

## 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?

Since I am not currently a member of Cleveland City Council, I haven't yet given enough study to the budget to know if I would think a \$1,000,000 investment per year for Neighborhood Technology Centers would be a reasonable investment.

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?

If elected as a Councilman in the City of Cleveland I will actively support an expansion of free public wifi throughout the city of Cleveland.

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 think ideally everyone should have access to affordable, fast internet services, but am unsure if the way to accomplish this is to establish a city utility. I will be open to investigating this proposition if elected to public office.

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?

If a Cabinet-level executive position could be created while simultaneously eliminating another, outdated Cabinet-level executive position, then I'd likely be for it. I understand the importance of exposing the populace to wifi and technology and will do my level best, if elected, to promoting a 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure, and mindset, in Ward 17.