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Dear Mayor Arreguin:

I am concerned about internet access. Internet, like roads, is a public good ideally suited to municipal control. There are huge economies of scale and societal advantages to access for most people and from most places. This type of access has been very successful for universities such as Cal and a few examples of small cities not to mention the Berkeley libraries. Opposition is mostly from those skimming huge profits from the current monopolies. The recent change in federal regulation away from a utility designation is a reminder that the democratic nature of this useful utility could very easily be lost if left to private enterprise. This appears to be a good time to reconsider a city-wide effort and to work to remove the forced sale clause in California's SB 1191 from 2008. Cities should control their own policies.

Please work to democratize internet in Berkeley.

I am very proud to be a Berkeley resident and a large part of that derives from our responsible progressive policies.

s Sincerely,
Eric Babson