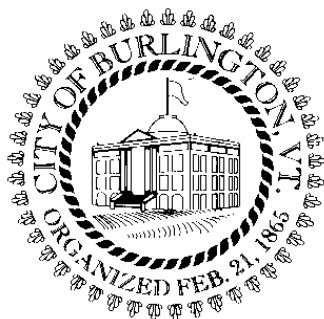


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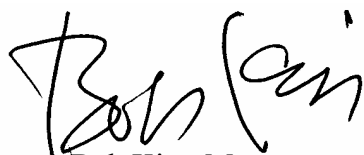
Dear Interested Community members,

I support exploring the potential opportunity for Google Fiber to come to Burlington. Burlington has strengths that fit well with Google's goals. The City is home to numerous tech businesses, educational institutions, a vibrant creative economy, and an engaged and supportive community. Burlington also has diverse cultural and socio-economic demographics, and is a regional hub for art and cultural events.

Most significantly, Burlington has an existing fiber system with the capacity to serve households and businesses beyond the City limits. Burlington Telecom is a state of the art fiber-to-the-home network which offers Google an immediate vehicle for applications that could take advantage of the 1 Gigabit per second transmission speed that Google wants to bring to communities in the U.S. At the same time, the BT network offers Google the opportunity to build out and provide access to other Vermont communities that are currently underserved or lack broadband altogether.

Burlington, in short, offers the best of both worlds to Google. I encourage community members to support efforts to engage Google in coming to Burlington.

With best regards,



Bob Kiss, Mayor