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**FCC RELEASES AGENDA FOR**

**MARCH 23, 2023 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PANDEMIC ROUNDTABLE**

**GN Docket No. 17-208**

This Public Notice announces the agenda for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council (CEDC)’s Lessons Learned from the Pandemic Roundtable on Broadband Access, Affordability and Deployment on March 23, 2023, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, EDT. The CEDC is an advisory council of the Federal Communications Commission. The roundtable will be held virtually, beginning at 10:00 am EDT, and will be available to the public for viewing via the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/live>.

The goal of the roundtable is to convene key stakeholders across community organizations, internet service providers (ISPs), federal agencies with emergency broadband funding, and state agencies to assess lessons learned concerning programs that provided broadband connectivity to opportunity communities during the pandemic. The half-day virtual workshop will provide a platform to hear from a range of experts and a diverse set of stakeholders about efforts to promote digital equity, broadband adoption, and digital skills training for opportunity communities.

The detailed agenda is attached to this Public Notice as an Appendix. The roundtable will be available to the public via live feed from the FCC’s web page at <https://www.fcc.gov/live>. The public may also view the roundtable on the Commission’s YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/user/fccdotgovvideo>. More information on the roundtable is available on Twitter@fcc via the Commission’s Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/fcc](http://www.facebook.com/fcc). Members of the public may submit questions during the panel discussions to livequestions@fcc.gov.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days’ advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit written comments to the CEDC using the FCC’s Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs). Any comments should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-208.

More information about the CEDC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/communications-equity-and-diversity-council>. You may also contact Jamila Bess Johnson, the Designated Federal Officer for the Communications Equity and Diversity Council, at (202) 418-2608, or Jamila-Bess.Johnson@fcc.gov; or Diana Coho, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Specialist, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-2848 or Diana.Coho@fcc.gov, or Ashley Tyson, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau at Ashley.Tyson@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1137.

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**APPENDIX**



**“Lessons Learned from the Pandemic”**

**Roundtable on**

**Broadband Access, Affordability and Deployment**

**Sponsored by the**

**Communications Equity and Diversity Council**

**Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group**

**Federal Communications Commission**

**Washington, D.C. 20554**

**March 23, 2023**

**10:00 am – 1:30 p.m. EDT**

**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE AGENDA**

***\* indicates a member of the Communications Equity and Diversity Council***

10:00 am **Introduction**

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer

Communications Equity and Diversity Council

Media Bureau

**Opening Remarks and Presentation**

Heather Gate, Vice President

Connected Nation\*

CEDC Chair

10:10 am Panel 1: Availability, Affordability, Deployment

 *Moderator*

 Clayton Banks, CEO

Silicon Harlem\*

*Panelists*

Joshua Breitbart, Senior Vice President

ConnectAll NY

Greta Byrum, Principal for Broadband and Digital Equity

HR&A Advisors

Broderick Johnson, Executive Vice President, Public Policy

Executive Vice President, Digital Equity

Comcast\*

Thu Nguyen, Executive Director

OCA – Asian Pacific American Advocates

Annette Taylor, Director, Office of Digital Equity and Literacy

North Carolina Department of Information Technology

Ovidiu Viorica, Broadband & Technology Program Manager

New Mexico Public School Facilities Authority

 11:25 am **Roundtable Break**

11:45 am **Panel 2: Adoption and Digital Readiness**

 *Moderator*

 Sarah Kate Ellis, President and CEO

GLAAD\*

*Panelists*

Stephan Adams, President and CEO

Virgin Islands Next Generation Network (viNGN)

Norma Fernandez, CEO

EveryoneOn

Anisa Green, Director, Federal Regulatory

Chief of Staff – EVP, Federal Regulatory Relations & Chief Regulatory Officer, Corporate External & Legislative Affairs

AT&T Services, Inc.\*

Thomas Kamber, Founder and Executive Director

Older Adults Technology Services (OATS)

Ji Soo Song, Digital Equity Advisor

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology

Hal Woods, Chief of Policy

Kids First Chicago

1:00 pm **Closing Remarks**

Dominique Harrison, Ph.D., Chair

 Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group

Representing Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies\*

Jamila Bess Johnson, Designated Federal Officer

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