

Judy Carpenter, House Director
University of Kansas Chapter of Delta Upsilon Fraternity
1025 Emery Road
Lawrence, KS 66044

December 9, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

What a relief it was when Delta Upsilon contracted with Josh's Montgomery's company four years ago for internet service. We went from daily drops in broadband width during high-use times to steady internet service. I am the House Director for a fraternity that is home to 72 men. Before we converted to internet through Wicked Broadband (formerly Lawrence Freenet) I could reliably access the internet only between 9 -11 in the morning and 1-3 in the afternoon. Since we subscribed to Wicked's service, I no longer lose my internet connection when the guys come back from class. Nor do they lose theirs when several people download large files at the same time. We are very pleased with our relationship with Wicked Broadband.

The internet feed is consistent, and the service is excellent. I am not a technophile: Josh and his staff are quick to respond to my questions, and take care of whatever is going on. Recently our UPS battery back-up aged out; they helped me identify what to order as a replacement, and were prepared to install it the day it arrived. They also tweak issues that they spot before I discover them (like a "hot spot" that was left unplugged in a study room over Thanksgiving). Typically I see them only when something external has happened to the system, like the squirrel that took out Phase 1 of our electrical service this fall. They are responsive and have become an integral part of the team that keeps this building running smoothly.

In my work, and as a property owner in Lawrence, I heartily recommend Wicked as a supplier for the kinds of projects I've heard are under consideration. Please contact me if you would like more information about my excellent experience with this firm.

Sincerely,



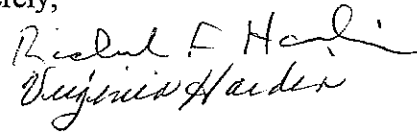
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Richard and Virginia Hardin
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Lawrence Ks 66049
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City Commission
The City of Lawrence
6 E 6th Street
Lawrence KS 66044

We are happy to write this letter in support of Wicked Broadband in their quest to bring new higher-speed internet service to Lawrence. We have been with Wicked Broadband since they began operating years ago as Lawrence Freenet. We have had almost no interruptions in service, and when they have occurred they were brief. Their workers are reliable, courteous, and, if given city support, the firm is likely to achieve its goal of bringing Google Fiber-like speed to everyone in our community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Richard F. Hardin and Virginia Hardin in cursive script.

Richard and Virginia Hardin

November 11, 2013

Mayor Michael Dever
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The City of Lawrence
6 E 6th St.
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Tristan Westphal
255 N MICHIGAN ST BLDG #3 APT #12
LAWRENCE KS, 66044

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Curtis Lesslie
1212 CHADWICK CT
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Please take this check to fund the project.

Nate Robinson
2113 E 26TH TERRACE
LAWRENCE KS, 66046

Bobbie Walthall

To: David L. Corliss
Subject: RE: I Support Wicked Broadband

From: Brady Swenson [<mailto:bradyswenson@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 11:59 AM
To: mdever@sunflower.com
Cc: mikeamyx515@hotmail.com; voteyourselfafarmer@gmail.com; riordan346@gmail.com; schummfoods@gmail.com;
David L. Corliss
Subject: I Support Wicked Broadband

Mayor Mike Dever
6 E 6th St
Lawrence, KS 66044

CC: Mike Amyx, Bob Schumm, Jeremy Farmer, Terry Riordan, David Corliss

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I make my living on the Internet and work from home here in Lawrence. There is still tremendous growth opportunity for business on the web and a relatively low barrier to creating fast-growing disruptive businesses. Kansas City has taken a lead with the presence of Google Fiber and a commitment to Internet entrepreneurship with their 1 million cups campaign. Lawrence is in a natural position to benefit from KC's lead. With the largest university in the KC metro area providing a large source of capable, innovative engineering students, I think it makes a lot of sense for the city to follow this lead and support 21st century Internet access and entrepreneurship here in Lawrence.

In addition, I agree with the suggested comments from Wicked Broadband, copied below:

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In addition to bringing 21st century infrastructure to Lawrence, Wicked Broadband has offered to operate its network as a common carrier network. Common carriage will promote competition and lower prices. This is good for all consumers in our community and is worth a modest investment by the taxpayers."

Please vote in favor of Wicked Broadband's request.

Thank you all for your work in support of our community.

