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Mr. Randall Reed
The City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Re: The City of Fresno's Google Fiber Application

Dear Mr. Reed,

The Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) supports the City of Fresno's Application to be the beneficiary of the Google Fiber project. Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to identify communities interested in serving as the test community for the Google Fiber project.

The City of Fresno would benefit greatly if chosen as to participate in the Google Fiber project. The City of Fresno already has a fiber optic 'backbone' in place. It consists of a 168 Fiber optic cable trunk system through the main traffic corridors in the City of Fresno. The benefit of having this 'backbone' in place is that switches could be installed on the 'backbone' and the distribution can be connected to it, resulting in less time to develop the project and lower costs for Google. Additionally, the return on investment on the project may be quicker because of the lower development costs.

This project has a great deal of support within the City of Fresno and the community as a whole. Fresno COG is certain that Google would have the full support of the City of Fresno and the community for a long time should the City of Fresno be the beneficiary of this project.

On behalf of the Council of Fresno County Governments, we support the City of Fresno serving as test community for the Google Fiber project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trinidad M. Rodriguez", written over a white rectangular area.

Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Policy Board Chairman
Mayor, City of Kerman

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County