

North Bay North Coast Broadband Consortium

NBNCBC



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Legislative Platform

Mission Statement

The Mission of the NORTH BAY / NORTH COAST BROADBAND CONSORTIUM (NBNCBC) is to ensure the needs for broadband access and adoption are met in every corner of our four counties. NBNCBC's top priority and immediate focus is on bringing broadband services to the unserved and underserved areas.

Leadership

The leadership of NBNCBC involves an Oversight Committee consisting of County Supervisors **Dennis Rodoni** (Marin), **Ted Williams** (Mendocino), **Anne Cottrell** (Napa), and **Chris Coursey** (Sonoma.) The NBNCBC Management Team is comprised of appointed County staff from each respective member County.

State & Federal Legislative Priorities

Broadband and Digital Equity

- Support and advocate for affordable and reliable broadband services across the Region.
- Support programs such as the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) that aim to address digital equity across the Region.
- Support program reforms and funding for the deployment of fiber infrastructure across the Region.
- Encourage legislative action to further develop grants and funding for broadband access and digital equity.
- Support regional and state collaborations for broadband infrastructure planning and deployment.
- Support and advocate for accurate internet connectivity data needed for smart policy and design decisions.
- Support data gathering and transparency to improve programs and policies and eliminate digital discrimination.
- Support efforts for accurate and robust mapping of internet infrastructure for improved decision making and increased digital equity.

- Support legislation that provides resources to improve access to high-quality broadband across the Region, particularly in traditionally unserved and underserved areas like rural communities.
- Support “Dig Once/Trench Once” and other policies which streamline the deployment for underground fiber optic and minimize regulatory burdens and permitting processes for deployment of internet connectivity.
- Oppose efforts that remove, threaten, or otherwise damage public access to communication services, including access to telecommunications infrastructure and reliable internet connectivity.