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Dear Mike:

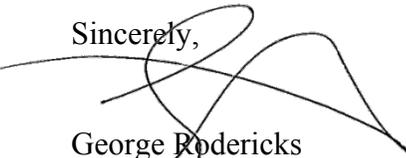
As you know, in 2014, the Town envisioned the creation of an intelligent network that uses existing and future public infrastructure to deliver technology services to the community. The Town sought out providers via a public Request for Information (RFI). You stepped up and created Atherton Fiber, a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), and committed to designing and building this network. As a CLEC, Atherton Fiber is independent of the Town and qualifies as a telecommunications provider or “carrier” under State telecommunications governance.

Since its inception in 2014, there have been numerous iterations of Atherton Fiber and its approach to delivery on its commitment to the community but ultimately, Atherton Fiber expects to create an opportunity for leased access to internet service providers, chosen by residents, over a locally installed high-speed fiber network. Choice is one of the primary benefits of the system design and residents would have the ability to select service over the high-speed network from providers such as Google, Sonic, AT&T, Paxio, Comcast and others.

Today, Atherton Fiber has partnered with Paxio, a system operator in the San Francisco Bay Area, that delivers a state-of-the-art fiber optic network in areas including Emeryville, Mountain View, Oakland, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. Paxio has in turn partnered with OpenFiber, a firm dedicated to the prospect of “open access” – a philosophy fundamental to “choice.”

The Atherton Fiber Network is a huge win for Atherton residents. Physical installation of the network will require approval by the Town via an Encroachment Permit for actual field work. However, in anticipation of submitting the Permit which will require design, representatives from Atherton Fiber, Paxio and/or OpenFiber may connect with Atherton residents to conduct network analysis and site assessments – some of which may occur on private property. This letter serves as acknowledgment that the Town is aware of these field activities – none of which require permit from the Town.

Sincerely,



George Rodericks
City Manager

Cc: City Council