
Government and Community Support Cox Communications

In support of Cox Communication's infrastructure deployment goals within Cass and Sarpy Counties, we received seven letters of support from a variety of community stakeholders. All the letters of support expressed appreciation and support for Cox's submission and demonstrate a compelling level of need and lack of comprehensive coverage for reliable internet services, which Cox is hoping to bring to these counties.

Cox local teams conducted outreach to members of the community through in-person engagements, email correspondence and direct phone communications.

Letters of support from members of the community included in this submission:

Josh Charvat, Executive Director (Cass County Nebraska Economic Development Council)

Becky Vinton, Senior Development Officer (Habitat for Humanity of Omaha)

Mike Rooks, Executive Director (Grow Sarpy)

Angi Burmeister, Chairman (Sarpy County Board of Commissioners)

Karen Gibler, President (Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce)

Anne Hindery, CEO (Nonprofit Association of the Midlands)

Shawna Forsberg, President & CEO (United Way of the Midlands)



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Broadband Office
Nebraska Public Service Commission
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Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: Support for Cox Communications

I am writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Cass County. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

Cass County is home to 15 municipalities of varying size in addition to its numerous lake communities. As CCNEDC works with these communities to continue growth or reverse decline affordable, reliable high-speed internet is vital and has been identified as an area of focus. As we seek to capitalize on remote work opportunities the opportunities that Cox can provide are exciting and needed.

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Sincerely,

Josh Charvat, Executive Director



Building opportunity throughout Burt, Cass,
Douglas, Sarpy and Washington Counties.

2/21/2023

Keri Menage
Public Affairs Specialist
11505 W. Dodge Rd
Omaha, NE 68154

RE: Support for Cox Communications

Dear Ms. Menage:

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha is writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in areas of Cass and Sarpy counties. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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Founded in 1984, Habitat Omaha builds and renovates homes, advocates for better laws and regulations and partners with those who share our vision, "A world where everyone has a quality, safe and healthy place to live." We started our work within the city of Omaha and expanded to the rest of Douglas, Washington, Burt, Cass, and Sarpy Counties – the latter two overlapping with Cox's planned expansion areas. By expanding our service area, we are able to increase the impact of our mission throughout the greater Omaha area. This means that more families gain access to financial and homeowner readiness programs, affordable home improvement solutions, and first-time homeownership opportunities as we help to grow and maintain our community's stock of quality, affordable homes.

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Sincerely,

Becky Vinton

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Senior Development Officer



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Grow Sarpy is in full support of closing the digital gap throughout Nebraska and we are in support of all telecommunications companies helping with this effort. Today, I am writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in the La Platte area of my district. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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Mike Rooks

Executive Director
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Angi Burmeister
Sarpy County Commissioner
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I am writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in the La Platte area. I understand Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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Sincerely,

Angi Burmeister, Chairman



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RE: Support for expanding high speed internet

We are writing in support of expanding high-speed internet to un-and-underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in the La Platte area of my district and providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

Speeds and pricing available for these communities are important to be competitive and affordable.

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Cox has also demonstrated their commitment to the community by supporting organizations for economic prosperity such as The Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

Karen Gibler

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President at C.A.O
Sarpy Chamber

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June 20, 2023

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Anne Hindery
Chief Executive Officer

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Shawna Forsberg
President & CEO
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Omaha, NE 68102

RE: Support for Cox Communications

NE Broadband Office:

I am Shawna Forsberg, president and CEO of United Way of the Midlands, writing in support of Cox Communications' commitment to expanding high-speed internet to un- and underserved communities that lack reliable internet service and enhancing digital equity in underserved areas. Cox will be providing Fiber-to-the-Home connectivity.

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For 100 years, United Way of the Midlands (UWM) has served the Omaha-Council Bluffs metro by bridging the business and not-for-profit sectors to create a Circle of Support that helps our neighbors overcome difficult challenges and start building a better future. UWM's funded programs and direct services address social and economic disparities and meet families' essential needs such as healthy food, safe and stable housing, physical and mental health services, career preparation and job training.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shawna Forsberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Shawna Forsberg
President & CEO
United Way of the Midlands

