August 22, 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:

The Camarillo American Association of University Women writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

As a non-profit provider working to enhance literacy and social justice in Ventura County, we have observed that access to high-speed internet is a critical component for providing services to our community, closing the digital divide, and attracting and retaining businesses that support the regional economy. Realizing this, 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 serving all of Ventura County's cities.

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For these reasons, **the Camarillo AAUW supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Kathy I. Long, Chair

Public Policy, Camarillo AAUW

Blanchard Community Library
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Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District
119 North 8th St., Santa Paula, CA 93060-2709

August 16, 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:

Blanchad/Santa Paula Library District writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

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For these reasons, **the Blanchard/Santa Paula Library District supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Ned Branch
District Director

Board of Trustees Christina Eilar, Ron Merson, Laura Phillips, Ricardo Reyes, Miriam Zamora
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VENTURA COUNTY
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION

August 16, 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:

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For these reasons, the Ventura County Community Foundation is proud to support funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Lambert, FAICP
Chief Operating Officer

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August 9, 2022 **TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY**

County of Ventura
Terry Theobald, Chief Information Officer
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Ventura, CA 93009

RE: SUPPORT FOR VENTURA COUNTY FIBER NETWORK PROJECT

Dear Mr. Theobald:

The City of Moorpark writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

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For these reasons, **the City of Moorpark supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Janice S. Parvin
Mayor

cc: City Council
City Manager

City of Thousand Oaks

City Manager's Office

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August 23, 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:

City of Thousand Oaks 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.

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For these reasons, **the City of Thousand Oaks supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Haider Alawami, Economic Development Manager
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From the Office of Mayor Sofía Rubalcava
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CITY OF VENTURA CITY COUNCIL

August 23, 2022

County of Ventura
Terry Theobald, Chief Information Officer
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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

Honorable Senator Feinstein:

The City of Ventura writes in **strong support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

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For these reasons, **the City of Ventura strongly supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Mayor Sofia Rubalcava
City of Ventura
501 Poli Street
Ventura, CA 93001

Channel Islands

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

August 23, 2022

Terry Theobald, Chief Information Officer
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

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

Dear Mr. Theobald:

The California State University Channel Islands writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

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For these reasons, **the California State University Channel Islands supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Richard Yao, Ph.D.
President

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August 19, 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:

Meissner Filtration Products, Inc. writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

As an employer in Ventura County, I know that access to high-speed internet is a critical component for my operations, attracting and retaining the business-to-business partners that sustain my business, and providing the high quality of life that my employees both expect and deserve.

Realizing the importance of high-speed internet for the region, 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 serving all of Ventura County's cities. 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 high-speed internet access, decrease business costs, boost the regional economy, and improve the quality of life in Ventura County.

For these reasons, **Meissner Filtration supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Christopher Meissner
President

August 15, 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:

Ridge Communications writes in **support** of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura is currently seeking funding.

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For these reasons, **Ridge Communications supports funding for the Ventura County Fiber Network Project**.

Sincerely,

Mike Patridge

Mike Patridge
CEO

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August 22, 2022

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Sincerely,

Kathy I. Long, Chair

Ventura County Library Foundation

Ventura County Transportation Commission

County of Ventura
Terry Theobold, Chief Information Officer
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

August 17, 2022

Subject: Support for Ventura County Fiber Network Project

Dear Mr. Theobold,

On behalf of the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), I am writing in support of the Ventura County Fiber Network Project, for which the County of Ventura currently seeks funding.

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VCTC serves as the regional transportation planning agency for Ventura County and is committed to continually improving Ventura County's transportation system through enhanced mobility and to preserving the quality of life enjoyed by Ventura County Residents. Telework, telehealth, and improved access to remote services through broadband infrastructure can help to reduce emissions and manage congestion and are an important piece of solving our 21st Century transportation challenges.

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VCTC also owns and manages the 32-mile Santa Paula Branch Line railroad, which extends from Ventura through Santa Paula, Fillmore, and Piru, through the Santa Clara River Valley and along the State Route 126 corridor. This area has a particular need for improved broadband access, and the Santa Paula Branch Line corridor has been identified as a key resource for middle mile broadband deployment.

For questions or additional information, please contact Ms. Amanda Fagan, Director of Planning and Sustainability, at afagan@goventura.org or (805) 642-1591, ext. 103.

Sincerely,

Martin Erickson
Executive Director