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WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

**AGENDA REVISION NOTICE
FOR MARCH 16, 2010
(DISTRIBUTED AT 8:45 A.M. ON MARCH 16, 2010)**

PLEASE ADD TO COUNCIL, OTHER ITEMS:

6. Resolution supporting the City of Bellingham's Google Fiber for Communities submittal (AB2010-144) (**REVISED** resolution attached)

5 **RESOLUTION NO.** _____

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7 **SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM'S GOOGLE FIBER**
8 **FOR COMMUNITIES SUBMITTAL**

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10 **WHEREAS**, Google recently announced plans to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in
11 one or more trial locations across the country; and

12 **WHEREAS**, technology entrepreneurs, business development experts, and hundreds of
13 community members have encouraged local leaders to promote Bellingham for this opportunity;
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16 **WHEREAS**, ultra-high-speed internet service could create tremendous opportunities for
17 Bellingham and Whatcom County, including economic development and job creation, increased
18 technology capacity for public and private uses, and innovative, sustainable ideas spurred by the
19 availability of ultra-high speed networking; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Bellingham and Whatcom County have many features that should be very
21 attractive to Google, such as a strong higher education network and progressive K-12 schools, the
22 presence of specific business types such as technology and health care, commitment to green
23 initiatives and industries, active, hard-working engaged residents, and a beautiful natural
24 environment; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Bellingham is a small city with entrepreneurial spirit, vision, and an appreciation
26 for technology - an ideal testing ground for Google's fiber installation; and

27 **WHEREAS**, Bellingham and Whatcom County are uniquely positioned between Seattle and
28 Vancouver BC, with complementary interstate highway, marine, air, and rail infrastructure; and

29 **WHEREAS**, Bellingham and Whatcom County offer a progressive and innovative community
30 that will welcome Google.

31 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Whatcom County Council:

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33 • Endorses the City of Bellingham's Google Fiber for Communities submittal; and
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35 • Offers to help and support in the future, should the City be selected for Google's project; and
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37 • Urges community residents to show their support by nominating Bellingham using the Google
38 Fiber for Communities "Nominate Your Community" website.
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40 **APPROVED** this _____ day of _____, 2010.

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43 **ATTEST:**

44 **WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL**
45 **WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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47 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

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49 Sam Crawford, Council Chair

50 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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52 Civil Deputy Prosecutor