



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-8

For the meeting of: April 18, 2017

Date: April 13, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Letter of Support for AB 1665 (Garcia) Internet for All Now Act

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors ratify authorization for the Chair to sign the letter of support.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Assembly Bill AB 1665 (Garcia) will help close the digital divide in California. The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors has already shown support for the Fiber Optic upgrades to rural areas and this Bill would help continue that process. California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reports that CAFS broadband infrastructure deployment applications significantly exceed available funds. AB 1665 would ensure continued funding.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support.

Prepared by Tracy Damico Signature [Signature]
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bass, Bohn
Nays
Abstain
Absent Wilson

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Apr. 18, 2017
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



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State Capitol, Room 6027
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1665 (Garcia) – Internet For All Now Act SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Santiago, Vice Chairman Obernolte, and Members of the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 1665, which would continue the progress of closing the Digital Divide in California. Digital Inclusion is a matter of fairness and opportunity for all residents to be able to participate in the 21st century economy and contribute to California's prosperity.

As you are aware, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) administers a number of programs that assist in providing telecommunications services in rural areas, hard-to-serve communities, and/or high-cost aspects of California. One of those programs is the CASF.

Recent CPUC reports note that CASF broadband infrastructure deployment applications significantly exceed available funds. AB 1665 would ensure continued funding and help close the digital divide in rural California.

We hope the committee will look favorable on AB 1665.

Respectfully,

Virginia Bass

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

RB:td