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Honorable President and  
Members of the Baltimore City Council  
City Hall – Room 409  
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**Re: City Council Resolution #15-0263R; Efforts to improve access to broadband internet service in  
The City of Baltimore**

Dear City Council President and City Council Members:

The Mayor's Office of Information Technology (MOIT) is in receipt of City Council Resolution #15-0263R, supporting efforts to improve access to broadband internet service in the City of Baltimore and calling for the development of City polices to advance said efforts; as well as a comprehensive broadband development and implementation plan for Baltimore City.

MOIT and the Broadband Committee recommends approval of City Council Resolution #15-0263R and is prepared to work with our sister agencies and partners to bring this resolution into fruition. MOIT is willing to provide immediate short-term assistance in providing broadband access to the residents of Baltimore City; as well as long-term, strategic planning, analysis and Capital Planning guidance for the City's broadband stakeholders and investors by doing the following:

- Provide project management and consulting services for construction/high-speed internet connectivity projects related to municipal offices, schools and community centers; and
- Oversight in capital planning by preparing a cost analysis/cost benefits, assisting in the development of budgetary requirements, resources allocation and quality assurance metrics required for this initiative; and
- Assist the City's Technology-Driven Economic Development strategies as outlined in the Smarter City Recommendations (June 2015).

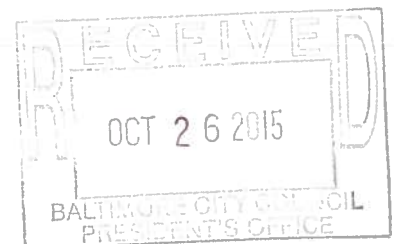
The outputs for this resolution would be citywide access to Wi-Fi. The outcome would be improved quality of life for the residents. Additionally, the City would benefit by retaining ownership of fiber assets while being able to designate an impartial body to deploy fiber optic infrastructure and oversee fiber network operations.

MOIT and The Broadband Committee will seek best practices in the industry while sharing information with City agencies and partners alike. We look forward in being a part of this resolution.

Sincerely

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