Cleveland Digital Justice Campaign: Questions for the 2017 general election candidates for Cleveland Mayor and City Council

1. As Mayor or a Member of City Council of the City of Cleveland, will you propose and support City funding of at least $1 million a year, starting with the 2018 budget year, for Neighborhood Technology Centers to a) provide basic digital literacy training for community residents, and b) help eligible residents to take advantage of existing affordable Internet programs?

> I would be in support of Neighborhood Technology Centers that provide basic digital literacy training and access for community residents to help take advantage of affordable internet programs.

2. As Mayor or a Member of City Council of the City of Cleveland, will you propose and support the expansion of the City's free public wifi network to provide Internet access to residents and neighborhood businesses throughout the city, within the next two years?

> I would support expansion of City's free public wifi network Neighborhood Technology Centers that provides internet access to community residents, and neighborhood businesses throughout the city within the next two years.

3. As Mayor or a Member of City Council of the City of Cleveland, will you propose and support the creation of a City-owned, city-wide optical fiber broadband network to provide affordable, very fast Internet services to Cleveland homes and businesses — as a City utility service, a delivery option for new competitive private Internet providers, or both — within the next four years?

> I would be in support of the creation of a City-owned, city-wide optical fiber broadband network to provide affordable, very fast Internet services to Cleveland homes and businesses, maybe as a city utility service, delivery option for new competitive private Internet providers or both within the next four years.

4. As Mayor or a Member of City Council of the City of Cleveland, will you propose and support the creation of a new Cabinet-level executive position, in the 2018 budget year or earlier, dedicated solely to leading City efforts to promote universal digital literacy and broadband Internet access — starting with the proposals described in Questions 1, 2 and 3?

> I would be in support of City efforts to promote universal digital literacy and boardband internet access.

Please email responses to bill@connectyourcommunity.org. Thank you!

Additional information can be found at http://connectyourcommunity.org/proposed-questions-for-cleveland-mayor-and-city-council-candidates.

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