

September 20, 2022

Mary Gourley, City Clerk and Asst City Manager

Larry McLaughlin, Attorney and City Manager

Dante Del Prete, Public Works Superintendent

Patrick Slater, Mayor

Neysa Hinton, Vice-Mayor

Diana Rich, Council Member

Una Glass, Council Member

Sarah Gurney, Council Member

**Received**

**SEP 20 2022**

**City of Sebastopol  
Admin Services- Finance**

**Subject: Smart meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards**

We, the signatories of the attached petition, are a group of concerned residents at Burbank Heights and Orchards, located at 7777 Bodega Ave in Sebastopol. We are writing to you for your support in preventing the resumption of PG&E's installation of smart meters on this property.

According to PG&E's own notes, there has been a permanent smart meter opt-out in continuous effect at Burbank Heights and Orchards for over twelve years, since 1/1/2010. This was in effect until the week of July 25, 2022, when another entry was allegedly made which voided the "permanent" opt-out of smart meter installation here.

This August, 2022, PG&E sent letters to residents at Burbank Heights and Orchards informing them that gas and electric smart meters would be installed on the property at the end of September. In this letter, we were informed that we could "opt-out" for a fee of \$75 and \$10 extra per month for three years. Even the reduced charges for "Care" recipients do not eliminate the reality that this fee constitutes extortion, which we are not willing to, and should not have to, pay.

We respectfully request the Sebastopol City Council's assistance in:

- reinstating the permanent ban on smart gas and electric meters on this property, and
- preventing the installation of smart meters
- charging no opt-out fees

In Section CHW 4 of the 2016 Sebastopol General Plan, Sebastopol made a commitment to "minimize community exposure to unsafe electromagnetic fields." In 2013, Sebastopol passed a moratorium on smart meters in the city limits. We are only asking the City Council to live up to the promises contained in these documents.

**About Burbank Heights and Orchards**

This is an affordable housing community of 208 low-income seniors. There are 198 apartments, each of which has its own electric and gas meter. In the Heights, banks of 12 to 24 meters are positioned on the

exterior walls of each building. In the two apartment buildings of the Orchards, with a total of 60 apartments, One building has 33 meters on the wall in the main entry area where where many people gather and pass through.

Smart meters emit pulsed EMF radiation. EMF emissions can travel many feet, spreading in all directions through walls and buildings. In high-density residences such as ours, with hundreds of meters in close proximity, people who opt out can not be assured that they will not be exposed to other smart meters installed.

### Health Issues

Peer-reviewed studies show increasing scientific evidence of the negative effects of low-level EMF emissions on living things. Children and elders are most vulnerable. These emissions affect heart rhythms, nervous systems, medical implants and much more.

Because this is a senior community, many of our residents are elderly, already experiencing health problems, and want to avoid exposure to anything that can cause additional harm.

The Americans With Disabilities Act includes electromagnetic hypersensitivity as a recognized disability. A number of Burbank Heights & Orchards residents suffer from this disability. Most residents at Burbank Heights and Orchards are not in a position economically to move elsewhere to avoid negative health effects from the EMFs emitted by smart meters.

### Conclusion

At this time, we have collected 111 signatures from the Burbank Heights and Orchards' residents who oppose installation of smart meters. We are attaching a copy of these signed petitions to this letter being hand-delivered to Mary Gourley.

For the many reasons described in this letter, we are petitioning the Sebastopol City Council to help us retain the ban on the installation of smart meters put in place January 1, 2010, and to prevent the installation of smart meters here against the will of the many concerned BHO residents listed on the petition.

We are coordinating with other high-density, affordable housing complexes in Sebastopol (Fircrest Senior Mobilehome Park, Colonial Manor, Petaluma Avenue Homes, etc.). It is our intention to stop the installation of smart meters in these locations and we are committed to doing whatever makes this possible.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dorothy Schwartzberg, Resident

Concerned Residents Opposed to Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rose Diamond	[REDACTED]		9/13/22
Mary Louise Perkins	[REDACTED]		9/13/22
Joan Crystal Shaw	[REDACTED]		9/14/22
Sally C. Smith	[REDACTED]		9/13/22
ITANE ANASTATIA Eldridge	[REDACTED]		9/13/22
ELEANOR ANNE FOUTY	[REDACTED]		9/15/22
Judith Nasse	[REDACTED]		9/15/22
Barbara Isaksen	[REDACTED]		9/15/22
Patricia L. Miller	[REDACTED]		9/15/22

[REDACTED] Joe Kinnee signed at patio with Dorothy.

