



WHO: A coalition of Southern California residents who object to cell antenna installations near homes and schools and who have a history of thwarting such sitings within their own communities

WHAT: is hosting a free talk with international EMF health experts Dr. Magda Havas, Associate Professor of Environmental & Resource Studies at Trent University, and Libby Kelley, Founder of the Electromagnetic Safety Alliance. The presentation is called “**Cell antennas, phones and Wi-Fi: What You Need to Know to Protect Your Family**” and the public is invited to attend.

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND AT 8 PM. The presentation will last up to 40 minutes followed by a Q & A from the audience.

WHERE: Temple Aliyah at 6025 Valley Circle Blvd in Woodland Hills, CA 91367

WHY: This event is being organized by resident community leaders across Los Angeles County to address the growing public concern about the harmful health effects from EMF/RF radiation emitting technologies, including cell antennas, cell phones, Wi-Fi, and SmartMeters. It’s also occurring in light of the recent proliferation of cell towers in residential neighborhoods, San Francisco passing its right-to-know SAR cell phone legislation, and consumer groups and cities supporting moratoriums on SmartMeters.

Havas, Canada’s foremost authority on the health effects of electromagnetic radiation, has studied the biological effects of electromagnetic pollution including radio frequency radiation, electromagnetic fields, dirty electricity, and ground current. Havas will explain why citizens should be concerned about potential health risks related to electromagnetic radiation, especially among children and teens, pregnant women and persons with immune problems. She will present her BRAG project which encourages schools to identify nearby cell antennas, monitor EMF emissions, and advocate for placement of antennas no closer than 1500 feet from school property.

Dr. Havas will be followed by Elizabeth Kelley, who will present information on public advocacy needs and policy developments. Kelley will describe the implications of new cell phone “right-to-know” legislation in San Francisco, and proposed cell phone research and labeling legislation in the U.S. Congress.

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Dr. Havas will also be presenting her research at the Cancer Control Society Annual Conference on Sunday, September 5 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City. For more information, go to www.cancercontrolsociety.com

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BACKGROUND:

Southern California communities from San Diego to Kernville have experienced organized resident opposition to cell towers; those citizen groups have found that state and federal law favors wireless carriers trying to install their infrastructure. San Diego passed a 2003 wireless ordinance that stands, even though Sprint fought it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court; San Pedro parents outraged over a cell antenna installation near Taper Elementary in 2009 convinced the LAUSD to pass a resolution calling for its removal and for changes in federal laws that prevent states and local government from taking health concerns into account, especially on or near school property; Glendale, California recently passed a wireless ordinance that restricts installations in residential areas; Burbank is now updating its ordinance in response to residents' concerns, and Agoura Hills is currently drafting their new wireless ordinance in response to residents concerns. In Fairfax, a northern California town, a one year moratorium was just placed on Smart meter installations and citizens call for a state sponsored health study.

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENTS:

Magda Havas is Associate Professor of Environmental & Resource Studies at **Trent University** where she teaches and does research on the biological effects of environmental contaminants. Dr. Havas received her Ph.D. from the **University of Toronto**, completed Post-Doctoral research at **Cornell University**, and taught at the University of Toronto before going to Trent University in Peterborough, Canada.

Dr. Havas's current research is concerned with the biological effects of electromagnetic pollution including **radio frequency radiation, electromagnetic fields, dirty electricity, and ground current**. She works with **diabetics** as well as with individuals who have **multiple sclerosis, tinnitus, chronic fatigue, fibromyalgia** and those who are **electrically hypersensitive**. She also conducts research on **sick building syndrome** as it relates to **power quality** in schools.

She has given talks in more than a dozen countries on her research and provides expert testimony on the health effects of electromagnetic pollution. She serves as a scientific advisor to many EMF scientific and advocacy organizations worldwide. Dr. Havas recently wrote, with Camilla Rees, *Public Health SOS: The Shadow Side of the Wireless Revolution* and has co-edited three books and has published more than 100 articles. For more information, see www.magdahavas.com.

Elizabeth Kelley, MPA, Founder of the **Electromagnetic Safety Alliance, Inc**, Tucson Arizona, has been actively engaged in international efforts to address the potentially harmful effects of electromagnetic fields (EMF) from a health and public policy perspective for over 14 years. She holds a M.A. in Public Health Administration from the University of Southern California. Ms. Kelley worked on public health policy issues at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington D.C., initially as a U.S. Presidential Management Fellow. Ms. Kelley was a leading appellant in United States Federal court challenging the current U.S. Federal Communications Commission radiofrequency radiation human exposure guidelines.

She co-produced a film documentary in 2000 called "*Public Exposure: DNA, Democracy and the Wireless Revolution.*" She co-founded the EMR Network, Inc. and Council on Wireless Technology Impacts, Inc. and served as Executive Director at the **International Commission for Electromagnetic Safety (ICEMS)** in Italy. She was a lead organizer for **the Expert Conference on Cell Phones and Health**, in Washington D.C, September 2009. In January 2010, she premiered two short videos in San Francisco to launch the "*Campaign for Safer Cell Phone Use*" to educate teens and young children. See www.icems.eu.