



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 04/02/2024

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DATE: March 17, 2024  
TO: Mayor and Town Council  
FROM: Laurel Prevetti, Town Manager  
SUBJECT: Approve a Novation Replacing Columbia Telecommunications Corporation with Imperial County Office of Education for the State Negotiated Contract for the Library's Corporation for Educational Network Initiatives in California Broadband Connection and Servicing

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve a novation replacing Columbia Telecommunications Corporation with Imperial County Office of Education for the State negotiated contract for the Library's Corporation for Educational Network Initiatives in California broadband connection and servicing.

**BACKGROUND:**

Since 2015, the Library's internet broadband has been provided through a partnership with the California State Library and Corporation for Educational Network Initiatives in California (CENIC). The CENIC broadband program provides highly subsidized rates for broadband internet service for the public through the State's CalREN broadband infrastructure that connects the majority of public libraries, public colleges and universities, and K-12 schools in California.

In 2022, the State entered into a contract with the Columbia Telecommunications Corporation (CTC) to be the new administrator of the CENIC program. All state-wide participating organizations updated their individual CENIC contracts to reflect this change. The Town approved this new contract in May of 2023 (Attachment 1).

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Library Director

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Reviewed by: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Town Attorney, and Finance Director

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DISCUSSION:

The CTC has recently given notice to discontinue their contract with the State, and the State has selected the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) to be the new program administrator. As part of the change, the Town should approve a novation (Attachment 2) acknowledging the change of parties in the agreement.

The terms of the existing agreement and the novation language were negotiated and approved by the California State Library and are therefore non-negotiable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact. The novation only alters the parties of an existing agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

This is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

Attachments:

1. Agreement with CTC for CENIC Broadband Administration (May 2023)
2. Novation Agreement