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**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA**

May 14, 2019

Communications Division

Attn: California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)

505 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 3

San Francisco, CA 94102

**Subject: Letter of Endorsement for the Broadband Consortium, Pacific Coast 2019 California Advanced Services Fund Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Application**

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to endorse the Broadband Consortium, Pacific Coast Grant Application for funding through the 2019 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Account in support of the collaborative activities occurring across Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo Counties.

In anticipation for this opportunity the County has joined numerous other local governments, education, health, business, and not-for-profit organizations as participants in a coalition that has and continues to serve our tri-county region. Timing is everything and the partnership we've created over the last several years is focused on closing the gaps identified as CPUC priority areas, work on regional broadband policy, and serve as a resource for CASF Broadband funding programs, as well as federal funds for broadband projects in unserved areas.

The Board of Supervisors adopted a 2019 Legislative Platform that includes the economic vitality principle, that specifically states that the County will support necessary infrastructure development projects as a job creator and economic engine that increases economic vitality across multiple industries and markets.

For these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is pleased to endorse the Broadband Consortium, Pacific Coast 2019 California Advanced Services Fund Regional Broadband Consortia Grant Application. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or [dbozanich@countyofsb.org](mailto:dbozanich@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg

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cc: Members, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors  
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Dennis Bozanich, Legislative Coordinator, County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors