

October 20, 2017

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to
Infrastructure Investment, (WT Docket No. 17-79); Accelerating
Broadband Deployment, (WC Docket No 17-83)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

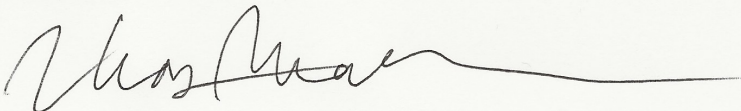
On October 18, 2017, Rebecca Sternhell and Charles Small-- representing New York City and the undersigned on behalf of the City of Los Angeles met with Kate Block (Policy Advisor and Holly Saurer (Legal Policy Advisor) to Commissioner Rosenworcel to discuss broadband deployment, 5G siting and local authority.

We discussed the potential issues surrounding the potential preemption of local authority in the two infrastructure proceedings before the Commission. [*Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, (WT Docket No. 17-79) and *Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (WC Docket No. 17-84)] More specifically, we spoke about the potential economic harm that preemption of local authority could have on the local economy potentially off-shoring institutional industries native to both cities to other countries. Furthermore, we discussed the myriad of public safety issues that could arise should 5G be deployed without responsible public and local input especially when terrorism or earthquake events occur. We also discussed the digital divide that would leave local municipalities without the necessary tools to ensure that all citizens would have access to new, cutting edge broadband technologies.

Lastly, we expressed concern about the work of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) and whether its product would fairly represent the interest of cities. We asked the Commission to consider means to promote greater transparency and submitted the attached letter from the USCM, NLC and NACo.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, an electronic copy of this letter is being filed in the above-captioned proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles Small', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles Small