I am an Ithaca resident, property owner and tax payer who is strongly opposed to the addition of a 5G network here. I'm concerned about my child's and my family's health, carefully limiting our exposure to radiation from smartphones and other devices, which can slow the growth of developing brains and

cause cancer in adults. It is not your right to override that careful work. The health and well being of humans is the most important thing and should be your paramount concern.

Additionally I'm concerned about property values going down. I have spent my life savings and worked very hard on my property to increase equity. It is not your right to take that away from me.

Please reverse the city's preliminary decision to approve 5G for Ithaca.

Your citizens are against it.

Sincerely,

Kira Cole

Robert Coville
Town of Ithaca

My name is Robbie Coville and I'm a student and young professional who has chosen to make Central NY home, first in Syracuse and now in Ithaca.

I demand that you immediately rescind the resolution (3.3) authorizing approval for small cell facilities with 5G capabilities in Ithaca.

Given the complex effects of this telecommunications technology, there is still much uncertainty about its implications. Our vibrant small community should proceed cautiously and not be an early-adopter of 5G. Furthermore, the approval of 5G technology should come with the consent of those represented by the City of Ithaca government, and it is clear that a large segment of our community feels unheard and deliberately avoided on this subject.

Carlin Wakefield
Ithaca

Hello,

I'm a resident of Ithaca and a state employee, and I am writing to urge the council to critically consider the potential impact of the 5th generation wireless infrastructure on the health and safety of Ithaca's residents, and rescind the agreement made with Verizon Wireless.

The accelerated deployment schedule for the 5th generation wireless infrastructure, to be installed pervasively throughout the US, is being done without public health review of the growing body of scientific evidence that includes reports of increasing rates of cancer and neurological diseases that may be caused by exposure to EMF from wireless sources. Ithaca is considered a leader for progressive ideas and legislature-- please consider leading other cities in saying 'no', or at least: 'not until we know it's safe long-term'.

Numerous recent scientific publications have shown that EMF negatively affects living organisms. These effects can include an increased cancer risk, genetic damage, structural and functional changes to the reproductive system, learning and memory deficits, and neurological disorders. Putting these cell towers all over the city in areas where kids are growing and developing seems like an experiment, and one that is NOT worth the long-term safety of our children.

Please consider the health and well-being of my family, and so many other Ithaca families and rescind the agreement with Verizon Wireless on Wednesday.

Thank you for your time,

Carlin Wakefield

maytali novak
Ithaca

I am concerned that this is being rolled out here without enough research to support its use and possible unintended consequences/ill effects. At the least a moratorium should be placed on this until we can gather more data to prove it is indeed safe. Given that other countries have halted this or paused (eg., Switzerland), it gives us reason to also. There is no need to rush.

Allison DeSario
City of Ithaca

My name is Allison DeSario and I have lived and worked in Ithaca for two years. I, along with other citizens of Ithaca and the United States, am concerned about the push to install 5G small cell antennas throughout the city. There is a growing body of medical professionals and research scientists who have pointed out the negative health implications of the high frequency microwave radiation that small cell antennas emit. I find it unjust to subject the community to these levels of radiation, sometimes unwillingly, just by being in their homes with an antenna on the street pole outside. I think there should be more time given to folks who don't know anything about 5G but want to educate themselves before supporting or opposing the decision and that the community should be more involved in the decision.

Another point I would like to make is that there is no need for 5G in Ithaca at this time for two reasons- there is no lack of cell coverage in town and all of our plates are filled to the brim with other more important things like recovering our economy and the civil rights movement for people of color. If faster, safer internet is desired why are we moving away from wired internet service? Dryden is an example of a municipality going forward with fiber optics and Ithaca could follow their lead. 5G will only benefit those who purchase phones and other devices with 5G capabilities, not everyday people using their normal home WiFi service.

I urge you to rescind the decision made in May to go forward with the Master License Agreement with Verizon. After all, we are your fellow citizens, not Verizon- a multinational organization.

Thank you.

Martha Stettinius
Ithaca

Dear Common Council members,

Please consider reversing the May decision to allow 5G to proceed in Ithaca. I am a 25-year Ithaca resident with environmentally-acquired chronic illness. Healthy until 2018, I was unaware, like many Ithaca residents, of the widespread impact of environmental toxins on public health--how common it is, how insidious, and how devastating to individuals, families and communities. My own environmentally-acquired illness makes me view proposed 5G towers with a cautious eye. We simply do not know enough about the effects of electromagnetic frequency radiation on human health, not to mention on bees and other creatures on which we rely. Also, by adding higher levels of such radiation in every neighborhood, we would be adding to each adult and child's "toxic load," a load that is already high from environmental toxins and common assaults on our immune systems such as Lyme disease. Constant and ubiquitous exposure to 5G might tip the balance of health for many individuals. I believe that Ithaca residents need more time to evaluate scientific studies on 5G--by independent researchers, not those funded by the industry-- and make a more informed decision. It can't be a coincidence that so many other countries and US communities have put a hold on 5G development. Please, give our community more time to look into this. Thank you for listening and for your service to the community.

amanda moretti
Ithaca

Hello council members,

another concerned Ithacan about rolling out the 5g. Please consider and look at Europe's precautions in various cities including Switzerland. They are often ahead of us in such matters of human health and well being of the planet.

Thank you and keep Ithaca safe, we don't all need more virtual reality. We live in a gorgeous natural world here!

Sincerely,

Amanda Moretti

Jessie Vassallo
Ithaca

I'm a mother to a young child and I'm very concerned about the health effects of 5G in our neighborhood. There's been no testing or regulations and we don't want to be guinea pigs!!! Please rethink bringing 5G to Ithaca. What's the rush?!

