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From: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (AIT)

Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2003 6:00 PM

To:
Subject: AN URGENT MESSAGE TO SBC EMPLOYEES IN ST. CHARLES, GENEVA AND BATAVIA
Importance: High

Dear Fellow Employee:

As an employee who lives or works in the TriCities area many of you are probably aware that the cities of Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles are considering a plan to build their own municipally-funded and operated broadband network. The cost of building this network is approximately \$62 million to be divided by the three communities. Your government wants to build this infrastructure despite the fact that similar services are already being offered by SBC, Comcast and other companies.

On Election Day, April 1, Tri-Cities residents will vote on a ballot question of whether the city should proceed with these plans. While the ballot question is non-binding and only advisory, the leaders of the communities have stated they will follow the will of their citizens. SBC will be working diligently to defeat these ballot measures. In order to be successful, we need your help to reach out to your neighbors, families and friends and encourage them to vote against putting \$62 million of your tax dollars at risk.

Despite what you may hear from our opposition, SBC has welcomed competition. However, all competitors must enter on a level playing field. A government-funded network relies on taxpayers' hard-earned money, threatens SBC jobs and puts the municipal broadband at an advantage not afforded to other competitors.

On Monday, March 10, 2003, we will be holding two employee meetings (4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) in our St. Charles garage located at 2020 Production Drive in St. Charles. This is just south of North Avenue and West of Kirk Road. These employee meetings will help educate you on our efforts to defeat these referenda. Please feel free to bring your spouse or other interested parties who can assist with this effort.

Please respond to this e-mail and let us know if you can attend next Monday. If you cannot, but are interested in helping, please let us know by completing the list below

We know our employees make this company what it is. We thank you for Taking a Stand on this very important issue.

Sincerely,

3/6/03

JOE WALKOVIAK

President & CEO, SBC Midwest

KIRK BRANNOCK

President, SBC Midwest Network Services

CARRIE J. HIGHTMAN

President, SBC Illinois

YES I WANT TO HELP! (please check those items you are interested in)

___ VOLUNTEER TO WORK A PHONE BANK

___ VOLUNTEER TO PASS OUT LITERATURE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS

___ WRITE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (we can assist you)

___ PLACE A YARD SIGN ON YOUR LAWN

___ VOLUNTEER TO EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO LIVE IN THESE COMMUNITIES TO VOTE "NO" ON
APRIL 1ST ON THE BROADBAND REFERENDUM

___ WORK AS A LIASON TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

___ VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON ELECTION DAY

FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

Please provide names, addresses and phone numbers of family members and friends. Please mail information back to:

2020 Production Drive
St. Charles, IL 60174
ATTN: Steve Kim

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CITY & ZIP</u>
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TELL YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT TO PUT YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT RISK!

VOTE NO ON MUNICIPAL CABLE AND TELEPHONE!

On April 1, the municipalities of Geneva, St. Charles and Batavia are going to the voters with ballot questions that ask residents whether the cities should build their own broadband network to offer cable television, telephone service and high-speed Internet services.

The estimated cost to build this network is \$62 million. Add your voice to those taxpayers saying NO to gambling with your tax dollars.

YES, I plan on voting no and want to help the efforts by:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER TO PASS OUT LITERATURE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER TO WORK ON ELECTION DAY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WRITE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (we can assist you) | <input type="checkbox"/> PLACE A YARD SIGN ON YOUR LAWN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER TO EDUCATE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS | <input type="checkbox"/> WALK PRECINCTS THE WEEKENDS BEFORE ELECTION |

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

TO VOLUNTEER, RETURN THIS CARD TO:
SBC, Attn: Broadband Campaign Office, 2020 Production Drive, St. Charles, IL 60174
OR CALL 630/584-2555