



# CITY OF CARSON

August 1, 2017

Kurt Weideman, Chair  
South Bay Cities Council of Government  
20285 South Western Avenue, #100  
Torrance, California 90501

**RE: Participation in Exploring Costs of Regional Fiber Network**

Dear Chair Weideman,

The City of Carson requests that the SBCCOG Board authorize staff to issue a request for proposals from data transport providers with fiber infrastructure in the South Bay to assemble a “backbone network” that will connect facilities in each city to an Internet point of presence.

This is a “good government” initiative with the potential to improve network services at lower costs by purchasing collectively at wholesale prices rather than the current practice of cities purchasing individually at retail.

Continuing support for the fiber backbone initiative will depend upon the competitive proposals realizing the potential for better service at substantially lower costs. Support for issuing the RFP does not commit City to any subsequent actions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Albert Robles  
City of Carson

EXHIBIT NO. 1