Victor Rakovich
Ithaca

Hello,

I am a longtime resident of Ithaca, a concerned parent of four Ithaca children.

I am writing to express my concern about the possible rollout of 5G... I have had EMF sensitivity for over 10 years and know first hand about the health risks from wireless and EMF exposure. 5G cannot guarantee public safety, while the property values are likely to fall near the towers.

I'm asking you to reverse the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca and at least honor a more democratic process of making this important decision.

Thank you!

maytali novak
Ithaca

Dear Common Council,

Please also consider this piece from Scientific American concerning the risks from 5G technology.

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/we-have-no-reason-to-believe-5g-is-safe/>

I am personally appalled that a town that seems to be as progressive, sustainably minded and health conscious as Ithaca did not gather "buy in" from the community before proceeding with this roll out. I urge you to pause. I personally do not want one of these antenna's on my block.

Maytali Novak,

MA, Educational Psychology

Carmel Rome
Town

If you inrole 5g in our town There would be dozens if not hundreds of these antennas throughout downtown beaming microwave radiation at people and their homes 24/7 without their consent.it will effect our children even more since children are more vulnerable to EMF!!! We need our health today more then ever!!!! Please don't expose this dangerous and questionable technology on our community-choose fiber cable or take time to look into more research until or if it is proven with out any doubt it is safe !!!

Hadas Ritz
Town of Ithaca

I submitted a public comment ahead of your May meeting at which you approved resolution 3.3 related to small cell infrastructure buildout, but my understanding is that those comments submitted were never read. If Common Council has too much on its plate to adhere to your procedure for public input, it seems likely that you also have too much on your plate to adequately learn about and understand all aspects of the resolution. I urge you to rescind that resolution to give time for you all to educate yourselves and the public on the costs, risks, and benefits of proceeding. This is a relatively complicated issue that the public deserves a chance to weigh in on. My concerns are largely related to how this buildout of small cell infrastructure socialized the costs and risks but privatizes the benefits to a very small number of telecom companies. Most people who live, work, shop, and recreate in Ithaca will see no benefit from 5G any time soon. Common Council should slow down, learn how other municipalities are handling this issue, and focus your attention on the many local and national crises that really do need urgent attention.

Jared Dietz
Danby NY

As an avid technology user, I do value the use of continued evolution of technology and the effects that that may have on our ability to be effective and productive.

Also, I find the current level of technology to exceed my needs already and I am urging all lawmakers and lobbyists to please stop or delay the roll out of 5G technology until the population which you serve feels satisfied that there has been enough shared trustworthy empirical evidence proving that 5G technology poses absolutely no threat to the human race.

At this point, the concerns far outweigh the anticipation of any benefits inherent in this new mysterious technology. The people need more straightforward fact-based information presented to them in a professional way in order to feel at ease with accepting 5G technology.

I understand that there may be incentives for politicians who advocate for and advance this technology's roll-out, but this is a matter of concern that validates or invalidates a politician altogether. A person serving the people will be upheld, a person serving themselves instead, and taking a bribe or simply just not educating themselves deeply enough, in my opinion could be considered a mongrel. If it becomes true that politicians take donations or incentives instead of listening to their populace, then surely money is the root of all evil. One who participates in such acts must then consider themselves to be evil as well.

Noel Blatt
Danby

Hello and thank you for reading this. As I have been doing my own research into the effects of 5g I am hoping that the council will as well take the time. This technology has not been tested for harmful effects. One of the reasons it is being used is because it operates on a "free" wavelength. This does not

mean it's safe rather than usage is unregulated. There is a reason for the last 40 years or more that it hasn't been used and it is related to health concerns. Please inform yourselves if you are not yet to what is really happening with these short wavelengths and the radiation that is emitted from them.

Thank you

Vanessa Wood
Ithaca NY

Hello,

I respectfully want to express my support for Ithaca to hold off on 5G until it has been around longer and we know more about it. Conflicting science is not good enough considering the risk. We will all be subjected to this whether we like it or not if you do not halt this infrastructure. Please be strong leaders. If you are unsure and concerned of making a mistake, Remember that it is better to err on the side of caution and we can always bring the technology in later if it becomes more clear that it is OK. Thank you.

Devon Buckley
Town of Ithaca

Again, I am hoping to have my concerns understood around implementing a contract with Verizon to unleash small cells upon our community without community approval or real research into the safety of the 5G technology which I understand has been proven to be unsafe in other countries and has been banned in many places because of it. There are alternatives to microwaving our community, like fiber broadband. Can we please have a public hearing when it is possible to include the voices of those who will be exposed to this radiation and include scientists that understand the real effects of microwave millimeter waves on human beings and nature at these frequencies? I am surrounded by telephone poles on South Hill and make my living by caring for young children. It is my job to protect them from harm. Will you help me? I hope so.

Dawn Eller
City of Ithaca

My name is Dawn Eller, ND. I am a Naturopathic Doctor and longtime resident and business owner in the city of Ithaca.

I demand the Council immediately rescind or otherwise nullify the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2:020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G capability in Ithaca.

The adverse health effects of this technology have not been well studied. I have personal experience with patients suffering from exposure to this type of electromagnetic radiation. The installation and increase in non-native EMF effects the ability of people to safely navigate and enjoy the resources of our

community. This installation will create pervasive radiation in the community and negates our ability to choose as citizens, if and when we want to be exposed to this. This is akin to allowing tobacco smoking everywhere in the community. Such that if you don't like tobacco smoke or react badly to tobacco you cannot participate in activities and resources of the community without compromising your values and/or safety.

It seems to me that the Council has made the determination that the benefits of this technology are more important than the health of our community.

Casey Shew
Town of Ithaca

Even though I am an avid technologist and futurism enthusiast, I believe it is too early to safely roll out 5g technology en masse without more research into potential health effects. I have a number of mysterious chronic health issues, and it is constantly challenging for myself and others like me to narrow down potential causes for subtle chronic pains. Adding another new variable into this sea of complex variables contributing overall well being is very stressful for sensitive people like me. I hope you'll consider holding off on this for a longer period until more studies and data are available.

Eric Machan Howd
City

There are health issues to consider with 5G and whether you believe in them or not the public deserves a fair voice in this decision. We need a discussion on this ... as a community. Now, more than ever, we need to work together. Hold off on voting. Give the public a voice.

Sareanda Lourdes
Ithaca

Please rescind your approval of 5G technology in our community. To enhance technological connections for rural communities, please install more 4G if necessary. I was raised rural and only recently moved to town after living for years in Caroline. I want the best for my rural family, and for the healthy and safety of everyone. Please obtain more research on the safety of 5G before implementing in our community. Thank you!

Sareanda Lourdes RN

Angela Ehmke
City of Ithaca

I would like there to be a community discussion and open forum before 5G gets approved without public comment. Don't abuse your power.

Casey Martinson
Ithaca

I guess some scientifically illiterate folks in our community are upset about 5G technology. I'm not one of them. I look forward to greater connectivity and faster data speeds coming to devices near me! Thank you for leading the way forward.

Helen Tseng
Ithaca

I am writing because I am very concerned about your decision to enroll 5G in Ithaca. There is a significant amount of independent research which stresses the harmful effects of technology and its proximity to homes, schools, playgrounds, businesses..etc. Similar effects of 3G and 4G are also known. 5G is the most drastic and has been proven in cities around the world to its devastating effects. I urge you to rescind your decision! Cities such as Brussels, Belgium, Glastonbury, UK, Easton, Connecticut, Santa Barbara, CA. have all held off their decision until research has tested to be safe. Consider responsible alternatives! Our health and our children's and families health is a serious matter. We are counting on you to make the right decision and protect our welfare.

Georgie Jacks
Ithaca

Hello,

My name is Georgie Jacks. I've been in Ithaca for just over a year now. I am new to the recent technology conversations, but I am familiar with being close to technology. I am here to request we pause to take some extra time and space with this conversation of 5G. Until the people have a better understanding of what this agreement means.

I would like to see our water tables balanced so everyone has access to clean drinking water. I would like to see environmental and social justice around the world. It seems uncertain to know if adding 5G technology supports that potential for equality, yet. We need more time to explore the questions surrounding data and environmental toxins and concerns surrounding 5G and capitalism. How will this effect the planet and nature. How will this effect future generations and public health across the globe?

I also believe there are lots of layers to unpack before we can find balance in rolling out another thing in 2020. Amongst multicultural healing, political healing, a global pandemic, and a planet that is trying to find balance and healing. Is this really the time to be adding another thing? We need a couple more months to make a choice.

Thank you

Kelly Meehan
Ithaca

5G should not be installed in Tompkins County. Residents need to be given the choice, it impacts our lives and health.

Dani Novak
Town of Ithaca

Please use caution and careful examination of the impacts of the new 5G wireless technology on our lives.

Maybe slowing down the pace would benefit everyone.

Thank you.
Dani Novak

Sean Dembrosky
Ithaca

Sincerely hoping people responsible for our health and safety are taking thorough time and consideration before opening our shared landscape to even more development, radiation, infrastructure, etc... In a world already so complex and health-challenging, it seems very fundamentally reasonable to take ones time in making a decision about long lived infrastructure that adds even more electrical and radio noise to our landscape. Bees are having an incredibly hard time, people are not thriving health wise, the landscape is already incredibly cluttered with poles, wires, etc... Can progress also be considered getting to a point where we say things are fast enough, good enough?

Please don't add to the visual, physical and health clutter of our landscape!

Sarah and Adam Chandler
City of Ithaca

We are writing to urge you to slow down the 5G implementation. Clearly this issue needs more careful study before going forward. There are enough concerns being expressed around the globe to warrant that careful study and research on 5G be conducted. Public health is at stake here, and there are legions of concerned doctors and scientists who can be involved in further study.

Jeffrey Toolan
Groton NY

As a survivor of Radiation exposure from Fukushima (I was actually one of the first people to return as my business was based there), I find the callous nature of this "fast tracking" an abomination to the values and culture of Tompkins County.

We typically would devote the appropriate amount of attention to any change to the community landscape and I think the electro-magnetic makeup and subsequent potential for radiation exposure to humans and the environment should not be underestimated.

Moreover the politics of this process have been nothing short of nefarious; I have never seen such short sighted decision making by the city of Ithaca. This makes the parking and facade issues of the commons seem mundane if you in fact realize there is a risk of public health impact. Much less the potential impact on people leaving downtown to avoid being exposed to the excessive radiation.

I can live my life without coming to Ithaca. The Johnson Boat Yard redevelopment and gutting of the Boating community there to jam in another ill-placed hospital, means that a generation of water access for "locals" will probably give way to condos and corporates. I will not be alone if this is passed.

Please do what you think is prudent with this important analysis, don't rush forward after 100 years of environmental conservatism locally, the soul of the city is at risk.

Jana Leyden
City of Ithaca

Hello-

I'm expressing my concerns regarding the 5G towers in downtown Ithaca. I do not like the possible health impacts it could create for my family or other families in Ithaca. I'm urging you to reverse the 3.3 resolution on 5G from the May meeting.

