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## The Town of Lyons

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To: Google Broadband Network Trial Location Selection Team

From: Town of Lyons, Colorado

Date: March 19, 2010

Re: Letter of Recommendation for **Longmont, Colorado**

Dear Google:

The Town of Lyons (population 1,900) strongly supports Longmont, Colorado, in their bid for "Think Big with a Gig" fiber optic network proposal.

The benefits of a Google fiber optic trial implementation to any city's economy, technological development, and sustainability are numerous and clear. As a result, many communities are pursuing this opportunity with vigor. However, we want to point out that pursuing your project in the City of Longmont has definite advantages.

The City of Longmont has the infrastructure and technical support, along with exceptional access to utility rights of way, which would significantly speed up the Google fiber optic trial deployment.

Longmont has a strong technological, social, and cultural community base that will be able to maximize the network utilization and serve as a test bed for new internet technology development and evolution.

Last, but not least, the City of Longmont has a proven record for being a strong regional partner. Their action is often a catalyst for smaller communities in the region. The Town of Lyons has had a cooperative and constructive relationship with Longmont for many years. We feel that Longmont is the kind of Colorado Front Range community that will yield, and share, demonstrable results readily. This relationship could provide a good resource for Google to extend the system beyond the initial trial area if desired.

In all these respects, we strongly endorse Longmont, Colorado in their bid for the Google fiber optic trial. Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information or discussion.

Sincerely,

Town of Lyons  
Mayor Julie Van Domelen and Board of Trustees