



## **Resident Talking Points**

- My name is [Name], and I live in Blaine. I am here because I want access to reliable, affordable fiber internet service in my neighborhood.
- Competition encourages better service and more affordable pricing.
- Many households rely on high-speed internet for remote work, education, healthcare, and entertainment.
- Reliable internet is essential infrastructure, just like roads, water, and electricity.
- Construction delays inhibit residents' ability to access much needed internet.
- Gateway Fiber should be allowed to complete work that has already been planned and permitted.
- The City can continue to oversee restoration and construction standards while allowing progress to move forward.
- Fiber deployment increases property values and enhances community growth and economic development.
- Broadband investment makes Blaine more attractive to families and businesses.
- Residents appreciate private investment in infrastructure without requiring tax dollars.

## **Key Focus Areas**

- Choice – Residents and businesses deserve more broadband options.
- Competition – Competition benefits consumers and businesses.
- Investment – Gateway Fiber is investing private capital in the Blaine community.
- Connectivity – Fiber infrastructure is essential community infrastructure.
- Forward Progress – The Council should allow construction to resume while maintaining appropriate oversight.

## **To maximize credibility with the Council, speakers should:**

- Remain respectful and professional.
- Focus on personal experiences and community benefits.
- Avoid criticizing individual council members or city staff.
- Avoid making unverifiable claims.