Oakland City Council

RESOLUTION No. _______ 78003____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRUNNER

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A RESOLUTION ENDORSING POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE REPORTING INVESTMENTS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES

WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Act of 1996 was designed to open all telecommunications markets to increased competition, and as a result a number of telecommunication companies now offer local and long distance service in California; and

WHEREAS, The availability of advanced telecommunications services is important to Oakland residents, businesses and communities, and is dependent on maintaining the current telecommunications network infrastructure and future investments in network facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, The development of and investment in network infrastructure promotes economic growth and employment opportunities, and telecommunications companies offering services in California have pledged to make investments in infrastructure and in local communities, and

WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering a bill that would require telecommunications investment reporting so that cities and other localities can be made aware of the economic contributions of this industry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council supports and endorses the following measures:

Policymakers should require each telecommunications company offering local services in California to bring the benefits of competition to low-income consumers.

Policymakers should require each telecommunications company offering local service in California to annually report to the CPUC each city, county, and municipality where the company has local service customers and the number of customers in each locale.

Policymakers should require each telecommunications company offering local service in California to certify annually to the CPUC and to each city, county or municipality where it provides service (a) its current capital investment in the State and its additional, yearly incremental investment, by city, and (b) the number of its union and non-union employees in the State of California and in each city, county or municipality where it provides service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JULY 29, 2003

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, BROOKS, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE -8

ABSENT-

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City of Oakland, California