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Testimony of Clement Jung
Chair and Members of the City Council
March 18, 2009
Bill 4, CD1

Chairman Apo and Members of the Council,

My name is Clement Jung and I support the intent of this bill, with an amendment, the purpose of this Bill to promote traffic safety by controlling cell phone use and texting by drivers.

However, I fell strongly that amateur radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission should be added to section C as persons excluded from this bill. The Amateur radio operators, also known as hams, are qualified and licensed persons who present a valuable service in times of emergencies with the use of their own equipment and without cost. Some of their services, include, SkyWarn radio operators giving their reports to the National Weather Service, as HealthComm radio operators for the medical facilities, and as Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) in natural and man made emergencies as well as many other hams who do not belong to any of the mentioned organizations.

I am an Extra Class amateur radio operator with call sign KH7HO. I am testifying as an individual though I am employed as the Assistant Operations Officer with State Civil Defense. I am a member of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and have passed the three Emergency Communications Courses. I am a member and have participated in the above forementioned organizations. I have seen first hand the valuable services amateur radio operators have provided in times of emergencies and their reports out the in field, whether mobile or at fixed locations, were invaluable.

I have many times also called into the various repeaters while mobile to check propogations and where I can reach certain repeaters as I drive. This gives me a reference that in times of emergencies I know which repeater I can reach. To my knowledge, no amateur radio operator has been involved in a traffic accident. In fact many times amateur radio operators while driving have reported traffic accidents and other traffic situations.

I therefore asked that amateur radio operators licensed by the Federal Communications Commission should be added as persons excluded from this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide constructive input.

Sincerely,

Clement Jung
Licensed Amateur Radio Operator, KH7HO

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