

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 15, 2018

TO: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER

FROM: CATHARINE RICE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION CHAIR

SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON NET NEUTRALITY

ISSUE: Receipt of Information Technology (IT) Commission recommendation regarding Net Neutrality Resolution for the City of Alexandria to take a position on Net Neutrality in the attached resolution.

RECOMMENDATION: The IT Commission endorses the principles that the resolution lays out.

BACKGROUND: At the April 24, 2018 City Council legislative meeting, Council asked the IT Commission to review the Net Neutrality Resolution (attached) and offer a recommendation to Council before adopting a resolution. On June 4, 2018, the IT Commission met to discuss the resolution on Net Neutrality. In conclusion, the IT Commission agreed to endorse the principles of City Council's resolution. Net Neutrality aims to restore data equality online and maintain free and open internet access for all.

FISCAL IMPACT: No current fiscal impact. Indirect costs associated with ensuring Net Neutrality are possible if there is need to advocate for legislation or defend state and local laws associated with the issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Alexandria Net Neutrality Resolution
2. IT Commission PowerPoint Presentation