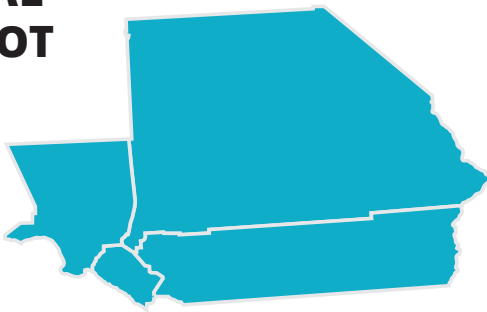


CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN AD-42

PROBLEM

We won't close the Digital Divide unless we prioritize network investments for California's hardest to reach communities.

REGIONAL SNAPSHOT



13%

of **Inland Empire** residents are unconnected or underconnected¹

SOLUTIONS

Amend SB 156 to make unserved communities the priority to help close the Digital Divide.



REACH Unserved Households

Require the CPUC to prioritize middle mile projects that enable last mile connections to California's households unserved at 25/3 mbps



ENSURE CPUC Accountability

Hold CPUC accountable for its progress on funding projects and closing the Digital Divide



MODERNIZE CASF Program

Streamline and simplify CASF to use federal ARPA funds before they expire EOY 2024



ADVANCE Digital Inclusion

Allocate an additional \$10 million in state resources to promote digital literacy and broadband adoption

1. Underconnected defined by CETF as smartphone only. CETF 2021 Survey, <https://www.cetfund.org/action-and-results/statewide-surveys/2021-2/>