Brady Swenson
621 Lyon St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

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From: Sanchez, Zach [<mailto:zsanchez@ku.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2013 9:33 AM
To: mdever@sunflower.com
Cc: mikeamyx515@hotmail.com; voteyourselfafarmer@gmail.com; riordan346@gmail.com; schummfoods@gmail.com;
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Cheryl Lincoln
2111 MELHOLLAND RD
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2001 OHIO
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Monica Crane
2014 VERMONT ST
LAWRENCE KS, 66046

December 4, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Regarding our service with Wicked Broadband couldn't have been nicer. Their customer service is top, internet service is excellent and the staff is always there to help. No complaints.

Cannot compare with previous service since I was not here.

Sincerely,
Nancy Combest
House Director
Sigma Kappa

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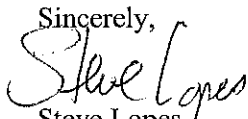
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1717 BOBWHITE DRIVE
LAWRENCE KS, 66047

Hi:

I can't say enough Good
about Thicket Broadband !.

They in their good grace
gave me free internet because

I am 100% handicapped. I had
a traumatic brain injury.

Thicket is something you can
be proud to say you helped.

Through Thicket or how I
keep in contact with my
son ~~who~~ who lives in India.

Again you can be proud
to say you helped a great
Co like Thicket Broadband.

William S. S. Truett

November 25, 2013

Dear Mr. Mayor, and City Commissioners:

I have forwarded the City of Lawrence my \$10 refund check from Wicked to support our need for Gigabit fiber in our city. Please accept my offer and consider supporting this project.

At issue is not cost of ramping up the project or whether the city could subsidize a project for residents, it's about the increasing cost of broadband access for businesses and residents. Cable companies are consolidating and these companies own the pipes carrying the internet into a vast majority of our homes - it's not the telcos and it's not the content providers. These cable companies are already starting to meter and put limits on the networks. The fewer cable providers there are, the more unified the rate structure becomes.

I do not consume much television, thus I have not had a need to pay for cable television in over 6 years, but I pay about \$100/month for access to broadband internet in my home. Both my wife and I telework from home three or more days each week, and our internet and cell phone bills are not subsidized by the companies who employ us. We stream programming for television via PBS, Hulu, ESPN3, C-SPAN, Netflix, etc.; and I subscribe to the MLB and NBA networks each sporting season. Some of this programming is free; some of this programming I choose to subscribe to. The cost of pipe access is what is inflated, not the programming.

Access to the appropriate amount of bandwidth is the crux for these experiences; not access to a cable provider throttling bandwidth through the most important pipe entering the dwelling (after power and water). The pipes and fiber are taxed with users and the plethora of devices they own and use at home, on the go, and across town when they dine or shuttle their children to activities.

Companies like Wicked and Google are driving down the cost of access to everyone's benefit: the City, residents and businesses.

<http://thenextweb.com/insider/2013/11/23/cable-industry-imploding-providers-must-stay-alive/>

<http://gigaom.com/2013/11/22/cable-consolidation-isnt-about-tv-its-about-broadband/>

Sincerely,

Mark Aaron
2801 Alabama Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66046-4528

Paxton Rein
1630 Oxford Road
Delta Delta Delta
Lawrence, KS 66044
620.617.7469
p644r113@ku.edu

November 25, 2013

To Whom it May Concern,

I am honored to write in order to explain the incredible difference the Wicked Broadband Service has brought to our Sorority House.

Delta Delta Delta was experiencing many problems with the internet for the majority of the first half of the Fall 2013 semester. Many of the members would have problems with the internet disconnecting and reconnecting every few minutes all over the house, but especially in the bedrooms. The internet signal would disappear and would take 5+ minutes to appear and reconnect. This was very problematic for members who were trying to work on homework and study. The members of the house made a few different attempts to make the internet better until our House Corp director decided to contact Wicked Broadband.

At the beginning of November, Josh came to Delta Delta Delta to establish the new and improved internet connection. Many of the members were very excited to see if this new service would fix the poor connection. Needless to say, the internet connection is now fantastic. All of our members are able to access the internet anywhere in the house without any problems. We no longer have to worry about the connection errors interrupting our homework like before. The problems with internet service our chapter was facing are no longer a topic of heated conversation at our house.

