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To: Lythjohan, Amanda
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Members of the Digital Technology Committee,
I wanted to reach out and comment on agenda item 55033.

I understand that the City is beginning its permitting process for 5G and other small cell technology. I just wanted to share the strategy that San Jose is using this permitting process to create a robust Digital Equity Fund.

<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/san-jose-digital-divide-inclusion-fund/548474/>

The FCC has since made this strategy difficult, but this is being appealed.

I would encourage the committee to consider any and all strategies to use telecommunications permitting to create digital equity funding. And to ensure that 5G and other smart technology reaches all citizens equitably. I would encourage the committee to include a plan for what happens if the FCC regulations are appealed and how to use permitting to support digital equity work in the future.

Next Century Cities, of which Madison is a member has a nice resource on this topic:

<https://nextcenturycities.org/next-century-cities-5g-resources/>

Thank you!
Alyssa

PS The Digital Equity Act was announced in the Senate this afternoon.

<https://www.digitalinclusion.org/blog/2019/04/11/senator-murray-introduces-digital-equity-act-of-2019/>

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