

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHULA VISTA ADOPTING THE CHULA VISTA DIGITAL
EQUITY AND INCLUSION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Chula Vista has a proud history of leadership in civic innovation, and has made significant progress improving the quality of life of Chula Vista residents through the use of technology and to create a more efficient and effective government; and

WHEREAS, as part of its smart cities efforts the city has identified addressing the Digital Divide and the need to encourage universal broadband internet access for Chula Vista residents, communities and businesses as a priority; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the digital divide in the City of Chula Vista, staff worked with Nutter Consulting to develop the City of Chula Vista's Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan that outlines the goals, objectives and initiatives that will help the City achieve its vision; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan was developed through a collaborative process between the city and regional stakeholders, which included multiple interviews and interactive workshops, and represents the collective vision of city leadership and stakeholders in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan identified the eight population groups in Chula Vista most affected by the digital divide. These eight groups include disabled persons, homeless/housing insecure, job seekers, low-income and unbanked, migrants and refugees, non-English speakers, students, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan consists of three goals that are supported by eight objectives and thirty-seven initiatives, as well as four appendices with additional information on existing resources, case studies and best practices from other cities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan outlines actionable strategies that will help Chula Vista residents, businesses and communities get better access to quality internet connectivity, technology devices, and digital literacy skills to fully participate in the local economy, in educational opportunities, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan implementation will be led by the Smart Cities Working Group, consisting of the City Manager and department heads, which was established to help coordinate innovation efforts citywide and facilitate information sharing; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated future benefits from full implementation of the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan include expanded reliable broadband connectivity, enhanced public safety, and economic development growth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chula Vista, that it adopts the Digital Equity and Inclusion Plan, and directs staff to begin implementation and provide regular implementation updates and progress reports.

Presented by

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