We are nothing but grateful for Josh and the Wicked Broadband team for their service to our chapter house. I would highly recommend Wicked Broadband to anybody looking for exceptional internet service.

Sincerely,

Paxton Rein
The University of Kansas
Delta Delta Delta
Collegiate Alumnae Relations Chairmen

December 2, 2013

Mayor Mike Dever
6 E 6th St
Lawrence, KS 66044

CC: Mike Amyx, Bob Schumm, Jeremy Farmer, Terry Riordan, David Corliss

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am writing to support Wicked Broadband's request for City of Lawrence participation in building a gigabit fiber network here in Lawrence.

Fiber optic infrastructure will be to the 21st century what railroads were to the 19th and roads were to the 20th. I think we can all agree that the City has an important roll to play in building infrastructure.

In addition to bringing 21st century infrastructure to Lawrence, Wicked Broadband has offered to operate its network as a common carrier network. Common carriage will promote competition and lower prices. This is good for all consumers in our community and is worth a modest investment by the taxpayers.

Please vote in favor of Wicked Broadband's request.

Thanks,



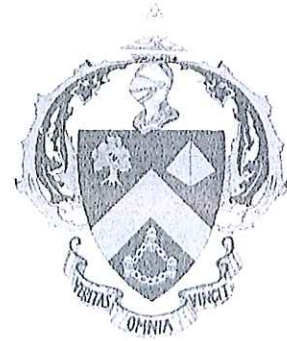
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Triangle Fraternity

November 18, 2013

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a corporation board member of Triangle Fraternity in Lawrence, Kansas. The University of Kansas students whom we rent to immensely benefit daily from our internet access through Wicked Fiber. For several years we have been served by Josh Montgomery and his other employees in a personal and friendly manner. They offer a great service at the most reasonable cost we could obtain such a quality internet connection.



The students at Triangle are consistently able to rely on quality uninterrupted service and no limits on bandwidth or number of devices. The old contract prices we had with other companies offered little to no support, and terrible speed at double the cost. I greatly appreciate a family business who gives love to local charities and supports the community. Josh has consistently tried to push Lawrence into new and beneficial infrastructure and innovation.

Internet service can vary widely in these days. We don't have a paid network manager, mostly because even that part was installed by Wicked Fiber simply to benefit Triangle Fraternity. I have often spoke to friends and family about how much I appreciate this company and its services. I hope this letter of recommendation will serve to convince another to give them a try to find out for themselves.

While I don't understand how internet shaping directly applies to my internet connection, I know that the tangible service I am provided is no less than double the speed than previous local choices offer for similar cost. I get consistent, non-capped internet, and if there was a problem, I know the people to call on a first name basis.

Wicked Fiber is the kind of company you want to deal with. I will happily respond to anyone who has further questions regarding my letter at kusmurf@yahoo.com

Warm Regards,

Eric Bloom

Eric Bloom

Triangle Fraternity, Lawrence, KS

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To Whom It May Concern:

Before we contracted with Wicked Broadband, we had limited service at our sorority house. You weren't able to receive the internet at times and girls were getting dropped in the middle of a test, etc.

Now, I have heard little or no complaints regarding the service and on a single occasion we did have trouble, Wicked was right there to take care of the problem. If you are having any kind of trouble with your internet, I would highly recommend you switch to Wicked. You won't be disappointed in the service you receive and the students will be much happier.....which in turn makes me and the Board happy.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me personally at 913-235-4584.

Shirley Goodburn
House Director @ ADPi Sorority

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THE CITY OF LAWRENCE
6 E 10TH ST.
LAWRENCE, KS 66044

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DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

AS A SINGLE, WORKING MOTHER I RECEIVE FREE SERVICE FROM WICKED BROADBAND. THE REASON I HAVE THIS SERVICE IS TO RECEIVE EMAIL FROM MY DAUGHTER'S SCHOOL AND PAY BILLS. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE SERVICE WE RECEIVE.

HOWEVER, I AM NOT ONE WHO LIKES TO SPEND MY TIME AWAY FROM WORK WITH MY COMPUTER, SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT HIGH SPEED INTERNET IN KANSAS CITY, I HAVE TO ADMIT, I WAS ENVILOUS.