[REDACTED] Marie Lindsay signed with Dorothy's petition.

[REDACTED] Alan Sands said he signed when a petition was at the patio with Dorothy.

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at  
Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca.  
95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

Print Name                      Signature                      Apt#                      Date

Judy Kinsey

9-15-22

Roberto

9.15.22

Jacqueline Harward

9/15/22

Maryuri Zouka

9/15/22

Dulce Pa

9/15/22

Susan Gravel

9/15/22

Eve Thompson <sup>EVE</sup> THO MP50 IV

9/16/22

Eugene De la Torre

9/16/22




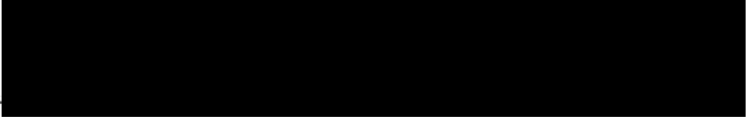



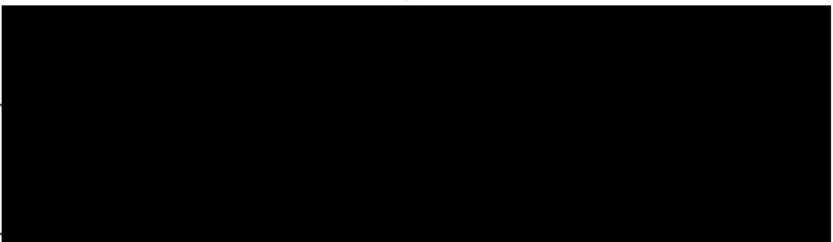
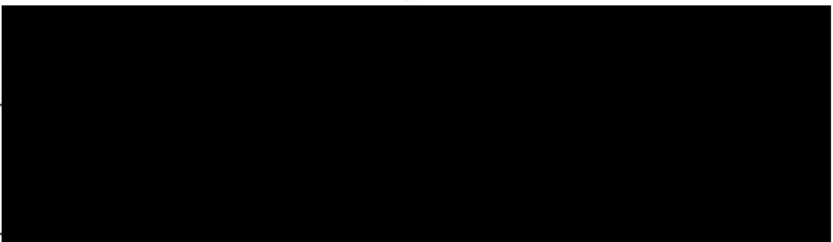
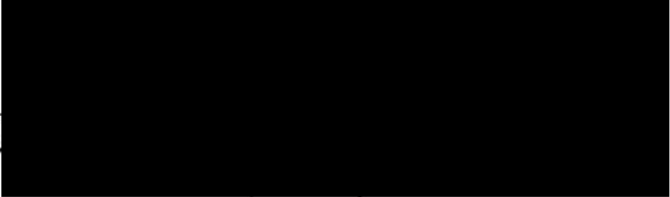
Judith Jan

9/16/22

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Louise M Lemon	[REDACTED]		9/15/22
Georgia S Wright	[REDACTED]		9/15/22
LAWRENCE [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		9-15-22
Stacy Roben	[REDACTED]		9-17-22
Roselyn Wootter	[REDACTED]	12	9-17-22
Caroly Whitmore	[REDACTED]		9-17-22
Patricia Power	[REDACTED]		9-17-22
Meg Malloy	[REDACTED]		9-17-22
Lanette Hunter	[REDACTED]		9-17-22
Kathryn Mabini	[REDACTED]		

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
ALAN SANDS			9-13
Randall McKinney			9-14
Lenore Myers			
Ellen Sennewald			
Marcie Tanner			
Sandy Campbell			
Maryd. Scheraga			
Wm Guss			
Cynthia Williams			
Robin Rosenthal			

✓

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Yoshi Yasuda	[Redacted]		9/16/22
Denise Lebel	[Redacted]		9/16/22
PHYLLIS WERLIN	[Redacted]		9/16/22
Katy Ramsey	[Redacted]		9/16/22
Rosa Burke Perz	[Redacted]		9/16/22
Betty Duff	[Redacted]		9-16-22
LYNNE CANLEY	[Redacted]		9-16-22
Penny Bentley	[Redacted]		9-16-22
MICHELE LINFANTE	[Redacted]		9/16/22
marie monet Marie Monet	[Redacted]		9/16/22

