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Los Angeles Board of Supervisors  
856 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Board of Supervisors:

In May of 2008, Salem Communications filed an application with Los Angeles County, indicating their desire to build 32,000 watt radio towers in the unincorporated area between the 10 freeway and Buzzard Peak. The proposed project would consist of five towers, with each tower being 285 feet tall. In addition to the 5 towers, access roads and maintenance sheds will need to be constructed.

The Mt. San Antonio Community College Board of Trustees, the West Covina City Council, the Covina City Council, and the Walnut City Council have all adopted resolutions opposing this project. Other cities are considering adopting an official position opposing it as well.

I agree with those who are opposing the towers. The public safety impacts to the local residents are grave. The towers would be located very close to residential property, and children and seniors living in those homes would be in the greatest danger. The fire department reports in the event of a brush fire in the canyon, the department's helicopters would be restricted due to the towers. The potential diminished quality of life and property values for the property owners are significant. The natural habitat of the verdant, north facing slopes will also be severely impacted. For these many reasons, I believe radio towers are an incompatible land use for this location. I urge the Los Angeles County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to consider the impacts on local residents and reject the request for a permit.

Sincerely,

Bob Huff  
Senator, 29<sup>th</sup> District

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