

# CLOSING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN SD-12

## PROBLEM

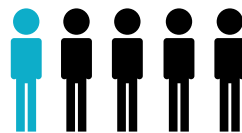
We won't close the Digital Divide unless we prioritize network investments for California's hardest to reach communities.

### STATEWIDE

**3.5%** Underserved at 25/3 Mbps<sup>1</sup>



### CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL SNAPSHOT



1 in 5 Remain Unconnected or Underconnected<sup>2</sup>

**33%** Higher than Statewide

### COUNTIES

#### Merced



**9.9%**  
Unserviced  
3x statewide average

#### Monterey



**3.7%**  
Unserviced

#### Madera



**3.8%**  
Unserviced

## UNSERVED CITIES IN SD-12

Unserved at 25/3	100%	>90%	>80%
City	San Lucas, Cowan, Westley, Bowles, Caruthers, Lanare, Monmouth, Raisin City, Three Rocks, La Vina, Ballico, Cressey, Dos Palos Y, El Nido, Le Grand, Planada, Snelling, Stevinson, Tuttle, Volta	King City, Greenfield, Kerman, Soledad, Gonzales, Biola, Gustine	Coalinga, Huron, Easton, South Dos Palos

## SOLUTION

**Amend SB 156 to make unserved communities the priority will 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 "2020 Annual Report California Advanced Services Fund." California Public Utilities Commission, Apr. 2021, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/casf-performance-and-financial-audit-reports>

2 "CETF-USC Statewide Broadband Adoption Survey." California Emerging Technology Fund, March 2021, <https://www.cetfund.org/action-and-results/statewide-surveys/2021-2/>