

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council
September 23, 2008

**URGING AT&T TO KEEP JOBS IN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO AND TRAIN
DISPLACED EMPLOYEES IN NEW EMERGING TECHNOLOGY MARKETS****BACKGROUND:**

- A. The City Council of the city of Sacramento supports high quality jobs for its residents, and believes that the creation and retention of jobs is essential to the economic stability and development of this City;
- B. AT&T is a global business enterprise which provides high quality jobs in Sacramento through its National Consumer Service Center, which is located at 3675 T Street;
- C. AT&T's National Consumer Service Center employs approximately 200 people, many of which are residents of this community;
- D. This employment contributes to the economic prosperity of this community because these employees spend time and money in Sacramento, and it demonstrates to other Fortune 500 companies that Sacramento is an ideal location for retail and office space;
- E. Recently the Narrowband Division of AT&T announced the company's decision to close the National Consumer Service Center in early October of 2008;
- F. The Communications Workers of America, Local 9421, has been informed that approximately half the jobs are being relocated to Southern California and the other half to Houston, Texas;
- G. The closure of this Office will create a loss of high quality jobs that may be difficult to replace in the current economy;
- H. The current unemployment rate for Sacramento County is 7.5% above the state average, and the total unemployment figures exceed 50,000;
- I. The City Council urges AT&T to re-assign displaced employees to positions within their technology departments in an effort to retrain employees for emerging technology markets;
- J. The City Council strongly urges AT&T to reconsider its decision to eliminate jobs in Sacramento and relocate the jobs to Southern California and Houston, Texas, and in doing so will not only negatively impact those employees, but also the neighborhood merchants and the community as a whole;

- K. The City Council is also vigilant and concerned with the economic impact the loss of jobs has in our region.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Council hereby urges AT&T to reconsider its decision to relocate the National Consumer Service Center away from Sacramento, which in doing so will impact the economic stability of this community, but also merchants and the community as a whole.
- Section 2. The City Council hereby urges AT&T to train and re-assign valuable displaced employees to other emerging technology departments within the company in an effort to keep up with and save valuable technology jobs.