Thank you for considering and making the best decision in the interest of residence.

Best,
Jana Leyden

Gordon W Ellis
City of Ithaca

Greetings to all

May truth, justice and gratitude guide us to live in love

Amen

My name is Gordon W Ellis I reside at 3 Pheasant Lane in Ithaca.

There are many hundreds of scientific studies describing the mechanisms by which Radio Frequencies and electromagnetic radiation can and do damage plant and animal biology.

As we in Ithaca consider permitting this extremely powerful 5G technology it is first of all incumbent on the telecommunications industry to acknowledge and address the very real concerns raised by credible, worldwide scientific research.

Let us join together to protect the health and well being of our community.

Aloha
Gordon

Andrew Lonsky
City of Ithaca

The idea of 5G towers in downtown Ithaca is unacceptable, given the research on the impacts on a community. Please reconsider.

Sincerely,
Andrew Lonsky

Charles Githler
City of Ithaca

To Whom it May Concern-

We ask that you kindly reconsider placing 5G towers in downtown Ithaca. It is irresponsible and unwise.

Many thanks,
Charles Githler

Harold T Hodes
Ithaca

The reasons to hold off on 5G are overwhelming. Firstly, there are serious and well-documented health concerns with 5G. Secondly, it will benefit the community very little. So PLEASE stop this!Olivia Duell
City of Ithaca

How is the council planning to address its constituents' requests to defund our police department? We need to be spending money on social services that help small businesses, families, and children. A police budget of over 12 million dollars and 20% or 1/5 of the city's entire budget doesn't make sense when we have hungry children and homeless folks to take care of in our communities. How are we going to reroute money to these types of services? We can start by demilitarizing them - why does Ithaca have SWAT gear and who in our community does that even protect? Many of the crimes that have happened

in Ithaca are incidents in which the involved parties know each other, or random break ins to usually empty apartments. Is a SWAT team necessary for dealing with that? Would crime be so abundant if people had secure housing and enough food to eat?

Furthermore, how can we make Cornell pay its fair share of taxes? The university owes that to its community.

Our citizens need to be put first and not last. I'm a lifelong resident of Tompkins County and I need to know how my officials plan to take care of my neighbors and my family.

Olivia Duell
Cornell '14
Dryden High School '10

Lisa Bertuzzi
City

My name is Lisa Bertuzzi, and I'm a concerned Ithaca community member. I'm asking you to undo the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca. Hearing the opinions of citizens is crucial, and yet we haven't had a public forum. The lockdown is not an excuse for Common Council to overlook the democratic process. How have you allowed this to happen? There are several lawsuits against the FCC for its aggressive tactics against cities to hasten the 5G process and refusal to update its safety guidelines. In fact, throughout the country, communities, such as Ithaca, are suing the FCC. Verizon can not verify that 5G works in underserved rural areas, and fails to deliver satisfactory home internet stating that cable or DSL are better alternatives. So why is 5G a consideration? Ithaca already has an excellent fiber optic system, which its taxpayers have been investing in for years with the promise of an upgrade. It's green and will bring money into the community. As our leaders, your job is to protect and leave nothing to doubt, and there's A LOT to doubt about 5G. Countless community members feel you're not willing to protect us, and if this is passed, then we will know it is true. 5G is unregulated with zero safety standards. Conscience, versus corporate pressure, versus fear. What are you, council people afraid of? Why have you been so hesitant to protect us? This should be an easy decision and you've caused so much angst among people, putting us all on the defensive. This is basically what it comes down to. What kind of a leader are you? Rescind 5G.

Stuart Merson
Ithaca

To whom it may concern,

I am a long time resident and homeowner in the city of Ithaca and I recently became aware of the common council's decision to approve the installation of 5g in Ithaca. I am deeply disappointed that this decision was made without the input of the community and during the worst crisis most of us have ever lived through. Furthermore this decision was made hastily without adequate evidence as to the safety of this technology or any regard as to the effect it will have on real estate values. Therefore, I am requesting common council reverse their decision until more information is made available. During this

most challenging time it is more important than ever that council remember they represent the needs and concerns of their community and not that of corporations.

Thank you

Lucas Matheson
City

My name is Lucas Matheson. I've been living and working in the city of Ithaca for 10 years.

I demand that the council immediately resend or otherwise nullify the resolution (item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca.

There are clear public health concerns posed by this technology, and to approve its use without further testing is premature, and unjust to Ithaca's citizens.

Let Ithaca TRULY be on the cutting edge of technology by acting morally in this decision, with human rights and human rights to health in mind! Help Ithaca be a leader and an example as a municipality, by consciously considering the balance between technological development and public health!

Michael Jones
Groton

I definitely do not consent. I'm a letter carrier in the city of Ithaca and I am aware of the radiation health risks associated with 5G technology.

The Weston A. Price Foundation has tons of information. How can we be forced to live in a radiated environment without our consent?

5G should not be allowed in our region until all the citizens are completely aware of all the health consequences both short and long-term for the radiation involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Theresa Alt
City of Ithaca

I attended last week's Planning Board meeting.

I am concerned that the intention of Common Council to create 218 units of affordable housing on the site of the Green Street Garage is being undermined by the Planning Board. They are making aesthetic demands for fundamental changes that seriously threaten to delay the project, which is likely to make this State funding cycle impossible, at best delaying the project by a year, or possibly postponing it to a time when funding is no longer available at all. The demanded changes also, in my opinion, threaten to reduce the number and size of units.

This exacerbates the delays to the project caused by the inclusion of the Conference Center.

