

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including telephone corporations; and

WHEREAS, existing law establishes the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) in the State Treasury with the goal to approve funding by December 31, 2022, for infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households in each consortia region, as identified by the commission on or before January 1, 2017; and

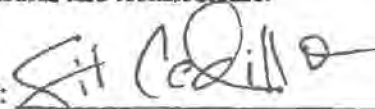
WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Senate, is a bill, AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry) which, as amended in the Senate on June 29, 2020, would revise the goal of the CASF to provide that its goal is to approve funding by an unspecified date, for infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98% of California households in each consortia region, as identified by the commission on or before January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry) would also establish the State Agency Direct Allocation Account in the CASF and would specify that the moneys in the account, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would be used for various purposes, including upgrades to low-income census blocks to enable distance learning and telehealth and telemedicine; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should SUPPORT AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry) as amended in the State Senate on June 29, 2020, because it will help more Californians receive reliable internet service to participate in a post-COVID-19 social and economic environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019-2020 State Legislative Program support of AB 570 (Aguiar-Curry), as amended, which would revise the goal of the California Advanced Services Fund and establish the State Agency Direct Allocation Account to be used for various purposes, including upgrades to broadband infrastructure in low-income census blocks to enable distance learning and telehealth and telemedicine.

PRESENTED BY:



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