



**Opportunities for Bipartisan Tech Policy
January 23rd, 2020 | 9:30am to 4:00pm ET
Google Office DC**

Breakfast

Welcome

Introduction to Next Century Cities by Member Municipalities

Rondella Hawkins, City of Austin, Texas

Joseph Webster, Montgomery County, Maryland

Morning Keynote: FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks

Panel Discussion: Broadband Access Versus Broadband Subscriptions – The Difference and Why It Matters

Alejandro Roark, Executive Director | Hispanic Technology & Telecommunications Partnership

Joshua Edmonds, Director of Digital Inclusion | City of Detroit

Jonathan Sallet, Senior Fellow | Benton Institute for Broadband & Society

Angela Siefer, Executive Director | National Digital Inclusion Alliance

Tom Struble, Manager, Technology & Innovation | R Street Institute

Imagine trying to navigate a digital society without any access to technology. Routine tasks like registering for insurance or applying for a loan are severely limited. Economic mobility and remote learning opportunities may remain unattainable. How do we reach communities that are still struggling to provide residents with broadband? What barriers prevent those populations from subscribing and how can we support digital inclusion?

Ensuring that Underserved Populations Are Counted In Census 2020

Tech Talk: How Access to Technology Is Changing Outcomes for Students

Roopal Kondepudi, Trustee Scholar and Viterbi Fellow | University of Southern California

Oscar A. Lopez III, Policy Fellow | Next Century Cities

Panel Discussion: Creating Accurate and Reliable Broadband Deployment Data

Moderator – Kathryn de Wit, Broadband Research Initiative Manager, Pew Charitable Trusts

Yosef Getachew, Director of Media & Democracy Program, Common Cause

Sascha Meinrath, Founder & Director, X-Lab
Candeleria Mendoza, Smart City Coordinator, City of San Antonio
Lai Yi Ohlsen, Project Director, Measurement-Lab

There is bipartisan agreement that the Federal Communications Commission's data collection needs improvement. The data sets confirm that rural and hard to reach areas largely remain unserved. Independent research has uncovered additional evidence of the millions in underserved urban communities who share similar frustrations. What specific information should the agency collect to improve the utility of its broadband deployment reporting? Are there additional protocols that would help create an accurate count of the households which remain disconnected?

NCC Member Impact Story

Aldona Valicenti, Chief Information Officer, Lexington Fayette Urban County Government, Kentucky

Lunch

Expanding Broadband Connectivity for African-American Communities in the Rural South

Francine E. Alkisswani, Ph.D., National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Rural Broadband Video

Fireside Chat with FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

Panel Discussion: We're On Our Own for Infrastructure

Moderator – Cat Blake, Senior Program Manager, Next Century Cities

Claude Aiken, President & CEO, WISPA

Michael Calbrese, Director Wireless Future Project, Open Technology Institute

Bruce Patterson, Technology Director, City of Ammon

Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff for Mayor Andy Berke, City of Chattanooga

Mariel Triggs, CEO, MuralNet

Ophelia Watahomigie-Corliss, Havasupai Councilwoman and lead advocate for the tribe's telecommunications project

As millions of Americans remain disconnected, community networks may be the only option to bring broadband to unserved and underserved populations. Some municipalities have defied the odds and found a way to build sustainable networks. Find out how other communities can replicate their success in addition to how the FCC's spectrum policies could help support those efforts.

Broadband Advocacy Video

Current State of Privacy Regulation and the Issues Facing Policymakers

Benjamin Rossen, Federal Trade Commission

Panel Discussion: Platform Regulations – Where Should Congress Start?

Co-Moderators – John Breyault, National Consumers League, and David Redl

K.J. Bagchi, Senior Counsel, Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Jeremy Greenberg, Future of Privacy Forum

Jennifer Huddleston, Research Fellow, Mercatus Center

Tom Lenard, Senior Fellow and President Emeritus, Technology Policy Institute

Laura Moy, Executive Director, Georgetown's Center on Privacy & Technology

Sean Perryman, Director of Social Impact Policy and Counsel, Internet Association

Algorithmic bias. Disinformation campaigns. Unauthorized data sharing. These are among the issues driving bipartisan agreement on the need for platform regulation. As Congress grapples with how to regulate tech platforms that have unlimited resources and expertise, public interest advocates and industry stakeholders will debate the scope of societal harms and potential solutions.

Closing Remarks