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Councilwoman Hahn Moves to Regulate Placement of Cell Phone Towers in Los Angeles

After much community outcry over the recent installation of a cell phone utility tower across from a Los Angeles elementary school, Councilwoman Janice Hahn today asked city departments to review the City's long-standing participation in an agreement which bars it from regulating cell tower installation on utility poles.

"I share the community's concern about the recent installation of the cell tower antenna located so close to a school playground where our children play everyday. I completely support their opposition to this location, and I think we need to look at new ways to take this regulatory power out of the hands of utility companies and put it into the rightful hands of local communities," said Councilwoman Hahn.

The Joint Pole Authority (JPA) is a consortium of 10 Southern California cities, government agencies, and telecommunications companies charged with negotiating 30-year leases for new cell phone antennas. Decisions on location and the appearance of new cell towers are approved by the JPA without any required public hearing.

The City Attorney and the Department of Water and Power (DWP) will report back to the City Council on the feasibility of opting out of the JPA, as well as on the current policies adopted by surrounding cities that regulate cell towers on utility poles.

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