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Technology, such as the Internet, email, and wireless tools has a huge impact on our daily lives and connects us to the world. Continuing advancements in technology have also created opportunities for local governments to enhance their operations and improve their accessibility to the public.

The ability to connect wirelessly through mobile devices has become commonplace, and for many, a necessity. WiFi, high-speed, wireless internet access points (at parks, libraries, restaurants, coffee shops, etc.) that are in most cases free to the public, exist throughout many cities all over the world.


Municipal WiFi makes wireless access to the Internet a universal service and has many benefits. Residents who cannot afford private high-speed services can have access to the Internet. Businesses and visitors have information and services at their fingertips. City employees who are out in the field can access data directly. Government can become more modern, open, transparent and efficient.

The City's Information Technology Agency (ITA) has worked on the implementation, deployment and enhancement of electronic government, including online forms, live audio/video of City Council meetings, and the MyLA311 mobile application.

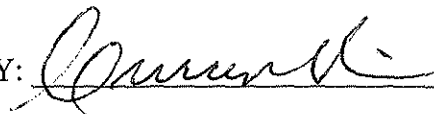
Cities such as Houston, Minneapolis, Riverside and San Jose have launched successful WiFi programs. The time is ripe for the City of Los Angeles to explore the feasibility of developing a municipal WiFi initiative.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Information Technology Agency (ITA) to report with recommendations on the development of a citywide municipal WiFi initiative.

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