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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 14, 2021
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: **Heidi Hall, District I Supervisor**
SUBJECT: Letter of Supports for Race Telecommunications Resolution T-17751 to Approve CASF Projects including Gigafy Nevada City

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached Letter of Support.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND: The California Public Utilities' Commission (CPUC) is tasked with administering the California Advanced Series Fund (CASF) grant program to close the digital divide gap in unserved and underserved areas in the state. Specifically, the CASF grant program aims to provide funds to broadband infrastructure projects that will provide broadband access to no less than 98 percent of California households. Most recently AB14 (Aguiar-Curry) and SB 4 (Gonzalez) made some reforms to the program and increased annual funding for broadband grant programs to \$150 million per year and extended the funding for another 10 years. As a former grant recipient of the Bright Fiber Project approved by the CPUC via Resolution T-17633, Race Telecommunications, Inc. (Race) applied for three additional grants that will be considered on December 16, 2021 that include a last-mile project called Gigafy Nevada City for \$7,668,611 along two other applications per draft Resolution T-17751 (attached). Subsequently, Race is requesting a letter of support for their proposed project. The project would provide service connections for 499 households.

Therefore, I request that the Board submit the attached Letter of Support.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hall
Board of Supervisor, District I