

**SAMPLE MODEL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XXXX  
SETTING FORTH SUPPORT TO INCREASE BROADBAND ACCESS TO UNDERSERVED  
COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the need for available, reliable, and affordable broadband services in all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused schools to shift to distance learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has made the digital divide within low-income and rural communities more apparent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City (or County) of XXXXXX recognize that cost and household income are primary barriers to broadband access.

**WHEREAS**, all residents, businesses and institutions need high-speed broadband services where they work, live, learn, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, high-speed broadband enables Work from Home and remote workers, enhances business efficiencies, drives job creation throughout the region, and connects customers and partners worldwide to goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, high-speed broadband is a “green technology” that reduces our impact on the environment, shrinks our carbon footprint, offsetting vehicle trips and use of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, high-speed broadband greatly expands the ability of residents to access medical, behavioral, and other health services and the capacity of public health officials to monitor and respond to health threats such as COVID-19 and other diseases; 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**, effective emergency services require using high-speed broadband to integrate data in real time from all available sources, so decision makers have access to the information necessary for the protection of lives and property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this XX day of XXXXX 2020 that the City (or County) of XXXXXXXX does hereby

1. Support FCCs (United States Federal Communications Commission) and CPUCs (California Public Utilities Commission) rules, regulations, programs and funding opportunities that support broadband deployment opportunities to bridge the digital divide.
2. Support Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-73-20 signed August 14, 2020 that seeks to accelerate work towards closing gaps in access to reliable broadband networks throughout California; and
3. Support collaboration with Southern California jurisdictions, broadband providers, school districts (K-12), community college districts, universities, community and business stakeholders, Regional Broadband Consortiums, California Emerging Technology Fund, the State of California and other federal and regional organizations that have similar goals to increase broadband access throughout Southern California; and
4. Determine that closing the digital divide is important and provides long-term community benefits; and
5. Support seeking grant opportunities to establish regional and local programs that provide internet access that bridges the economic digital divide; and
6. Support a minimum broadband speed capability of 100 megabits per second today and 1 gigabit per second by 2030 for all residential and business customers within the urban, suburban, and rural communities of our region; and
7. Support working with collaborating jurisdictions to affect the deployment decisions of broadband providers by lowering permitting fees to a reasonable level; reducing the cost of entry and operation of broadband systems in our communities; reducing the risks of delays during the planning, permitting and construction phases; providing opportunities for increasing revenue and creating new avenues for competitive entry; and
8. Support working with collaborating jurisdictions to identify broadband opportunity zones in underserved communities; and
9. Upon identifying broadband opportunity zones, support working towards a regional effort to expedite low cost broadband deployment by internet service providers, potentially including such features as: waivers for microprojects, deployment of broadband infrastructure in underserved communities and implementation of fixed wireless or other broadband technologies in rural communities; and
10. Supports the concept of ‘Dig Once’ whereby conduit is installed for future or immediate use for wireless towers, fiber optic or other comparable broadband network installation, whenever underground construction occurs in the public right of way.