I hope that the Mayor and Common Council can persuade the members of the Planning Board that their actions, while legal, can have the effect of an unelected body vetoing a democratic decision.

Nina Kethevan
Town

Please know you are making a decision that could have disastrous results on the health of children and all living systems. Who funds the people who advise 5G? This will always be the question to ask.

Thank you for looking long and hard before you leap.

Nina Kethevan

Loreen Miner
Village of Ithaca

You will be putting the residents of Ithaca into harm's way if you go forward with 5G. There are COUNTLESS studies proving that 5G causes so many chronic diseases. It also affects the brains of our children, dumbing them down so that they don't do well in school. Please do more research into the long lasting effects of Electro Magnetic Radiation.

Kathleen Van Tiem
Ithaca

Please do NOT install 5G into Ithaca. Hundreds of medical studies show its disastrous effects on the human body. I don't want this carcinogenic toxicity for my family - including my two young children - and the rest of our families. Do not install 5G! Read the research and make better choices for the health of this community!

Tom Clausen
Ithaca

To Common Council,

I am writing to express my hope that you will do the sensible and prudent step to delay the 5G small cell roll-out in Ithaca. It appears to me that there are significant reasons that this is not wise for the people of our community. It needs more and intensive research before a decision is made. I urge you to rescind the resolution you passed at the last meeting that gives the acting mayor authority to negotiate a Master License Agreement with Verizon. Please follow the lead of the two bills in the NY State legislature and slow down to study this issue further.

There is no reason to fast-track any decision on any technology that has raised as many red flags as this has in numerous other countries as well as municipalities in our country.

What and why is there rush on this?

It is truly unconscionable to think that this is being rushed and considered without appropriate review and input to you so that the ramifications and reasons for concern are understood.

A delay in any decision on this is a real public service and what is decent and just good common sense.

Gratefully, a very concerned lifelong citizen of the Town of Ithaca.

Zoran Cerar
Ithaca

Dear Council men/woman, we would like to express our concern over a rollout of 5g technologies in our community we concluded both from independent scientific data and a field experience(our friends and family in Europe -please see protest videos against 5g in Europe) that the health and environment risks starkly outweigh the communal benefits. thank you for your attention

Best Zoran Cerar, Olga Ivanova, Kai Cerar 11 and Yasna Cerar 5

Brion Scimae
Town of Ithaca

Dear Counsel Members,

I implore you to take a stand against 5g in our community until we know the full risks associated with it. I implore you to dive deep into the research and not accept the main stream narrative that 5g is safe. There are industries and profit centers behind the narrative that it is safe. When it comes to fluoride and fracking Ithaca has sided with its citizens for health, safety and sovereignty. Please take those two issues to heart when making this decision and remember "science" and "experts" have said that fracking and fluoride are both safe.

Thank you for your time

Brion Scimae

Dr Lloyd Katz
Ithaca

I strongly urge the Council to have a public forum to discuss the issue of bringing 5G technology to the area. This issue really needs to be discussed a lot further because there are a plethora of studies showing potential harm. I'm already seeing patients who are suffering with electromagnetic hypersensitivity with the existing technology - some of whom have moved out of Ithaca (away from cell towers) and felt

better. Please do not rush this through! The health of the public is an incredibly important topic, and a public forum is crucial.

Thank you,

Dr. Lloyd Katz, DC

Jay Smith
Ithaca

Many scientists who study the impact of ElectroMagnetic Frequency radiation (EMF) are concerned that we do not conclusively know enough about the potentially harmful effects of 5G ionizing radiation on humans and other creatures--from insects to mammals--to start implementing such an infrastructure, which would include far more microwave towers than exist today with 4G, emitting far more radiation. From biological studies like those conducted by Deborah O'Dell, professor of biology at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia, there is concern that the influence of this radiation can induce DNA and other genetic changes that can be the precursors to cancer. For adults and children alike, the process by which wireless radiation may cause cancer remains uncertain, but it is thought to be indirect. Wireless radiation has been shown to damage the blood-brain barrier, a vital defense mechanism that shields the brain from carcinogenic chemicals elsewhere in the body (resulting, for example, from secondhand cigarette smoke). Wireless radiation has also been shown to interfere with DNA replication, a proven progenitor of cancer. In each of these cases, the risks are higher for children: Their skulls, being smaller, absorb more radiation than adults' skulls do, while children's longer life span increases their cumulative exposure.

These serious health uncertainties requires that we invoke the Precautionary Principle before rushing headlong into an irreversible technological gamble on human (and other animal) health. The precautionary principle, proposed as a guideline in environmental decision making, states that when a human-induced activity raises a significant threat of harm to the environment or human health, then precautionary measures should be taken even if there is no scientific consensus regarding cause and effect. The precautionary principle has four central components: taking preventive action in the face of uncertainty; shifting the burden of proof to the proponents of an activity; exploring a wide range of alternatives to possibly harmful actions; and increasing public participation in decision making.

The Ithaca Common Council needs to exercise the Precautionary Principle with regard to the uncertain consequences to human health from implementing a 5G infrastructure. Stop the development of 5G.

Barbara Harrison
Town of Ithaca

I would appreciate it if the Council would reconsider the decision that was made in May to move forward with implementation of 5G. My concerns are health risks, what effects it will have on the environment, the appearance and who will benefit from this technology besides Verizon. I think it is important to have input from the public before a decision is made. There are other important things happening that need addressing in this time of pandemic.

Thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,

barb harrison

Eva Barnett
Trumansburg

Though I live in the village of Trumansburg, I work in the City of Ithaca and am quite concerned about how quickly 5G is being approved here. From what I have read, there are many scientists in opposition to this proliferation of 5G towers because of public health concerns, and it seems like an in-depth public discussion on the topic is a much better course of action than approving it today. As with other controversial issues of the day, let's have a public forum, explore the science and make an informed choice in our city and region. What's the rush if we can save lives?

Thanks, Eva Barnett

Andrew Molnar
Ithaca

I remain perplexed, given all the negatives of 5G/small cells and very little - if any - benefits, why some on the Council and staff still want to press forward with Verizon and small cell towers beaming radiation throughout town. Given that so many progressive towns in the US (let alone dozens of countries) are pushing against this, it makes me wonder if there is some other motivation going on with certain members in charge.

5g/small cells pose a litany of possible problems for our community, with little benefit. Despite what some say (often paid for by the industry), the facts clearly show that this kind of microwave radiation poses harm to humans and wildlife - in fact, over a thousand studies show this. How members of the Council are ignoring these is beyond me. Are you really doing due diligence to make this decision based on "substantial evidence", as required by article 78 of NY state law? Whole countries such as Switzerland and Belgium have halted 5G because of the substantial scientific evidence. And yet, members of the Council still seem to willfully ignore this powerful evidence.

Some say that you cannot look at potential health risks in your evaluation of this issue for the city. However, this is not true, due to the NRDC v FCC case decided last August. The federal court ruled that it is legal for a town to insist on a NEPA (environmental) review process re 5G installations. INHERENT IN THE NEPA LAW IS A CONSIDERATION OF THE IMPACT ON HUMAN HEALTH. Sec. 101 [42 USC Â§ 4331]; CEQ NEPA Regulation Section 1508.8 [40 C.F.R. Â§ 1508.8.]

In addition to the very real health risks, other downsides exist: property values dropping, harm to our ecosystem. privacy and surveillance issues, and increased carbon emissions.

To be clear, 5G is NOT for broadband home internet. It's not to help people in rural areas get better internet. It will not bridge the digital divide. If you want to do things and get better broadband for

everyone, let's finish the fiber optic network like Dryden is (in fact, the city office gets internet from fiber already!). It's safer, cleaner, faster, more secure, more reliable, has greater bandwidth and latency, and we won't have ugly antennas on every street, emitting almost the same radiation as current large towers. We've all already paid for fiber networks through phone bill taxes back to the 90s, and now, because of the recent federal court decision in *Irregularities v FCC*, we can sue the wireless companies and make sure that the fiber network is completed.

So, what is the rush on the 5G rollout? As expert attorneys have shared with me, our hands are not tied by the FCC; indeed the FCC is losing in court cases on these issues of local control. I ask you to not hide behind this excuse - there are plenty of ways to avoid installation if you want to (as our recent email detailed).

Stand up in the spirit our progressive reputation and fight this...for all of our sake! Which side of history do you want to be on?

Adam Monzella
Ithaca

It's very upsetting that you all signed the agreement with Verizon without public input, without considering alternative infrastructure, without looking at the independent science that shows harm, and during a global pandemic. I understand that this might not have seemed like an issue that was worth having a public dialogue about, but by now, after over a hundred public comments have been submitted regarding this topic, it should be obvious that this is something that shouldn't be decided behind closed doors. The fact that there have been too many comments about this issue submitted before each meeting that y'all don't had the time to read through them during the meeting should prove that the public is outraged about this decision.

There are proven negative health consequences, proven drops in property values, and proven aesthetic issues associated with cell phone antenna. There are alternatives, like what they are doing in Dryden, that would actually get people better internet in their homes while being safe and secure. Your hands are not tied on this issue, and I know that you all have been informed that you have options for how to go about moving forward if you choose to rescind the resolution and cancel the agreement with Verizon. You are accountable, we as your constituents are relying on you to keep us safe and do what is best for us. You have a lot of power in your hands. Will you choose to protect us?

Please, rescind 3.3 resolution from the May meeting. You have an obligation to us, the citizens of Ithaca, not Verizon!

John Edmiston Milich
City of Ithaca

Hi Svante, I understand that you have recused yourself from Council's discussion and subsequent decision about allowing 5G high radiation in the City, citing a relative's employment with Verizon. That's appropriate.

Nonetheless, knowing your sincere concern and responsibilities as Ithaca's mayor, I urge you to consider the documentation I'm presenting here:

To Ithaca Common Council;

I moved from Brooklyn to Ithaca with my family 45 years ago today. The best move I've ever made. Like all of you, I cherish where we live.

During these decades, I've done extensive independent research journalism here. I had the first-ever regular column in the Ithaca Times in 1986

Together with my exemplary and supportive editor Mark Schultz, having confidence in the accuracy of my journalistic work, we won national recognition for reporting otherwise censored news.

In 2000 I participated in opposition to the City Charter that would allow the fluoridation of Ithaca's water supply. Knowing that the industrial fluoride that's used in fluoridating 95% of this country's water systems is the heavy metal toxic waste product of the aluminium.

The Ithaca Journal forced the fluoridation proposition onto Ithaca through Alan Cohen's City Hall.

Fluoridation was also touted as "safe" by every medical authority in the County. We anti-fluoride organisations countered by bringing dissident medical authorities (who receive no attention from the media) to Ithaca to educate our community about the health dangers of ingesting toxic metal from our faucets.

Against all odds in a hotly contested election with more than 4,000 voters we won by

NOW WE MUST STOP A FAR GREATER HEALTH DANGER: 5G

First, the most compelling argument against 5G (which has been stopped in other US communities and abroad):

FACT

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THAT AFFIRM THE SAFETY OF 5G.

