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August 7, 2007

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution of the City Council of the City of Long Beach endorsing the five key principles of the Speed Matters Initiative.

DISCUSSION:

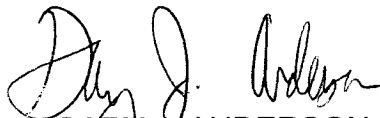
Pursuant to your request of July 3, 2007, this office has prepared and submits the above-described resolution for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By 
GARY J. ANDERSON
Deputy City Attorney

1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING THE SPEED
5 MATTERS INITIATIVE
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7 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach's 2010 Strategic Plan established Goal
8 T1.1 - Network Technology and Neighborhood Development to create a network of
9 neighborhood communication facilities to provide communication between the City and its
10 citizens, between service providers and service recipients, among neighborhood and
11 business associations, between associations and their members, and between all
12 participants and larger networks (e.g., the internet); and

13 WHEREAS, the 2010 Strategic Plan underscored the importance of
14 developing the technology infrastructure to meet our goals for livable neighborhoods,
15 sustainability, economic growth, and government accountability, a recent study entitled
16 "Speed Matters: A Report on Internet Speeds in all 50 States" raises concern regarding
17 the effectiveness of governmental policies to promote the use of high speed internet; and

18 WHEREAS, the report states that speed matters because slow
19 transmission rates limit business productivity, the consumer's ability to access vital
20 services and public educational recourses; and

21 WHEREAS, the adoption of the five key principles of the Speed Matters
22 Initiative will advance the technology goals of the 2010 Strategic Plan;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as
24 follows:

25 Section 1. That the City Council resolves to endorse the following five
26 key principles of the Speed Matters Initiative:

27 (1) Speed and Universality Matter for Internet Access. High-tech
28 innovation, job growth, telemedicine, distance learning, rural development, public safety

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1 and e-government require truly high speed, universal networks.

2 (2) The U.S. "High Speed" Definition is Too Slow. The FCC defines
3 "high speed" as 200 kilobits per second (kbps) downstream. Government policies should
4 immediately set "high speed" definition at 2 megabits per second (mbps) downstream, 1
5 upstream.

6 (3) A National "High Speed Internet for All" Policy is Critical. The U.S.
7 must adopt policies for universal access and set deployment timetables: 10 mbps down,
8 1 mbps up by 2010, with new benchmarks set for succeeding years.

9 (4) The U.S. Must Preserve an Open Internet. High Speed, high
10 capacity networks will eliminate bandwidth scarcity and will promote an open Internet.
11 Consumers are entitled to an open Internet allowing them to go where they want when
12 they want. Nothing should be done to degrade or block access to any websites.
13 Reserving propriety video bandwidth is essential to finance the build-out of high speed
14 networks.

15 (5) Consumer and Worker Protections Must be Safeguarded. Public
16 policies should support growth of good, career jobs as a key to providing quality service.
17 Government should require public reporting of deployment, actual speed and price.

18 Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution
19 to members of the United States Congress and State Representatives representing the
20 Long Beach area, and other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals as determined by
21 the City Manager.

22 Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption
23 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 20__ by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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