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MAYOR

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Mr. Gregory J. Ahern, Alameda County Sheriff  
Lakeside Plaza, 1401 Lakeside Drive, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612-4305

Dear Sheriff Ahern,

As Mayor of the largest city in Northern California, I want to share my concerns about the proposed broadband technology projects for which you are serving as "Executive Sponsor." I regret that I am unable to join you personally today, but have asked my Senior Policy Advisor and our Deputy City Manager to attend in my stead and to deliver this letter to you and the leaders of this region.

Since learning of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's \$50 million award to Motorola for a public safety/public access broadband system for the Bay Area, I have raised questions about the project. Many of these are the same questions San José and Santa Clara County professional staff have been asking for more than seven months.

To date, I still have not gotten answers to some very basic questions, nor has anyone given me the complete grant application filed with the federal government, which might provide some insight.

The questions that I have are as follows. No doubt, once they read them, other Mayors, Supervisors, Police Chiefs, and Sheriffs will also want to see them answered:

1. What are the 193 sites that Motorola will use to build out the BayWEB project?
2. What is Motorola expecting local jurisdictions to provide in terms of site preparation, utilities, etc.?
3. What equipment are local governments expected to purchase to make BayWEB operable? What is the per unit cost? What are the annual fees?
4. What annual or monthly subscription fees are local governments/public safety agencies expected to pay to access the broadband network? Is there a minimum number of subscribers required in a region or city?
5. For how long and under what terms will the participants be obligated to Motorola for maintenance and other costs of the system beyond the initial pilot period of three years?
6. Under what authority have local jurisdictions been obligated to the terms and conditions of the BayWEB public/private partnership?

Because of the obfuscation around this project, it is difficult to know whether the BayWEB project will do anything at all to make the Bay Area safer.

Public safety remains my Number 1 priority. The public safety agencies in the Bay Area deserve to know what BayWEB will accomplish and what the project will cost our cities and counties.

Sincerely,

Chuck Reed  
Mayor