There are literally more than a thousand such peer reviewed scientific studies that warn of its dangers

Here follows the most compelling documentary (among countless outstanding documentary's that I've researched) on 5G. The presentation notes include voluminous documentation to support this seminal work of journalism

5G APOCALYPSE - THE EXTINCTION EVENT

822K views

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol3tAxnNccY&fbclid=IwAR2ewtpzgdzBupmHgv4M6LOHdf09CUEb3CDa5-Aok35fydkG_LHNm6URCfw

Sincerely,

John Edmiston Milich, Ithaca

Marie Molnar
Ithaca

I have always known Ithaca to be the kind of community to take an extraordinary stand - despite what's transpiring at the national level - for justice, due process, thoughtful and well-informed deliberation and decision-making. I urge the Council to refrain from using the audacious federal overreach of Trump's FCC Order "Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment" as an excuse for substandard process on such an impactful issue as the rollout of 4G/5G small cell antennas throughout our downtown and neighborhoods, a technology that the telecoms themselves cannot guarantee is safe.

Even FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel argues that "too many municipalities to count" have called on the FCC to halt this federal invasion of local authority. The National Governors Association and National Conference of State Legislatures have asked us to stop before doing this damage. This sentiment is shared by the United States Conference of Mayors, National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, and Government Finance Officers Association. In other words, every major state and municipal organization has expressed concern about how Washington is seeking to assert national control over local infrastructure choices and stripping local elected officials and the citizens they represent of a voice in the process.

Congressional Democrats wrote "We are especially troubled by the burden responding to this Declaratory Ruling will place on local governments that are justifiably focused right now on combating the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Likewise, we worry that if this Declaratory Ruling does not benefit from meaningful input from local governments, the result could undermine municipalities' ability to balance their responsibilities to public safety and community design with their desire to ensure access to affordable wireless networks and the next generation services. If local governments are forced to respond to this Declaratory Ruling instead of focusing on their public health and safety responses, it very well may put Americans health and safety at risk."

If there are too many important things on the table right now, then please simply put this aside until you have the wherewithal to give the small cell issue the thorough study it merits and concerned citizens the respectful attention and consideration they deserve. Thank you for the time and dedication (and all the unseen hours!) you give to our community. May you feel supported in your work during these challenging weeks and months ahead.

Walter Hartman
City of Ithaca

We demand an immediate moratorium and resolution on any and all 5G operations and to stop installing 4G. The National Toxicology Program has clearly shown the harmful effects to human health with multi-million dollar, more than decades long studies with 2G and 3G. I worked along side military weapons experts in the war against Lebanon in the UN and have come to know more. Will you look carefully at the evidence and data the people are trying to alarm you about? Or will you bow down to Verizon and Telecom and take their money and sales pitch? Who do you represent. We've been hounding you with great concern with many of us. It's been growing exponentially and you have dismissed us. They'll be a special place in hell for you if you foolishly and cowardly do not look into this with an open mind, cooperation with your constituents, compassion, and critical thinking. Which none of you have done from what I can see. Maybe one or two. We are holding you liable for any harm. Do the right thing. Don't kowtow to this nefarious and deleterious military developed technology. Lastly, I have a massive amount of independent open science data and studies that is empirical and compelling that I ask you to look at. If you care about the people in Ithaca, you will listen to them. The industries does not disclose honestly.

Molly Kornblum
City of Ithaca

My name is Molly Kornblum and I was born and raised in Ithaca.

I am writing to request that you please do whatever you can to delay or even prevent small cell towers from coming to Ithaca.

It's not the 5G wavelengths that are most worrisome but rather bringing the high-powered 3G and 4G signals right outside our bedroom windows that is most alarming. From what I have read, and I've read a lot, close proximity to these cell towers is linked with potentially serious negative health effects. At the very least I can find no sound science to support that it's safe.

Also, I'm not sure what we would actually gain by putting these cell towers all over town. What's in it for us? And what's in it for our city? We already have very good cell service in downtown Ithaca, and, as I understand it from Verizon itself, the small cell towers won't provide in-home internet service in our area. So why implement it? And especially why rush to implement it before there is sound data to support it's safety.

Please, please rescind the license agreement.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to this matter.

Jerone Gagliano
City of Ithaca

Hello,

My name is Jerone Gagliano, a NY licensed professional engineer and City of Ithaca resident for almost 20 years. I respectfully request that the Common Council rescind the resolution (Item 3.3 approved on May 6, 2020) authorizing approval of a Master License Agreement for Small Cell Facilities with 4G and 5G Capability in Ithaca. I, along with my friends and neighbors, are shocked to discover that the city is moving forward with a rollout of the 5G infrastructure with absolutely no open public forum for discussion, and to do this during COVID instead of focusing on essential business.

The proposed 5G infrastructure will require small cell towers to be placed on almost every block, changing the landscape of our city, and significantly increasing our exposure to 4G and 5G Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) continuously. And what's more, the FCC has not updated their standards for exposures to RFR since the 1990's. That is why hundreds of US municipalities and numerous states and countries are pausing to implement this new technology that exposes everyone in the area involuntarily to this radiation.

Having no choice of turning off this continuous exposure is a violation of my, and my neighbors' inalienable: rights. Unlike public debates that happened for NYSEG's smart meter project and the option to opt-out, that has not happened for these small cell towers - it will be impossible for individuals to 'opt-out' of this.

It would be irresponsible of the City to allow Verizon's 5G expansion to proceed until US Dept of Health National Toxicology Program's 5G studies, now underway, are completed and public health and safety protections are adopted and enforced. Also, what protections is the City putting in place to safeguard the City from future liability of potential damages from this small cell infrastructure? Why do you think insurance companies will not write policies for RFR emissions? They won't touch it because the risk is unknown.