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dorothy Schwartzberg	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/12/22
LINDA Rothman	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/12/22
Molly Munro	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Harvey Meyers	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Sheyl Adams	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
JULIA COLBRAN	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Miriam Deyn	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Constance Long & Constance Long	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Shara Snow	Shara Snow	[Redacted]	9/13/22
Jillson	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	9-13-27



We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

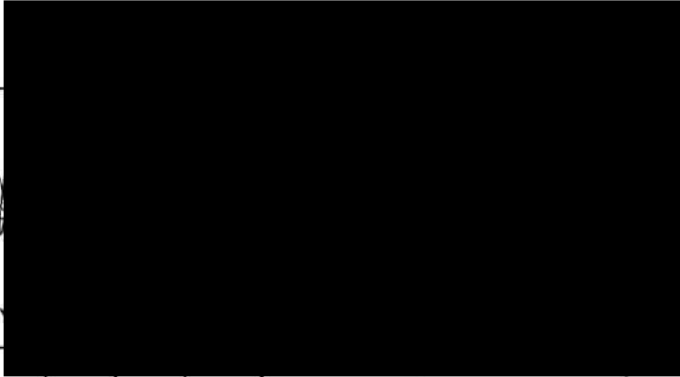
Print Name	Signature	Apt#	Date
Michael Rinaldini	M Rinaldini	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Pat Cleland	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Geoffrey Pickett	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Mary Cunard	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Lloyd Kinnee	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Diane Burch	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Carol Hilberg	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Wolens Seag	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
Lilith ROGERS	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22
SANDY TATE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9/14/22



We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

Print Name                      Signature                      Apt#                      Date

Cindi Soliz



9-16-2022

Dale Willey

9/16/2022

Judy Mason

9/18/2022

Multiple horizontal lines provided for additional entries, all of which are currently blank.







We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Marie Lindsey	[Redacted]		9/14/2022
Georgia Wright	[Redacted]		9/14/22
FERNA SMITH	[Redacted]		9/14/22

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

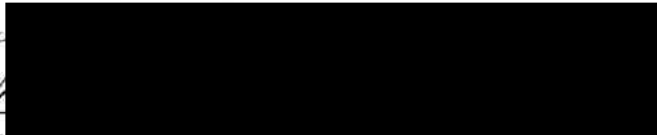
---

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at  
Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca.  
95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

**Print Name**                      **Signature**                      **Apt#**                      **Date**

---

Maren Hjul  
Carole Guber



9/15/22



9/17/22

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---





We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

Print Name	Signature	Apt#	Date
A Delang		140	9-17-22
L LADOCK			9-17-22
Juliet Rowley			9-19-22

*Angela Ford per email authorization 9-17-22*

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at  
Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca.  
95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

Print Name                      Signature                      Apt#                      Date

