

## RESOLUTION NO. 10-08

### RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF THE SPEED MATTERS INITIATIVE

**WHEREAS**, high speed internet is absolutely necessary to fuel our local, state and national economy; to promote education and integrated learning; to facilitate independent living for residents who are disabled, ill, or have restricted mobility; and to fully engage in e-government, civic participation, and public safety, and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. currently ranks below most European and developed Asian countries in the speed and accessibility of broadband communications infrastructure and therefore has a lot of ground to cover to remain competitive with other economies that have already adopted policies that will facilitate job growth, business advancement, and individual achievement through access to information and markets, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Richmond must act now to implement policies that will guarantee every resident, and every child, access to all the promises of the information age,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Richmond endorses the five key principles of the Speed Matters initiative:

- 1. Speed and universality matter for Internet access.**  
High-tech innovation, job growth, telemedicine, distance learning, rural development, public safety and e-government requires truly high speed, universal networks so that no resident or child is left offline.
- 2. The U.S. "High Speed" definition is too slow.**  
The FCC defines "high speed" as 200 kilobits per second (kbps) downstream. Government policies should immediately set "high speed" definition at 2 megabits per second (mbps) downstream, 1 upstream.
- 3. A national high speed Internet for all policy is critical.**  
The City of Richmond must adopt policies for universal access and set deployment timetables: 10mbps down, 1mbps up by 2010, with new benchmarks set for succeeding years.
- 4. The U.S. must preserve an open Internet.**  
High speed, high capacity networks will eliminate bandwidth scarcity and will promote an open Internet. Our residents are entitled to an open Internet allowing them to go where they want when they want. Nothing should be done to degrade or block access to any websites. Reserving proprietary video bandwidth is essential to finance the build-out of high-speed networks.
- 5. Consumer and Worker protections must be safeguarded.**  
Public policies must support the growth of stable, skilled career employment in the broadband industry as a key to maintaining quality service. Our cities and our government must require public reporting of deployment, actual speed, and price of broadband services so that users are enabled to utilize high-speed networks as they think best.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held January 22, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Butt, Lopez, Marquez, Rogers, Sandhu, Thurmond, Viramontes, and Mayor McLaughlin

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

DIANE HOLMES  
CLERK OF THE CITY F RICHMOND

Approved:

GAYLE McLAUGHLIN  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

LOUISE RENNE, Interim  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa    : ss.  
City of Richmond            }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 10-08, finally passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a meeting held on January 22, 2008.