



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 3, 2020

Marybel Batjer
President, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
505 Van Ness Ave.
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Charter Communications' Application for CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grants - SUPPORT

Dear Commissioner Batjer:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support Charter Communications' California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Grant Application to build out a broadband network to the communities within the County.

Charter's CASF Application will provide "last mile" broadband connectivity to the residents in these unserved communities, many who are disadvantaged and senior citizens in need of internet service. These residents are unserved as they do not have access to internet service speeds above 6 Mbps download/1 Mbps upload.

The residents in these communities are eager for a provider to be able to offer broadband service to them. Without Charter's CASF Application, it is doubtful these residents would ever be served. Once the CASF Grant project is completed, many, for the first time, will be able to access essential services online, such as news, emergency information, social services, banking, distance learning, and telehealth.

Additionally, many residents in the communities to be served by Charter's CASF Grant will qualify for Charter's Spectrum Internet Assist Program which provides low-cost, high speed internet to low-income households. Charter has also demonstrated its commitment to the community by offering free broadband service during the current COVID-19 health crisis to all households with a student, teacher, or professor.

For the reasons listed above, the County supports a position Charter's CASF Grant application. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please contact Josh Candelaria, Governmental and Legislative Director, at 909 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chair, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

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