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GENERAL			I support all four of the proposed actions by Connect Your Community. My support is indicated for each one below with some specific comments to the challenges we as a City face in implementing these solutions to promote universal digital literacy and broadband Internet access in the City of Cleveland. I also add to the scope of work of the proposed Cabinet level position to also oversee the City's efforts to connect with civic technology and open data practices.	
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?	Yes	Yes to funding of centers / no comment on amount / my council office will educate residents about ISP programs	I commit to this goal and the work that it will take to seek the the minimum \$1M funding resources needed. I have been using a modest amount of funding annually of \$20-\$40k Ward 14 Casino allocation for the past 3 years to fund the CYC2.0 training center in Brooklyn Centre and their partnerships with CMHA, RET3 and DigitalC. I have seen first hand the benefit that such training centers can have on connecting people to the internet, to their family members and services and in getting the most of their technology, be it a smart phone, tablet, lap top or desktop computer.	I strongly support the funding of Neighborhood Technology Centers and understand the need for digital literacy training for residents. My council office will work to educate residents on the availability of affordable internet programs. Regarding the funding of the program, I would support legislation that ensures funding is provided to existing programs throughout the ward/city and include minority run programs and businesses. Fair, transparent and equal opportunity in funding is a must.
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?	Yes	No commitment / residents are wary, education needed	Both #2 and #3 will require a solid plan for designing, financing, implementing and maintaining wifi networks and an optic fiber network. First consideration should be to consider using our municipal electric utility, CPP as a bonding entity to pay for these 21st century infrastructural investments as was successfully carried out in Chattanooga TN. I participated in a delegation of Cleveland officials and tech leaders on a trip to visit and learn about Chattanooga's GIG CITY. Our city has faced challenges modernizing our city's internal operations digital infrastructure. It will take a renewed focus to fund and support our current tech initiatives and to launch a more public facing infrastructure that would bring great social and economic benefit to our residents and city.	Many of the residents are wary of free wifi programs as well as the free phone programs. They see it as an opportunity for government to track their activities and invade their privacy. Educating the public and ensuring privacy will have to be a cornerstone of this program.
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?	Yes, with focus on commercial corridors	Like the idea but there are many questions	RESPONSE - See #2 above for part of my response. In addition, from my experience I believe that in the research and planning for an investment of a city-wide optical fiber broadband network we should give priority for installation of fiber in our core commercial corridors. We are already focus on building and developing competitive market conditions for housing density in our prime commercial corridors. The economic and jobs impact on getting fiber installed in these corridors can serve as a catalyst for business investment. I support a dual delivery option of city and bid private Internet providers to both maintain ability to leverage what will be a City infrastructural asset and provide competitive pricing and services to respond to the continuing evolution in technology	Following the success of our city owned Cleveland Public Power and the freedom that it has afforded residents, a city owned utility service providing city wide optical broadband is a step in the right direction towards ownership of our utilities and keeping prices affordable. The question is who will pay for the fiber optic network? It is my understanding that there already exists some infrastructure, but more will need to be invested in. How much will it cost? Who will do the work? Will they be union jobs, or offer a prevailing wage? Will there be opportunities for minority owned businesses to bid on these contracts?
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?	Yes but with civic tech included in portfolio	No commitment	I support a Cabinet-level position with an expanded scope of not only leading efforts to promote universal digital literacy and broadband Internet access, but to also oversee the City's efforts to connect with civic technology and open data practices that would open our government operations and services up for greater scrutiny and accountability to the residents we serve. This would ensure rewarding and promoting our best employees, departments and implementing best-practices and make our operations and expenditures of taxes more efficient and impactful.	Before committing to any legislation or a cabinet level position, there are many questions that will need to be answered, discussed and reviewed.