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Item 4

**SUBJECT:   APPROVE THE REVISED LIBRARY PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE
INTERNET POLICY**

**SUMMARY**

The Pleasanton Public Library's (Library) existing Public Access to the Internet Policy is over 20 years old (Attachment 1).  To meet the federal government's Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements and to keep up with the growth of internet content and internet use at the Library, staff and the Library Commission's Policy Sub-committee are proposing a revision of the existing policy.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Review and approve the revised Library Public Access to the Internet Policy (Attachment 2).

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Retaining CIPA compliance is necessary for the Library to continue to receive broadband access at a significantly reduced rate through the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives (CENIC) in California and qualify for other grant funding available through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

**BACKGROUND**
CIPA was enacted by Congress to address concerns about children's access to obscene or harmful content over the internet and went into effect on April 20, 2001.

The existing Public Access to the Internet Policy was adopted by the Library Commission on April 12, 2001.

Updates to CIPA compliance have been added over the years and the Library's Public Access to the Internet Policy needs to be updated to remain in compliance. Additionally internet content and use of the internet have grown significantly over the past 20 years.

**DISCUSSSION**
The latest revision of the Public Access to the Internet Policy has incorporated the Library's mission, a clear statement use the internet in a public library setting, technology protection measures for children as required by CIPA, and rules governing use. Both the Information Technology (IT) department and the City Attorney's Office went through the revision with staff to assure that the proposed revisions are in compliance with CIPA.

Staff recommends that the Library Commission approve the proposed update to the Public Access to the Internet Policy to maintain compliance with CIPA.

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Attachment:
1. Existing Public Access to the Internet Policy
2. Proposed Public Access to the Internet Policy