Your Voice Is Very Important

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The city will soon release its broadband taskforce report for public comment. We will alert you when that happens. We need you to let city government leaders know how important this issue is to you and that you back our Baltimore Broadband Coalition.

Below is a sample of comments entered by respondents to our broadband survey illustrating why the issue is important to them and to Baltimore:

What are we waiting for? We need fiber. I would consider moving my company headquarters to Baltimore if the tech infrastructure was in place. I've lived all over the world, and for a developed country we have the worst and most expensive Internet I've ever used. If competition improves the absurd services we're currently offered, I'm 100% in favor.

Baltimore desperately needs to improve its broadband infrastructure and we are so grateful that you are attending to this critical issue.

I am a strong advocate for this cause. Slow and costly broadband service is simply unacceptable and will limit the growth of our city. We need to break the stranglehold of the two big players that now control our broadband service in Baltimore City. MORE COMPETITION IS NECESSARY.

As I near retirement, I know that I will be using the Internet more, I will want to avail myself of newer technologies, and currently, due to the lack of competition, I do not see myself being able to enjoy technology as well or as completely as my friends and family in other jurisdictions. It is particularly a shame since my costs for living in the city are more than theirs. It is wrong.

The city should have better Internet especially for the children's educational purposes, all children deserve access and their lives require this more than ever now.

I'm a candidate for City Council in (edited) District and look forward to being a strong advocate for improved broadband access for Baltimore. I'd appreciate the opportunity for a more in-depth conversation with BBC leaders to better understand exactly what policy changes need to happen at the council level.

It is very important that the City of Baltimore realizes that just because 1000 people signed up {for the campaign} doesn't mean that only these 1000 are interested. The reality is that everybody I know wants it but they have lost hope that it could happen. If it is built I am absolutely sure that at least half of the current hi-speed users would switch to it immediately (at least 100,000 people).

Click <u>here</u> to our web page to take the survey if you have not yet done so.