

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, SETTING FORTH CITY OF RIVERSIDE'S SUPPORT FOR RIVERSIDE COUNTY'S BROADBAND FIBER TO THE PREMISE MASTER PLAN.

WHEREAS, all Riverside County residents, businesses and institutions need high quality gigabit broadband services where they live, work, learn and play; and

WHEREAS, closing the digital divide is important and provides long-term community benefits that include that ability to fully engage in the digital economy, access existing and emerging services, and expands economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, high speed broadband enables improved healthcare access, treatment and information; and

WHEREAS, high speed broadband enables new business models, creates business efficiencies, drives job creation, and connects goods and services to customers and partners worldwide; and

WHEREAS, high speed broadband enables changes in how we access educational resources, collaborate, conduct research and continue to learn anytime, anyplace and at any pace; and

WHEREAS, high speed broadband enables greater civic participation and brings communities together, helps improve public safety, and makes our transportation systems more resilient and efficient; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Riverside and other community partners can work together to affect the deployment decisions of broadband providers by lowering the cost of entry and operation of systems in our communities, reduce the risks of delays during the planning, permitting and construction phases, provide opportunities for increasing revenue, and creating new avenues for competitive entry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Riverside supports the concept of consistent expedited broadband permitting processes throughout participating jurisdictions; and

1 WHEREAS, the City Council of Riverside supports the concept of ‘Dig Once’ whereby  
2 conduit is installed for future or immediate use for fiber optic cable installation whenever  
3 underground construction occurs in a roadway; and

4 WHEREAS, the City Council of Riverside supports the concept of aggregation of  
5 demand by all participating communities as anchor tenants of selected provider(s) if acceptable  
6 services are available.

7 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Riverside,  
8 California as follows:

9 Section 1: The City Council does hereby support the Riverside County Broadband  
10 Master Plan and the development of a Request for Participation (RFP) for the deployment of  
11 gigabit fiber services to all homes, businesses and institutions countywide.

12 Section 2: The City owned property listed on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and  
13 incorporated herein by reference are hereby identified as City properties in which fiber huts,  
14 conduits, and other such facilities could be located to achieve the Riverside County Broadband  
15 Master Plan.

16 Section 3: The City Council has reviewed the matter and the City properties and,  
17 based upon the facts and information contained in the staff reports, administrative record, and  
18 written and oral testimony, hereby finds that adoption of this resolution and the establishment of  
19 fiber huts, conduits and other such facilities on the City properties listed on Exhibit “A” are not  
20 subject to CEQA pursuant to sections 15060(c)(2), and/or 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA  
21 Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, in that the actions will not result  
22 in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment nor have the  
23 potential to cause a significant impact on the environment. Further, the establishment of fiber  
24 huts, conduits and other such facilities on the City properties listed on Exhibit “A” is exempt  
25 from CEQA pursuant to sections 15301 and 15303 of the State CEQA Guidelines, California  
26 Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

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ADOPTED by the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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WILLIAM R. BAILEY, III  
Mayor of the City of Riverside

Attest:

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COLLEEN J. NICOL  
City Clerk of the City of Riverside

I, Colleen J. Nicol, City Clerk of the City of Riverside, California, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 by the following vote, to wit:

- Ayes:
- Noes:
- Absent:
- Abstain:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Riverside, California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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City Clerk of the City of Riverside

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