# 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 by 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, Michigan
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?

**How Smart Cities Can Be More Accessible for People With Disabilities**
James Thurston, Global Initiative for Inclusive Information and Communications Technology

**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, Texas
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., Telecommunications Policy Analyst, Minority Broadband Initiative, 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, Wireless Internet Service Providers Association
Michael Calbrese, Director Wireless Future Project, Open Technology Institute
Bruce Patterson, Technology Director, City of Ammon, Idaho
Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff, Mayor Andy Berke | City of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and incoming Director of Urban Innovation, National League of Cities
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, Senior Attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, Federal Trade Commission

**Panel Discussion: Platform Regulations — Where Should Congress Start?**

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

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

Jeremy Greenberg, Policy Fellow, 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**