

## MOTION

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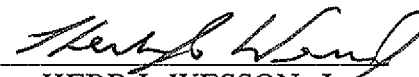
For several years we have heard from numerous residents and businesses that they do not have adequate access to high speed internet services. Although the expense to provide broadband capability itself may be too high for the City to undertake, there may exist opportunities where private parties may provide high speed internet services throughout the City limits

Recently, other cities have entered into agreements with private companies to lease their excess fiber optic capacity in order to provide fiber broadband service to businesses and residential customers. In particular, these agreements involve leasing excess fiber for purposes of building an open architecture network to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) and/or fiber-to-the-business (FTTB) connectivity to households and businesses.

The City of Los Angeles should look for ways to similarly make available fiber to the home/business (FTTH/B) population and promote projects that offer low cost internet service to low income residents, help to improve public safety and provide internet services to non-profits that benefit disadvantaged residents.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Information Technology Agency with the assistance of the Department of Water and Power be directed to report relative to the feasibility of leasing excess fiber optic capacity for purposes of building an open architecture network to provide fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) and/or fiber-to-the-business (FTTB) connectivity to households and businesses. The report should include an assessment of how much fiber optic capacity the City has that is not currently being used, the location of this capacity, and the terms of current agreements the City has for leasing fiber optic capacity.

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