As an engineer, I take a very conservative approach to adopt anything that may impact safety. As a father of two young boys, I will do everything in my power to protect them from potential dangers, near or long-term. Please vote to rescind the previous approval so the people of Ithaca can take the time to make a more informed decision on this important topic!

Thank you,

Jerone

Sharon Barbell
City of Ithaca

I am writing in support of the motion to rescind all approval of small cell facilities with 4G and 5G capability. I am very aware of the dangers of this technology for all living organisms. We cannot and should not allow this into our city without sufficient independent safety testing of which, at this time, there is none.

Do our residents know that this technology is being pushed through so quickly? Are they aware of ALL the information concerning 5G or just what they've heard from the industry itself? This does not constitute informed consent. For something so pervasive and health-threatening, the residents of our community must be given the opportunity to decide whether or not they wish to be exposed to persistent, toxic radiation that has been shown in thousands of independent studies to be extremely harmful, sometimes irreversibly so.

There are reasons why no insurance company in the world will insure health claims against telecom companies, the risks are too great. There are currently many lawsuits in progress all over the world, many here in the U.S. against the FCC, telecom companies, and even individual members of common councils. This is not a laughing matter, as more and more people are getting sick from radiation poisoning. Many of these people were perfectly healthy prior to their exposure to 5G.

I urge you to please remove any and all approvals that have been given to Verizon and any other companies involved with the installation of 4G/5G small cell, millimeter wave facilities in our city. Let's put the brakes on before it's too late. Many cities and towns the world over have placed moratoriums or bans on this technology until it can be proven to be 100% safe. We need to do the same thing in order to protect our citizens, animals, and all other life forms. Instead of our city going down the path of destruction and greed, why don't we set an example by making the decision to put our health and well-being above profit and power? We have an opportunity at this moment to lead, to stand up for our residents in every way, and tell the world what our priorities really are. Common Council, do you care enough and are you knowledgeable enough to safeguard the residents of Ithaca?

C Keely
Ithaca

I'm a longtime resident of Ithaca concerned about the possible rollout of 5G, particularly the lack of research to guarantee safety. I'm asking you to reverse the May decision to move forward with 5G in Ithaca.

What do you have to lose by rescinding the resolution? You can always revisit it later.

Thank you.

John Edmiston Milich
City of Ithaca

EDITED COMMENT

5G: My statement to Ithaca Common Council Prior to this Evening's Meeting:

Submitted 3:57 pm, 3 minutes under the wire.

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The best move I've ever made. Like all of you, I cherish where we live.

During these decades, I've done extensive independent research journalism here. I had the first-ever regular column in the Ithaca Times in 1986-88.

Together with my exemplary and supportive editor Mark Schultz, having confidence in the accuracy of my journalistic work, we won national recognition for reporting otherwise censored news.

In 2000 I participated in opposition to the Fluoridation Referendum before the City that would allow the fluoridation of Ithaca's water supply. Knowing that the industrial fluoride that's used in fluoridating 95% of this country's water systems is the heavy metal toxic waste product of the aluminium industry.

The Ithaca Journal forced that year's fluoridation proposition onto Ithaca through Alan Cohen's City Hall.

Fluoridation was also touted as "safe" by every medical authority in the County. We anti-fluoride organisations countered by bringing dissident medical authorities (who receive no attention from the media) to Ithaca to educate our community about the health dangers of ingesting toxic metal from our faucets.

Against all odds in a hotly contested election with more than 4,000 voters we won by 200 votes.

**NOW WE MUST STOP A FAR GREATER HEALTH DANGER: 5G**

First, the most compelling argument against 5G (which has been stopped in other US communities and abroad):

**FACT**

**THERE IS NOT A SINGLE PEER-REVIEWED SCIENTIFIC STUDIES THAT AFFIRMS THE SAFETY OF 5G.**

There are literally more than a thousand such peer reviewed scientific studies that warn of its dangers

Here follows the most compelling documentary (among countless outstanding documentary's that I've researched) on 5G. "The presentation notes include voluminous documentation to support this seminal work of journalism

Sasha Stone

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Thanks for your consideration

Sincerely,

John Edmiston Milich, Ithaca

Sheryl Swink  
City of Ithaca

Dear Mayor and Common Council members,

Re: 3-way vs. 4-way intersection at 5th St:

Just walked the area. I do not think it behooves the City to contemplate a 4-way intersection bringing traffic across Rte 13 onto 5th St which enters a densely populated part of the Northside neighborhood with a concentration of low-income housing, play areas frequented by children, and is a narrow street that in just a couple of blocks makes a complicated intersection with Madison and Cascadilla Sts, further endangering residents and their children, as well as bicyclists who use these quieter streets, some actually designated Bike Ways.

The Northside residential neighborhood already accommodates four arterials exiting Rte 13, Dey St and 3rd St which bring in N and S bound traffic from Rte 13 as well as Cascadilla and Hancock which are more direct lines to Cayuga St and the Fall Creek neighborhood. It doesn't seem socially just or safety-wise to introduce another string of traffic to weave its way through what is supposed to be a quiet residential neighborhood. That is what key arterials are for – to divert traffic from residences and children, creating safe places for local activity and to present proper stoplights for safe intersections. Not to evenly spread stop, go (or not stop!) and all too often impatient and distracted drivers through the narrower local streets, simply passing through.

Please respect the Northside as a residential neighborhood and only recommend the 3-way intersection for auto and truck traffic at 5th St and Rte 13. That I heartily do support.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Swink