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July 5th, 2018

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Members of the LA City Council and Commissions
200 N. Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: HHPNC supports full Net Neutrality and Municipal Broadband

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council represents over 60,000 Los Angeles stakeholders who reside, own property, or conduct business in our neighborhood.

In December 2017, the FCC narrowly voted to repeal Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality’s purpose was to assure that internet service providers (ISPs) would continue to prioritize all internet traffic equally. The State of California responded to this decision with SB 822 and SB 460. Unfortunately, the bills were amended without public input such that they were rendered ineffective.

As such, we believe it is important at the local level for NCs to take a stance in favor of protecting net neutrality. Our society has become reliant on the internet for activities such as finding work, turning in school assignments, professional and personal communications, and general daily life tasks. This very Community Impact Statement is submitted through an internet-based system. It is critical for all Angelenos that internet access be treated as a public good. The keys to our internet traffic should not be handed to corporations that do not serve the interest of the people.

In addition to supporting full Net Neutrality, and standing with our City Council to do so, HHPNC also supports the establishment of municipal broadband in the City of Los Angeles and the improvement and full utilization of City infrastructure to assure that all Angelenos have affordable and quality internet access.

Sincerely,

Rocio Rivas, President
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council