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Karla,

I neglected to provide you hard copies of this testimony for the Google Fiber amendment. Can you add this to the record? I'm out of the office today. Thanks!

Best,  
Mary Beth Henry  
via iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Matthew TIMBERLAKE <[matthew.timberlake@multco.us](mailto:matthew.timberlake@multco.us)>  
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Hi Mary Beth,

Here's the testimony from Multnomah County. Please add it to the record. Thanks very much.

Matt

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1. Good afternoon Mayor Hales and Councilors
2. My name is Betty Dominguez. I'm the Director of Policy and Equity at Home Forward. It's a pleasure to be before you today in support of this amendment.
3. The City's own vision for digital equity "includes providing every resident with the opportunity to be fully engaged in digital society in accessing and using digital and communications technology."
4. Nowhere is this more important than with the thousands of Portland residents (families, individuals, the elderly and disabled) who live in our units – their homes.
5. Digital devices and access to technology provide learning opportunities, real-world connections, opportunities for civic and cultural participation.
6. Access to the internet at home is especially important for lower-income and minority students to be able to do their homework on-line, which their parents can check it.
7. And where those parents can pay their bills, apply for jobs and other social services, access health services, make doctor's appointments and renew prescriptions.
8. All equally important opportunities for our elderly clients as well who can also learn how to stay in touch with their loved ones.
9. Home Forward is very much looking forward to continued work with the Digital Inclusion Network, to supporting the Digital Equity Action Plan the Council has previously improved, and to working with our Google partners.
10. Together we hope to address the barriers our residents face in gaining affordable digital access, devices, and training so that they can take full advantage of and participation in what most of us take for granted every single day.
11. Digital equity – is social justice.