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October 18, 2022

The Honorable Toni Atkins
President pro Tempore of the California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Appointment to the Middle-Mile Advisory Committee (MMAC)

Dear Senator Atkins:

On behalf of the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, we respectfully request your appointment of Supervisor Luis Alejo to the Middle-Mile Advisory Committee (MMCA).

With your support this year, AB 2256 (Quirk-Silva) was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor. As you know, the bill expands the membership of the broadband MMAC to include two elected government officials from a city or county, one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one appointed by the Senate Rules Committee.

The Board of Supervisors supports the appointment of Supervisor Luis Alejo to one of the government official seats newly created by AB 2256. Supervisor Alejo has been a champion of efforts to expand broadband service and to close the digital divide. He was a key partner in the support for the Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative, SB 156 that was passed and signed in 2021. Supervisor Alejo currently serves on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Executive Committee and as Chair of the CSAC Government Finance and Administration Committee which oversees broadband issues. Additionally, he currently serves on the National Association of Counties (NACo) Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee.

For these reasons, the Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the appointment of Supervisor Luis Alejo to one of the government official seats newly created by AB 2256.

Sincerely,

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Mary L. Adams, Chair
Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Members, Senate Rules Committee
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