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**PLAN TO DEPLOY GIGABIT BROADBAND NETWORK ACROSS LOS ANGELES,
INCLUDING FREE WIRELESS ACCESS, SET TO CROSS MAJOR MILESTONE**
City Council to Vote on CityLinkLA Request for Participants (RFP)

LOS ANGELES – CityLinkLA, the city-led initiative to bring world-class, high-speed Internet access to all residents and businesses in the City of Los Angeles, will cross a major milestone as the Council votes to release a Request for Participants (RFP) to identify one or more providers to commit to deploying advanced communications networks citywide. The RFP calls for completion within five years of networks that will provide symmetrical one gigabit download/upload speeds or more to all residences and businesses and provide free wireless access. Initiative leaders and supporters will gather prior to the final City Council vote to deliver details of the RFP, which pioneers a new model for municipalities.

WHERE: Los Angeles City Hall, Los Angeles City Council Memorial Media Center
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHEN: Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Media briefing: 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Council meeting: 10:00 a.m.

WHO: Los Angeles City Councilmember **Bob Blumenfield**
Los Angeles City Council President **Herb Wesson**
Peter Marx, Chief Technology Officer, City of Los Angeles
Ted Ross, Interim General Manager, Information and Technology Agency

WHY: In today's digital age, access to the Internet is a necessity, not a luxury. Yet more than 30 percent of City of Los Angeles residents do not have broadband, while many businesses and residents pay higher prices for slower speeds when compared to other global cities.

Universal access to high-speed Internet is essential to the City's future, and will drive Los Angeles' entertainment, tech and entrepreneurial activity into the economy of the future. In addition, bridging the digital divide will be invaluable to preparing Los Angeles for the 21st century, ultimately ensuring a smarter, more connected, more livable and safer Los Angeles.

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