

VIA EMAIL

January 28, 2020

Kenneth Paust President, Board of County Commissioners 401 East Main Street, Richmond, IN 47374 Via email to Steve Higinbotham at steveh@co.wayne.in.us

Re: Broadband Ready Community Certification for Wayne County

Mr. Paust,

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed your application for certification as a Broadband Ready Community. Based upon our review of the application and pursuant to Ind. Code § 5-28-28.5, I am pleased to inform you that the IEDC hereby approves your request and certifies Wayne County as a Broadband Ready Community. The certification is effective as of the date of this letter.

Becoming certified as a Broadband Ready Community sends a signal to the telecommunications industry that Wayne County has taken steps to reduce barriers to broadband infrastructure investment by establishing a permit procedure in compliance with Ind. Code § 5-28-28.5-7. Please note that in order to maintain the certification, Wayne County has an affirmative duty to notify the IEDC of any changes to the permit procedure or single point of contact in a timely manner.

The IEDC is pleased to support the investment in broadband infrastructure within Wayne County by certifying it as a Broadband Ready Community, and we look forward to working with you to ensure success and continued employment growth in your community. Please contact me at MWasky@iedc.IN.gov or 317-232-8833 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vice President, Innovation & Strategic Initiatives

Broadband Ready Community - Wayne County

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