



To: Honorable Mayor of Seattle, Ed Murray
CC: Sabra Schneider, David Keyes, Members of CTTAB
Date: May 1, 2014
Re: The DoIT CTO Selection process and CTTAB involvement

CTTAB was informed about the recent resignation of Erin DeVoto as Seattle's Department of IT (DoIT) Chief Technology Officer and the appointment of Sabra Schneider as Interim CTO. Having worked with Ms. Schneider extensively on a variety of issues of importance to our committee over the years, I can say that she is well qualified for the task at hand and am pleased with her appointment as interim CTO.

The reason for this communication is two-fold. **First, CTTAB wishes to be informed if there is to be a search for CTO candidates beyond the Seattle DoIT staff, or whether Sabra's appointment is a de facto appointment to the permanent position. Second, if there is to be an external search for a CTO outside of existing DoIT staff, CTTAB would like to be engaged in the process.**

Already a global leader on the technology front, Seattle stands poised to make huge leaps forward on a variety of fronts; on broadband infrastructure to our residents, on nurturing the start-up scene, on open data, eGovernment initiatives and a whole host of other issues, big and small. Our city's residents should have an opportunity to understand the stances of our potential CTO prior to their appointment. And you and your staff should have an opportunity to gauge our responses to those stances to help get a sense of how Seattle residents feel about the positions of our next CTO.

Please consider opening up the CTO selection process to a broader audience and leveraging CTTAB as a resource during that process.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Ben Krokower, Chair of the Citizens' Telecommunications and Technology Advisory Board

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