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Statement from Mayor Liccardo Condemning FCC Proposal to Preempt Cities from Charging Telecommunication Companies Market-Rate Fees for Use of Public Infrastructure

San Jose, Calif. – Last Week, the FCC issued a proposed set of rules that would limit the rights of communities to charge fair market usage fees on taxpayer-funded public infrastructure. You can find a link to the “proposed order” here: <https://www.fcc.gov/document/streamlining-deployment-next-generation-wireless-infrastructure>

Following is a statement from San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo:

“This proposal would offer a massive public subsidy from local taxpayers to big telecom, without any public benefit. It won’t bring the millions of Americans on the wrong side of the digital divide any closer to meaningful access. The FCC has put corporate interests over the public interest.”

The FCC is expected to take-up the proposal at its September 26th meeting.

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