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	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 15-0263R		

TO

DATE:
February 24, 2016

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Natawna Austin
Room 400 – City Hall

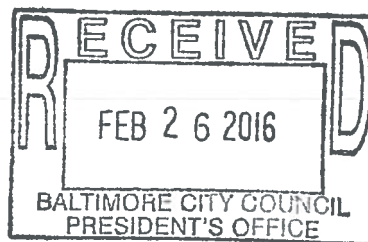
I am herein reporting on City Council Resolution 15-0263R introduced by Council Member Clarke, President Young, Council Members Scott, Costello, Middleton, Henry, Stokes, Kraft, Holton, Welch, Spector, Reisinger and Mosby.

The purpose of the Resolution is to support efforts to improve access to broadband internet service in Baltimore and calling for the development of City policies to advance these efforts as well as a comprehensive broadband development and implementation plan for Baltimore City.

City Council Resolution 15-0263R points to the work of the Baltimore Broadband Coalition and the Smarter City Task Force and asks that Baltimore City government support improved access to broadband through coordinated City policies and development of a comprehensive and implementable plan.

The more traditional infrastructure such as water systems, roadways, street lighting, and communication systems required advanced planning and investment to fully support and grow with the needs of our communities. Broadband is one of the newer, and just as essential, infrastructure components that will require the same level of critical thinking and detailed planning to produce high quality and flexible services available to the widest array of users.

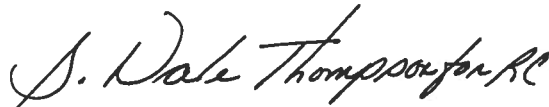
The Department of Public Works generates and analyzes large quantities of data as part of its daily work, using this information in long range planning efforts, evaluating and predicting the performance of systems and programs, and in the production of regulatory reports. In the near future it is expected that there will be extensive use of sensors to collect even more data, requiring transmission, storage, analysis and sharing to keep our Department effective and capable of delivering new and better services to our citizens. As our city continues to grow and move into the future, it will be important to have all key infrastructure and technology services in place.

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Improved access to broadband will improve government performance, benefit our citizens, and support the vitality of the city. The Department agrees that a comprehensive broadband plan is a step in the right direction and therefore supports the intent of City Council Resolution 15-0263R.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rudolph S. Chow, P.E." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rudolph S. Chow, P.E.
Director

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