

## Digital Equity Initiative:

### Vision Statement

*May 8 draft versions for discussion*

#### Option 1:

*Seattle's Vision of Digital Equity for All:*

We envision a city where all residents and communities benefit equally and fully from technology opportunities.

#### Option 2:

*A Vision of Digital Equity for All:*

We envision Seattle as a city where all residents and communities — especially historically underserved or underrepresented residents and communities – are able to benefit from the opportunities and services that the digital environment provides.

#### Potential supporting value statements or principles for achieving the vision

1. Aim to **eliminate historical and structural barriers** to technology education, jobs, broadband and digital engagement – for people of color, disabled, immigrants and refugees.
2. Ensure all residents have the **training and skills necessary** to use communications technologies effectively to achieve their personal goals and to fill the jobs needed in our local innovation economy.
3. Work to ensure that all communities have **sufficient and affordable devices, broadband, and technical support** to thrive. This includes residents, businesses, schools, community organizations and institutions.
4. Develop and deliver innovative and accessible **online apps, services and content** that further digital equity and opportunity, **applying universal design principles**.
5. Be stewards of digital equity, **working together in partnerships** to ensure strategic investments of time and resources, measuring results and needs, and ensuring best practices in digital inclusion.
6. Strive to be a leader in **inclusive digital engagement**, developing and using appropriate tools that foster full inclusion in civic engagement with government and community.
7. Work to ensure equity in the **safety, security and privacy** knowledge, practices and policies that enable trust and participation.
8. Deploy and apply digital technologies to sustain thriving, diverse, friendly, safe and healthy neighborhoods.