

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the feasibility of establishing a Digital Inclusion Fund to receive and disburse funds for the implementation of digital inclusion projects.

Recommendation for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Blumenfield - Wesson):

INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer (CAO), with the assistance of the Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) and the Information Technology Agency (ITA), to report on the feasibility of establishing a Digital Inclusion Fund to receive and disburse funds, including pole attachment fees, for the implementation of digital inclusion projects.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has submitted a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

At its special meeting held on June 18, 2020, the Information, Technology, and General Services Committee discussed Motion (Blumenfield - Wesson) relative to instructing the CAO, with the assistance of the BSL and ITA, to report on the feasibility of establishing a Digital Inclusion Fund to receive and disburse funds for the implementation of digital inclusion projects to address the digital divide among disenfranchised communities within the City. The Committee requested that the report include an assessment of digital equity funds and projects implemented by other jurisdictions that have been beneficial to the greatest number of residents, as well as information on existing digital inclusion efforts undertaken by the ITA such as the Get Connected Los Angeles website project. The City has launched the Get Connected Los Angeles website to provide low-cost internet resources to all City residents and students in partnership with private internet service providers.

After providing an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to approve the recommendation contained in the Motion, as detailed above. This matter is now transmitted to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

INFORMATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
LEE:	YES
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
RODRIGUEZ:	YES

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