



City of Seattle

Community Technology Advisory Board
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Office of the Seattle City Council
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Re: Congratulations and 2018-19 Community Technology Advisory Board Priorities

To Members of the Seattle City Council:

The members of Seattle's Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB) want to congratulate Council Member Mosqueda on her election victory and extend a warm welcome to her as a new council member! As you know, CTAB is a mayor and city council appointed board that represents the Seattle community and provides recommendations to council members and the mayor on technology-related matters of public interest. We are writing to inform you of CTAB's priorities for 2018-19, and solicit your partnership and guidance on how CTAB can support your overall technology agenda.

For the coming year, CTAB is paralleling its efforts with the City's Digital Equity Plan, and previously established mayoral and city council areas of shared interest, to focus on the following three areas:

- 1. Digital Equity**—Ensuring all Seattle residents and neighborhoods have the information technology capacity needed for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services is core to CTAB's long-term vision. This includes the board's continued and historic work on facilitating the Technology Matching Fund (TMF) process, where we would welcome your support in encouraging more of your constituents to apply to the grant program, and advising the City on broadband internet franchise agreements. CTAB also plans to partner with Seattle IT to cultivate a Digital Literacy Network comprised of community members, CBOs, and local businesses who want to advance a digital equity and literacy agenda.
- 2. Privacy & Cyber Security**—In an increasingly networked world, it has become even more important to help our community understand data privacy and security. CTAB wants to support City initiatives and support digital equity with an emphasis on helping the community use technology with an understanding of the needs of privacy and security.
- 3. Smart City & Community Innovation**—Seattle's citizenry and home-grown companies are well-known internationally for its innovation and technological know-how. In that spirit, CTAB is committed to helping the City tackle urban challenges like traffic congestion, fostering economic growth, and improving the delivery of government services through Seattle's Smart City initiatives. CTAB looks forward to supporting the emerging work stemming from Seattle IT and other departments within the City that are working on technological solutions to improve systems and the day-to-day life of Seattleites.

In closing, we hope this provides you a general overview of where CTAB plans to spend its energy over the next year, and clear alignment with the City's Digital Equity Plan. We kindly request a meeting with you and your staff at your earliest convenience to garner your input and discuss further details regarding partnership and strategy, specifically around digital skills training, affordable connectivity, and access to technology devices for underserved communities. We look forward to another successful year, and your continued collaboration.



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Sincerely,
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2017-18 CTAB Accomplishments

Last year, the Community Technology Advisory Board (CTAB) hosted presentations to the community on a range of issues, including technology and homelessness, Smart Cities, and autonomous vehicles and prioritized its work in tackling technology issues within the areas of *digital inclusion*, *broadband and cable*, and *privacy*. Below is a summary of CTAB accomplishments for 2017-18. The board looks forward to continuing their close collaboration with Seattle IT to carry out its work on behalf of the mayor and city council, and tackling the technology challenges facing the Seattle community.

Digital Inclusion

- Reviewed and recommend 15 new Technology Matching Fund (TMF) grants
- Secured additional \$20,000 in funds from FaceBook for the 2017 TMF grant cycle
- Contributed feedback to the digital equity evaluation plan
- Co-launched and hosted Digital Literacy Network meet-ups

Broadband & Cable

- Advocated for public benefits in the Wave franchise renewal, including a low-income internet discount and expansion of the cable broadband for non-profits program
- Facilitated ongoing conversations and open communication with other Seattle ISP providers (Comcast and Century Link)
- Promoted an open internet and submit comments and case studies in the FCC's "Restoring Internet Freedom" proceeding (including Net Neutrality & Lifeline)

Privacy

- Advised on the Surveillance Ordinance and serve on the working group
- Partnered with Seattle IT on an Open Data race and social justice strategy
- Performed a privacy review in partnership with Seattle IT to ensure that Cisco public wifi hardware in city-owned community centers adhered to the City's privacy regulations and guidelines for vendors