MIRIAM DUENAS                      [REDACTED]                      9/15/2022

Sandy Andresen                      [REDACTED]                      9/16/2022

Mark White                      [REDACTED]                      9/16/2022

Myra                      [REDACTED]                      9/17/2022

Rhonda Matheny                      [REDACTED]                      9/17/22




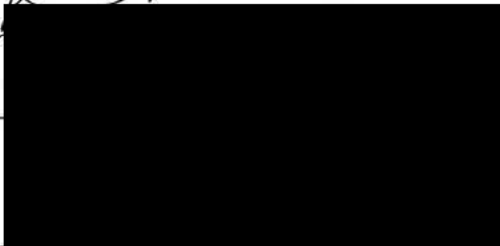
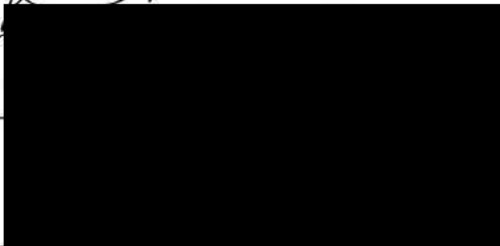
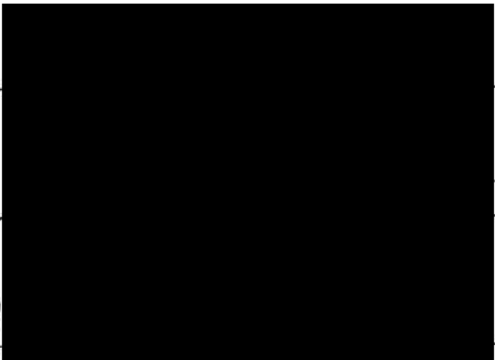
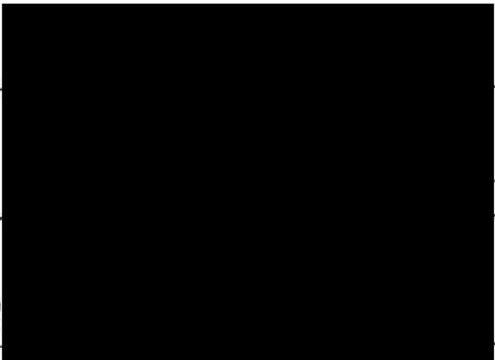
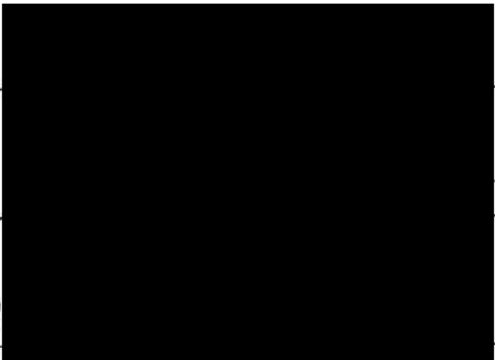
Lee Collins LEE COLLINS                      [REDACTED]                      9/17/22

Leonard Baron                      [REDACTED]                      9/17/22


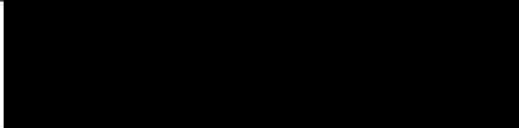
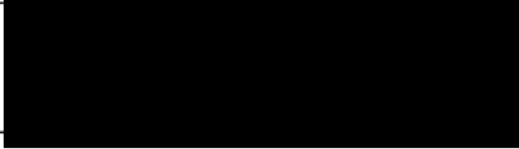
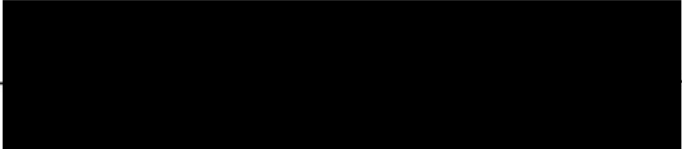
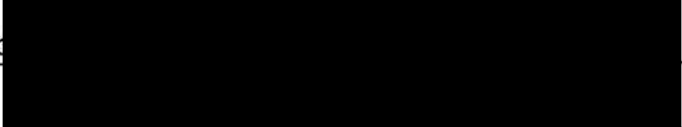

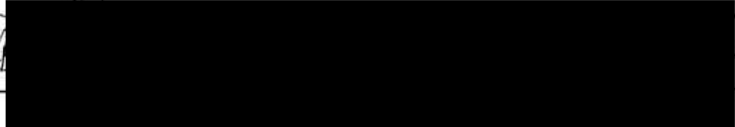
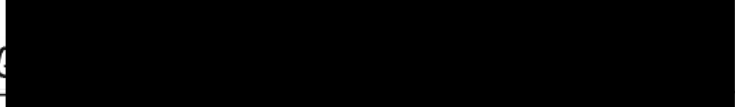
Bonita Behun                      [REDACTED]                      9/17/22

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at  
Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca.  
95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
Marjorie Bair			9/17/22
Terry Decker			9/17/22
VIRGINIA R. HARRIS			9/17/22
MICHAEL CRANG			9/16/22
DIADI HARBY			9/16/22
Mary Lane Briggs			9/16/22
Judith Reimuller			9/16/22
Maxine Steingold			9/17/22

We, the undersigned oppose the installation of any Smart Meters at Burbank Heights and Orchards, 7777 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, Ca. 95472. We further oppose the imposition of fees to opt out.

<u>Print Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Apt#</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>FLAVIO MOURA -</u>		<u>6217</u>	<u>9-15-22</u>
<u>James Stoops -</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>Isabella Peckinpah</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>Charles Cox</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>Maggie Marek</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>Joanna Chiepe</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>DAULA OANDA</u>			<u>9/16/22</u>
<u>Carol J Horvath</u>			<u>9/17/22</u>