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Subject: Request that Jonesboro Review All Things "5G"

Lady and gents,

In two days, it will be one year since a representative from Little Rock made a special presentation to the city council on "small cells", commonly referred to as "5G". Essentially, the state put Jonesboro on notice that 5G, the revolution in wireless communications, was coming to the city & that was that. Shortly thereafter, the council passed an ordinance and gave the state what it wanted - unanimously.

Fortunately, the telecoms have not made a lot of progress in building the infrastructure in the past year, which makes now a good time for the city council to review all things related to 5G. This may result in Jonesboro, in turn, notifying the state of what's what, that the city will not approve any more permits and it is suspending those approved or pending approval until the review is completed.

Information provided to elected officials since June overwhelmingly supports a thorough review. For one, the approved ordinance(s) is pre-CoVid-19. Today, We live immersed in the midst of a worldwide health crisis and, as presented, concerns about the known effects of wireless radiation on human, animal, and environmental health and safety has led countries and cities worldwide to ban 5G. The list includes Hawaii in July & Boston, Massachusetts, the "Silicon Valley of the East Coast", in June, 2020. While both are bastions of "more government", each has mounted aggressive positions against 5G to protect residents until the questions of safety are proven by the Federal Communications Commission. There are many more jurisdictions banning 5G in the US and it's likely each and all had previously passed an ordinance similar to Jonesboro's.

With at least two attorneys on the city council, there is ample expertise to conclude that a review will withstand challenges, including the "nothing we can do about it" legal opinions from August 2019. There are at least two councilmembers with some level of expertise in the healthcare arena, plus Dr. Speights. There are business owners and managers who bring the rigor of analysis to this effort. And there are at least three councilmen who, upon entering military service, took the oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States. With 5G, it is also certain that "duty" is as grave a commitment for those who took an oath of office for Arkansas, or even from the weight of holding elected office in Jonesboro.

The residents of Jonesboro are becoming more aware of 5G & more will learn of the concerns it represents. While the ordinance passed last year was made in good faith, the world has changed, there is no going back, & there is an election this Fall. As the awareness of 5G builds, candidates for seven seats have a ready-made issue, with very real consequences, available for debate. Are you for Jonesboro or the state?

Lastly, a large cell tower behind Jonesboro High School (JHS) is 5G ready. There are also large spools of orange fiber, mostly empty, stowed on campus (near one of the busiest intersections) indicating that some level of work has progressed. Those spools represent the miles of fiber that have been run to the schools and elsewhere. Until the review of 5G is complete the grandsons & granddaughters, the sons & daughters, whose health and safety is in the hands of you elected officials, expect that this government governs in their best interest as students here in Jonesboro - and that's that.

Thank you for your consideration,

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