

CITY OF CARSON

September 7, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 4 (Gonzalez) Communications: California Advanced Services Fund: Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program: Surcharges.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended 05/20/21)*

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Carson respectfully requests your signature in favor of SB 4 (Gonzalez), which would prioritize the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities throughout California through the ongoing collection of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge.

As local governments mobilized to address the spread of COVID-19, it became apparent that many communities lack of access to reliable and affordable broadband service and struggle to stay connected to school, work, and healthcare in this new digital environment. While Californians are increasingly using the internet to connect with others, local governments have taken to online platforms to ensure civic engagement during these unprecedented times.

SB 4 is a step in the right direction and ensures the continued collection of an essential source of broadband funding. This measure not only authorizes the ongoing collection of the existing CASF surcharge but also makes it easier for local governments to access these grants. These funding opportunities would allow local governments to continue to play a vital role in deploying broadband infrastructure in their communities.

In addition to these essential funding opportunities, SB 4 also would expand the definition of "unserved." Expanding this definition increases eligibility for CASF grants, which are currently reserved for areas with the slowest of all internet speeds, leaving out many communities where Californians struggle to stay connected with slightly faster but still obsolete speeds.

The City of Carson supports increasing broadband both locally and regionally to support the quality of life for disadvantaged communities.

For these reasons, the City of Carson supports SB 4 (Gonzalez).

Sincerely,

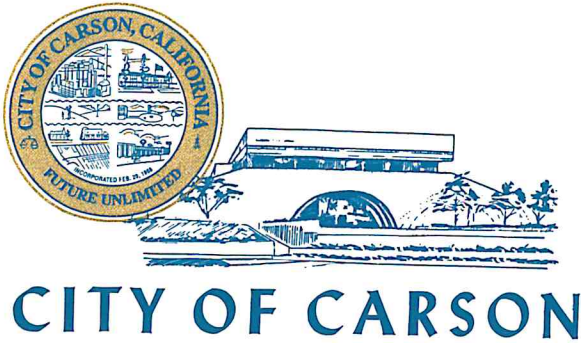
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RE: AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) Broadband Services: California Advanced Services Fund.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended 6/17/21)*

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Carson respectfully requests your signature in favor of AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry), which would prioritize the deployment of broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved communities throughout California through the ongoing collection of the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) surcharge.

As local governments mobilized to address the spread of COVID-19, it became apparent that many communities lack access to reliable and affordable broadband service and struggle to stay connected to school, work, and healthcare in this new digital environment. While Californians are increasingly using the internet to connect with others, local governments have taken to online platforms to ensure civic engagement during these unprecedented times.

AB 14 is a step in the right direction and ensures the continued collection of an essential source of broadband funding. This measure not only authorizes the ongoing collection of the existing CASF surcharge but also makes it easier for local governments to access these grants. Additionally, AB 14 would create a Broadband Bond Financing and Securitization Account to fund broadband infrastructure deployment by local governments. These funding opportunities would allow local governments to continue to play a vital role in deploying broadband infrastructure in their communities.

In addition to these essential funding opportunities, AB 14 also would expand the definition of "unserved." Expanding this definition increases eligibility for CASF grants, which are currently reserved for areas with the slowest of all internet speeds, leaving out many communities where Californians struggle to stay connected with slightly faster but still obsolete speeds. This measure would also take important steps to address local education agencies' connectivity needs, increase service plan transparency by internet service providers, and ensure anchor institutions are eligible for CASF funding.

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For these reasons, the City of Carson supports AB 14.

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