

City Council Announcements

April 1, 2025

Information Needed:

A. Council Chair & Vice Chair Meetings

Council Members, over the past several weeks, the Council has scheduled some "Chair & Vice Chair Office Hours" on Friday afternoons. The goal is to provide an opportunity for small groups of Council Members to chat about events and news from throughout the week. As a review, we wanted to check-in to see what the ideal frequency would be for all Council Members.

- Should we continue with weekly meetings, or hold them every other week or once per month?

B. Comcast Letter approval:

Comcast is seeking funding from the State of Utah's Broadband Infrastructure Grant, which would include projects to expand broadband access in underserved areas of Salt Lake City.

- Does the Council approve of sending the attached letter in support of Comcast's application?"



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Utah Broadband Center
Attn: Rebecca Dilg, Director
Utah Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
324 South State Street, #500
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Ms. Dilg:

The Salt Lake City Council is providing this non-exclusive letter for Comcast Corporation in support of its application to the Utah Broadband Center's Broadband Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program.

Salt Lake City has had a digital equity policy in place since 2020 and has made significant strides towards improving access for our residents. Despite the progress made, American Community Survey data from 2022 shows that nearly 5,000 Salt Lake residents remain without internet access at home. Salt Lake City has appreciated Comcast's partnership in pursuit of our digital equity goals, such as providing free public wifi at select locations through Comcast's Lift Zone program.

We believe this is a needed project to help bridge the digital divide in Salt Lake City and aligns with the Utah Broadband Center's goal "to ensure all Utahns can access reliable, affordable, high-speed internet service."

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to empowering communities through access to broadband.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Wharton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" and last name "Wharton" clearly distinguishable.

Chris Wharton
Chair, Salt Lake City Council

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CC: City Council Members
Comcast: Marcus Jessop, Deneiva Knight