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Hello,

Given the importance of broadband and the Internet in our daily lives today, like roads and bridges, and electricity, is it possible for the County of Santa Barbara to address this in a modern forward looking manner? WFH and remote learning will be here to stay, and has exposed the weaknesses and inequities of current broadband situation.

I would suggest to address in some future meeting, in a transparent manner:

1. Always having 2 or more vendors in every location in the county. Current monopoly system for Cox in Santa Barbara for example is less than ideal.
2. SB County should address how broadband service can be provided directly by the county with the upcoming Federal funding for infrastructure. Come up with a forward looking, modern plan.
3. Assign a specific point person or department to lead this and communicate regularly with county residents.

Thank you,

Alberto Lapuz