IT WOULD BE PRACTICAL & WONDERFUL IF WICKED BROADBAND COULD PROVIDE ULTRA HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE. THANK YOU!

SINCERELY,
Kori Walburn
Kori Walburn

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To whom it may concern,

This is a letter of support for Wicked Broadband's expansion and request for ultra high speed internet service. I enjoy my service from Wicked Broadband.

Thank you,

Yolanda Fowler

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1600 Haskell Ave. #185

Lawrence, KS 66044

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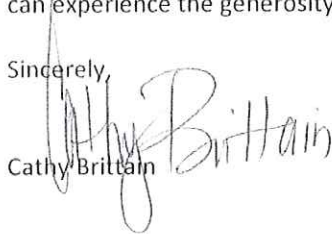
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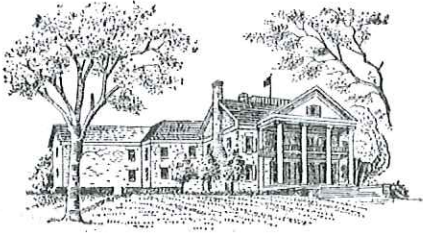
I am writing on behalf of Wicked Broadband. I am the proud owner of a Habitat for Humanity home. Joshua Montgomery, owner of Wicket Broadband has been so kind as to provide all Habitat Homeowners free wireless internet service. I cannot express to you the thoughtfulness of his generosity. Being a single mother of three children I struggle and live paycheck to paycheck. I have a budget to stick by and there is not much room for extras. Extras to me would include the internet. I have grown up in a time when you went to the library to research for a paper and school work, not relying on a computer for it. So with all school system requiring EVERYTHING to be done on computers and my tight budget, it makes the possibility for internet difficult. Thanks to Wicked Broadband, I don't have to worry about that. My children can fit in with other children in the school district and get work completed on time.

Please consider the request from Wicked Broadband for the grant so that more individuals in Lawrence can experience the generosity I have.

Sincerely,

Cathy Brittain





Nu Chapter
University of Kansas
Joshua,

Sigma Nu Fraternity

1501 Sigma Nu Place
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

The men of Sigma Nu fraternity at the University of Kansas would like to thank you and the Wicked Broadband family for the great service you provide our house. As you can imagine, eighty-three college men living under the same roof greatly value fast and reliable internet service. As a junior, I can remember the struggles we faced with our prior internet service provider. We often lost connectivity throughout the house that would take hours, if not a full day, to repair. Problems like these can be quite costly and frustrating to college students, as most professors now have online components to their classes. We also encountered problems with a very slow connection and being unable to download or upload large files quickly.

Since switching there has been a drastic improvement in the speed and reliability of the internet here in the house. We rarely encounter any problems with speed or connectivity, and the times we have you or your people have corrected the issues promptly and accurately. The reliability of our internet has given members peace of mind when it comes to online homework and assignments. We no longer have to worry about if the internet will be working fifteen minutes before an assignment is due, or if our connection will be fast enough to upload documents and large files in a timely manor.

Sigma Nu places a very heavy load on our internet service, as most guys in the house enjoy downloading a lot of music, movies and programs as well as streaming shows and movies from sites like Netflix and Hulu. This being said, our service is very fast and very reliable. I would highly recommend Wicked Broadband to any other fraternity, business, or home in the Lawrence, Kansas area.

Thank you and your company for the great service and customer support you provide us!

Sincerely,

Landon Riesenberg
Chapter President
Nu Chapter Sigma Nu
University of Kansas

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Dear Mike,

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Keith Floyd

John Stratton

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As you consider the request to the City of Lawrence for \$500,000 in economic development money for Wicked Broadband, I would like you to be aware of our agency's experience with Joshua Montgomery and Wicked Broadband, formerly Lawrence Freenet.

Headquarters, Inc. has served this community since December of 1969 with free counseling available 24/7 to people of all ages. Thanks to a three-year federal award, we also serve the state with a variety of suicide prevention activities. However, the heart of our agency is the 24/7 counseling, which like any non profit program, must be supported through multiple funding sources and volunteerism.

Joshua Montgomery and his internet service have been generous supporters of our services since 2011. This support came at a critical time for our agency, when funding priorities for both the University of Kansas Student Senate and United Way of Douglas County were changing.

