

RESOLUTION NO. A-_____

1 WHEREAS, Google has initiated a program called Google Fiber for Communities
2 wherein Google is planning to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in a
3 small number of trial locations across the country; and

4 WHEREAS, Google has suggested such networks could include the installation
5 of a new high-speed fiber network to homes, capable of speeds of 1 gigabit/second; and

6 WHEREAS, Google is requesting RFIs from cities who are interested in being
7 selected as trial locations for the program; and

8 WHEREAS, the City Council supports robust competition including the provision
9 of broadband data services to our citizens and recognizes the potential economic
10 development that could result from Lincoln's participation in such a program; and

11 WHEREAS, Lincoln has a well-educated citizenry, a low unemployment rate, and
12 outstanding educational institutions, providing an excellent potential customer base for
13 such a network; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln is already well positioned for such an effort in that
15 (a) the City has access to extensive existing conduits and poles throughout the
16 community, and (b) has business relationships established with various fiber providers
17 in our community.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of
19 Lincoln, Nebraska:

1 That the City Council enthusiastically supports the effort to bring a Google fiber
2 network to Lincoln, and that if Lincoln is selected for the trial effort, the City Council will
3 commit the resources to (1) provide the necessary access to City rights-of-way and
4 infrastructure, (2) streamline the permitting and regulatory process, and (3) coordinate
5 efforts with other entities, both public and private. The City has already begun the
6 process to reduce regulatory hurdles and speed permitting by the creation of the
7 interdepartmental Development Services Center (DSC) and hereby designates the DSC
8 as the coordinating agency for any City of Lincoln participation in the Google program.

Introduced by:

Approved as to Form & Legality:

City Attorney

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2010:

Mayor