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## Recommendation for Committee Action

Economic Opportunity Committee	Item ID	46746	Agenda Number	8.
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Meeting Date:	6/8/2015	Department:	Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs
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## Subject

Consider a recommendation to Council on selection of a replacement site for the Google Fiber Community Connection Program.

## Amount and Source of Funding

## Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

## Additional Backup Information

On April 9, 2013 Google announced its plans to bring Google Fiber to Austin residents, building a network with Internet speeds of one gigabit per second, up to 100 times faster than normally available broadband access to Austin's homes. Under an agreement with the City of Austin, Google agreed to provide up to 100 public and non-profit sites with broadband Internet services through its fiber network free of charge until April 8, 2023. Additionally, City Hall and the new Central Library will be included in the program, bringing the total to 102 "Community Connections" program sites.

City Council adopted a list of proposed sites in December 2013 and the City provided the list to Google.

Earlier this year, one of the sites, Austin Travis County Integral Care (Dove Springs Integrated Care Facility, 5015 S IH-35 Austin, TX 78744) respectfully withdrew their name from the list. Google Fiber has requested a decision on a recommended replacement site by June 30, 2015 if a replacement site is located within same geographic area (78744).

Per the Council Resolution No. 20131212-070, the former Emerging Technology and Telecommunications Council Committee (now Economic Opportunities Council Committee) will recommend a replacement site to City Council.

CommUnityCare, located at 6801 S IH-35, # 1-E, Austin TX 78744, is a strong candidate for replacement. It is in the same fiberhood/geographical area as Travis County Integral Care, it meets the original site selection/evaluation criteria, and is in the same category of organization.