[ON LETTERHEAD]

May 2, 2022

County of Ventura

Terry Theobald, Chief Information Officer

800 S. Victoria Avenue

Ventura, CA 93009

RE: **SUPPORT FOR VENTURA COUNTY FIBER NETWORK PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Theobald:

[Agency/Organization] writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

For years, Ventura County and its cities have shared the vision that high-speed internet is a critical component for closing the digital divide to ensure all Californians have access to broadband internet, attracting and retaining businesses, and promoting government innovation. As such, Ventura County has developed a formal plan to construct the Ventura County Fiber Network, a fiber ring that would serve as an open, middle-mile network for all Ventura County cities and adjacent cities in Los Angeles County. The plan is the result of the County’s partnership with all ten of its incorporated cities to take advantage of joint trench opportunities to optimize the design and cost of constructing the network.

However, the Ventura County Fiber Network Project needs funding to become a reality and to begin improving the quality of life and work for nearly 1,000,000 Ventura County residents and workers. By decreasing the costs to expand high-speed internet service across Ventura County, the project will expand access, decrease consumer costs, improve public safety communications, boost the regional economy, and attract investment from private-sector internet service providers and large employers.

For these reasons, **the [Agency/Organization] supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

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