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**RE: SUPPORT Resolution on Wireless Telecommunication Installations**

Dear LAUSD Board Members:

Hunger Action LA (HALA) is a nonprofit organization representing 150 individuals and organizations in LA County working to end hunger and promote healthy eating. As director of HALA I write to support the initiative of LAUSD Board Member Julie Korenstein for the "Wireless Telecommunication Installations Resolution" and I ask you to vote to approve this resolution on May 26th, 2009.

The district and many advocates, parents, teachers and student leaders have worked hard to ensure that students get the best nutrition to enable them to learn better and reduce absences due to illness. But in addition to eating well, our students should not be exposed to regular overdoses of radiofrequency radiation, which has been linked to cancer and other illnesses. Cellular telecommunication towers are a source of this radiation and there are plans to place these towers in the most densely populated area of the school district. It would be counterproductive to have worked so hard to improve our children's health through better nutrition only to have this work cancelled out by the presence of cell towers too close to residential buildings and schools.

In 2000 LAUSD took a strong stand to ensure that district schools were safe and free of cellular telecommunication towers on site and adjacent to campuses by approving the "Effects of Non-Ionizing Radiation Resolution." Please support Ms Korenstein's "Wireless Telecommunication Installations Resolution" today (May 26).

In addition to protecting our kids now, LAUSD can work with Los Angeles City Council and all local jurisdictions to amend the California Public Utilities Code in order for local governments to regain authority to regulate the installation of wireless facilities if these are needed by communities in Los Angeles. The ability of local government to regulate cell towers was hobbled by Section 704 of the 1996 Federal Telecommunications Act. This is a crucial issue that should be determined locally rather than federally.

Again, support the "Wireless Telecommunication Installations Resolution." Thank you in advance for your leadership and commitment to the health and safety of all students, and staff in LAUSD.

Sincerely,

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