In January of 2013, Wicked Broadband began providing free high-speed internet to our agency. The donated services allow us to stretch our limited dollars to meet other needs. In addition, the quality of the internet service enhances our counseling and suicide prevention.

Our agency uses electronic record-keeping, an online database of health and human services for Douglas County residents, and a wide-range of pre-approved websites to provide information needed by our clients. We participate in and provide meetings and educational presentations using online services such as Skype and GoToMeeting. We are exploring the addition of live chat, text, and possibly video as additional technologies to provide our counseling to people who are more comfortable, or have more access to those communications tools.

Without the quality of internet service available to us through Wicked, and the donation of those services, Headquarters, Inc. would not be able to provide the quality of services available now, and in upcoming years. We urge you to consider this and the many ways that Wicked Broadband enhances the well-being of this community, as you consider their request for funding.

Sincerely,
Marcia Epstein, LMSW

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Director

Management Staff
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Director

Kristine Chapman, BS
Director of Volunteers

Jane Faubion, MA
*Kansas Youth
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Project Coordinator*

Chris Maxwell, BA
*Kansas Youth
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Resource Center
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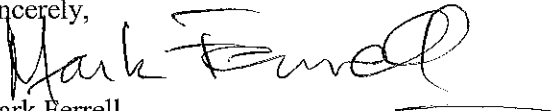
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Wicked Broadband is a locally owned, locally operated company and a good public citizen. They provide a free WiFi hotspot that extends from 6th St to 11th St in Downtown Lawrence, free service for dozens of individual low income families, and free service for local charities including Headquarters Counseling Center, the Homeless Shelter, Judah Worship Center, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Just Food, O'Connell Youth Ranch and residents at the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority just to name a few.

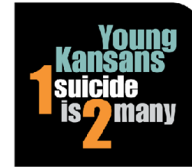
Wicked Broadband is also the only local Internet provider that pays a 5% municipal franchise fee on Internet services. Neither AT&T nor Wide Open West Holdings, Llc pay this fee on Internet services. That amounts to millions of dollars in revenue being lost by the City as consumers move from subscription television and landlines to Internet TV and cellular phones.

I know that funding and building this network won't be easy. To build its network in Kansas City, KS Google needed subsidies like reduced attachment fees, access to existing fiber and free co-location in City facilities. In Provo, UT the City gave Google a \$40M fiber network as an incentive to provide service. Even little Baldwin City is issuing a local company \$5M in Industrial Revenue Bonds to build a fiber network just down the street.

Surely we can provide Wicked Broadband with a modest incentive to jumpstart their effort here.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mike,

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As you consider the request to the City of Lawrence for \$500,000 in economic development money for Wicked Broadband, I would like you to be aware of our agency's experience with Joshua Montgomery and Wicked Broadband, formerly Lawrence Freenet.

Headquarters, Inc. has served this community since December of 1969 with free counseling available 24/7 to people of all ages. Thanks to a three-year federal award, we also serve the state with a variety of suicide prevention activities. However, the heart of our agency is the 24/7 counseling, which like any non profit program, must be supported through multiple funding sources and volunteerism.

Joshua Montgomery and his internet service have been generous supporters of our services since 2011. This support came at a critical time for our agency, when funding priorities for both the University of Kansas Student Senate and United Way of Douglas County were changing.

In January of 2013, Wicked Broadband began providing free high-speed internet to our agency. The donated services allow us to stretch our limited dollars to meet other needs. In addition, the quality of the internet service enhances our counseling and suicide prevention.

Our agency uses electronic record-keeping, an online database of health and human services for Douglas County residents, and a wide-range of pre-approved websites to provide information needed by our clients. We participate in and provide meetings and educational presentations using online services such as Skype and GoToMeeting. We are exploring the addition of live chat, text, and possibly video as additional technologies to provide our counseling to people who are more comfortable, or have more access to those communications tools.

Without the quality of internet service available to us through Wicked, and the donation of those services, Headquarters, Inc. would not be able to provide the quality of services available now, and in upcoming years. We urge you to consider this and the many ways that Wicked Broadband enhances the well-being of this community, as you consider their request for funding.

Sincerely,

Marcia Epstein, lmsw

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