
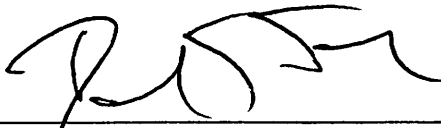
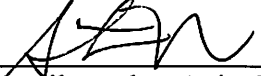
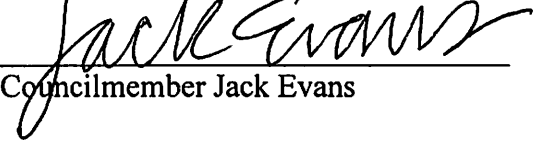
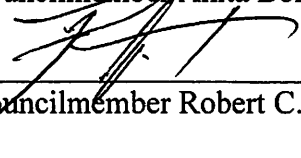


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23 To establish a task force to provide comprehensive policy recommendations to establish free
24 wireless internet access in the District of Columbia, and to provide task force
25 membership requirements.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
28 act may be cited as the “Wi-Fi Task Force Act of 2017”.

29 Sec. 2. Establishment of the wireless network task force.

30 (a) There is established a wireless network task force (“Task Force”) to provide a set of
31 comprehensive policy recommendations on how the District can efficiently provide free wireless
32 internet access throughout the District, and the construction and operation of a municipal
33 wireless network (“network”);

34 (b) The Task Force shall be funded by the Office of the Chief Technology Officer;

35 (c) The Task Force shall:

36 (1) Meet at least 8 times per year;

- 37 (2) Study, review, and identify business models for implementing, deploying, and
38 maintaining the network;
- 39 (3) Study, review, and identify risks factors associated with implementation,
40 deployment, and maintenance of the network;
- 41 (4) Study, review, and identify physical and/or electronic security concerns, and
42 proposals for addressing those concerns;
- 43 (5) Study, review, and identify the economic impact as a result of the deployed
44 network, including its effect on tourism in the District;
- 45 (6) Examine how the network can help close the digital divide in the District;
- 46 (7) Examine how the network can assist the Metropolitan Police Department and
47 enhance public safety in the District;
- 48 (8) Identify and recommend models for private and public funding, including
49 partnership opportunities;
- 50 (9) Determine estimated time frames and implementation schedules for deploying
51 the network;
- 52 (10) Make comprehensive recommendations on legislation, policy initiatives,
53 funding requirements, and budgetary priorities to address providing free wireless internet in
54 public spaces in the District in a white paper to be published no later than December 31, 2018;
- 55 (11) Present its recommendations to the Mayor and the Council within 30 days
56 after publishing its paper; and
- 57 (12) Hold at least 3 public meetings to present and discuss their
58 recommendations, and at least 30 days before a public meeting provide the general public the
59 time, date, and location of each meeting.

60 Sec. 3. Task force members.

61 (a) The Task Force shall be comprised of:

62 (1) One representative from the Office of the Chief Technology Officer;

63 (2) One representative from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Greater Economic

64 Opportunity;

65 (3) One representative from the Committee on Government Operations;

66 (4) One representative from the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and

67 Economic Development;

68 (5) One representative from the Office of Partnerships and Grant Services;

69 (6) One representative from the District Department of Transportation;

70 (7) One representative from the Office of the Chief of Police;

71 (8) One representative from Homeland Security and Emergency Management

72 Agency;

73 (9) One representative from the Department of Homeland Security;

74 (10) One representative from the Consortium of Universities of the Washington

75 Metropolitan Area;

76 (11) Three representatives from the business community as chosen by the Mayor;

77 (12) Three representatives from the academia community as chosen by the Mayor;

78 (13) Three representatives from the telecommunications community as chosen by the

79 Mayor;

80 (14) An expert in cyber security as chosen by the Mayor;

81 (15) An expert in technology and telecommunications law and regulation as chosen

82 by the Mayor; and

83 (16) Other stakeholders the Mayor considers crucial to the composition of the Task.
84 Force.

85 (b) The Mayor shall designate 2 co-chairs of the Task Force, one each from the
86 government and non-government sectors.

87 (c) Members of the Task Force shall:

88 (1) Serve without compensation;

89 (2) Be residents of the District of Columbia; and

90 (3) Be reimbursed for any travel expenses to the extent available.

91 (d) The Task Force shall disband 120 days after it presents its recommendations to the
92 Mayor and the Council as provided in section 2(c)(11); provided, that an extension may be
93 granted by the Mayor at his or her discretion.

94 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

95 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
96 impact statement required by 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved
97 October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

98 Sec. 5. Effective date.

99 This act shall take effect after approval by the Mayor (or in the event of a veto by the
100 Mayor, override of the veto by the Council, a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided
101 in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973
102 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia
103 Register.