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SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex parte* Communication in: GN Docket No. 17-199 (Inquiry Concerning Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 20, 2017, Deb Socia and Cat Blake from Next Century Cities met with Claude Aiken from Commissioner Clyburn's office, Louis Peraertz from Commissioner Clyburn's office, and Kate Black from Commissioner Rosenworcel's office to discuss GN Docket No. 17-199.

Next Century Cities is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) coalition of 183 member communities across the United States, and acts as a resource for its member communities as they work to bring fast, affordable, reliable broadband to their residents. Next Century Cities is proud to represent city voices and advocate for local rights.

Next Century Cities staff met with staff from Commissioner Clyburn's office and staff from Commissioner Rosenworcel's office to discuss the following:

- The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) proposal to lower the broadband standard, as outlined in GN Docket 17-199
- Next Century Cities member communities' experiences with 5G infrastructure deployment
- Next Century Cities' newly released civic engagement playbook, "Five Lessons for Tech-Powered Civic Engagement."



I. Broadband Standard

Next Century Cities expressed disappointment with the proposal outlined in GN Docket No. 17-199 to lower broadband standards to include mobile and satellite service at 10/1 Mbps speeds.

These comments reflect what was written in the comments that Next Century Cities filed, along with the Institute for Local Self Reliance, in response to this inquiry. The comments can be found [here](#), and the subsequent reply comments can be found [here](#).

II. City Experience of 5G Infrastructure Deployment

Next Century Cities also relayed the experiences that several of its member communities have had in regards to 5G infrastructure deployment.

Next Century Cities expressed the view that discussions of 5G deployment have been too heavily dominated by industry voices.

III. Next Century Cities' Civic Engagement Playbook

Next Century Cities shared its newly published civic engagement playbook, "Five Lessons for Tech-Powered Civic Engagement." The playbook highlights lessons learned and best practices for tech-powered civic engagement projects in cities. The playbook, which was distributed to FCC staff, may be found [here](#) in full.

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In accordance with the FCC's rules, this will be filed electronically in the docket mentioned above.

Respectfully,

Deb Socia
Executive Director
Next Century Cities

Cc: Meeting participants



APPENDIX A

Meeting Participants



Office	FCC Participants	Next Century Cities Participants
Commissioner Clyburn	Claude Aiken	Deb Socia Cat Blake
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Commissioner Rosenworcel	Kate Black	Deb Socia Cat Blake

