

The Big Island of Hawaii Calls for a Halt to 5G



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Kohala Councilman Tim Richards voted against the resolution, saying that it didn’t go far enough and that the county should investigate scrapping all cellular infrastructure on the

island and invest in a safe fiber optic network instead.

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