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Mr. Frank Pacetti  
City Administrator  
City of Kenosha  
625 52nd Street  
Kenosha, WI 53140

Dear Frank:

The Kenosha Public Library strongly supports the City's initiative to bring Google's ultra-high speed broadband network to Kenosha.

The Library is in the forefront of providing information services to the citizens of Kenosha through a wide area network linking our five locations to the Internet and a variety of electronic resources. Our customers enjoy online access to our library catalog, website, and collections, as well as access to reference services, periodicals, e-books, and downloadable audio visual content over the Internet.

Kenosha area residents can utilize these resources through our 109 public workstations, or from personal computers at home, work, or school. The capacity of our present network limits what informational and recreational resources we can deliver to our customers; and it restricts our ability to take advantage of bandwidth intensive capabilities, such as video conferencing for programming and customer service.

We envision a time in the future when we can make these new resources and much of the content now housed in our libraries available to our customers off site over the Internet. This would require higher capacity connections at the Library and between the Library and our customers.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Douglas Baker,  
Director

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