



## *Somis Municipal Advisory Council*

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Ventura County Board of Supervisors  
Hall of Administration  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Subject: Broadband in Somis

Dear Honorable Board Members,

As Chair of the Somis Municipal Advisory Council (MAC), I am writing on behalf of the MAC and residents of the Somis community greatly affected by a lack of reliable internet service. We support the efforts of the County to attain funding for better broadband service in rural communities. Somis has close to one thousand homes and a kindergarten to eighth grade school, therefore access to good quality internet service is an immediate necessity. Many homes do not have adequate service, either experiencing extreme lag time or no service at all, and residents attempting to increase their broadband capacity are often quoted exorbitant prices. We ask that the Board of Supervisors continue to explore funding opportunities at the State and Federal levels to build local infrastructure for broadband service in Somis, construct "final mile" fiber connection to individual homes, and ensure internet access is affordable to residents.

Thank you for your consideration,

Pat Richards, Chair  
Somis Municipal Advisory Council