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## **Mayor Liccardo Appointed to FCC's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee**

*San Jose, Calif.* – This week, Mayor Sam Liccardo assumed a seat on the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) new Broadband Development Advisory Committee, providing a voice for both Silicon Valley and the nation's thousands of municipalities on important issues related to broadband access and digital inclusion.

Mayor Liccardo is the only elected official appointed to the 29-member committee and will serve as vice chair of the *Model Code for Municipalities* working group.

"In San Jose, the largest city in Silicon Valley and home to the most innovative companies in the country, we are keenly aware of the critical role that broadband deployment plays in supporting innovation, economic growth and opportunity," said Mayor Liccardo. "I thank Chairman Pai for this appointment and look forward to advocating on behalf of all U.S. cities as we continue to embrace the opportunities and challenges of deploying broadband infrastructure in our communities."

The Advisory Committee will provide advice and make recommendations to the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, by reducing and removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment.

Through his role on the committee, Mayor Liccardo will be focused on four priorities:

- Ensuring that local residents retain control over city infrastructure that they paid for.
- Advancing digital inclusion and affordable broadband access.
- Facilitating the deployment of broadband service with increased bandwidth at gigabit speeds.
- Providing local governments with increased knowledge capital to manage the demands of broadband deployment.

The Committee's first meeting takes place on Friday, April 21, 2017; however, Mayor Liccardo will not be able to attend due to a pre-existing commitment. For more information on the Advisory Committee, please visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/broadband-deployment-advisory-committee>.

The Committee's mission to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access aligns very closely with Mayor Liccardo's *Smart City Vision*, an ambitious plan for embracing new technologies, digital tools and big data to improve public services, enhance the quality of life for local residents and make San Jose the most innovative city in the country. For more information on the Smart City Vision, please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=5289>.