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**FCC COMMISSIONER CLYBURN ANNOUNCES OCTOBER 19TH**

**#CONNECTINGCOMMUNITIES POLICY FORUM**

This Public Notice is to announce that FCC Commissioner Mignon L. Clyburn will conclude her #ConnectingCommunities tour on October 19, 2016, with a Policy Forum in the Washington, D.C. area.

**POLICY FORUM TOPICS**\*

* Bridging the Affordability Gap
* What is 5G?
* Combating Inequality in the Communications Sector
* Health Care: An Unfinished Chapter of the National Broadband Plan
* The Future of Viewpoint Diversity

\*Topics may change and additional topics may be announced at a further date.

**EVENT LOCATION**

The venue for Commissioner Clyburn’s October 19th Policy Forum has not been finalized.  Staff is exploring potential sites in the Washington, D.C. area that would serve as an accessible and appropriate venue for this event.  We invite universities, institutions, and other entities that engage in the policy areas on which #ConnectingCommunities focuses and are interested in participating in and/or hosting the Policy Forum in Washington, D.C. on October 19th to contact Drema Johnson at (202) 418-2100 or Drema.Johnson@fcc.gov.

**BACKGROUND ON THE #CONNECTINGCOMMUNITIES TOUR**

In April, Commissioner Clyburn announced the #ConnectingCommunities tour as a way to hear first-hand about the opportunities and challenges of bringing affordable, diverse and competitive communications services to all Americans. Since the launch three months ago, Commissioner Clyburn has visited or will soon visit the following communities:

* Boston, Massachusetts
* Charleston County, South Carolina
* Chandler/Phoenix, Arizona
* Denver, Colorado
* New York, New York
* Navajo Nation, New Mexico
* Palo Alto/San Francisco, California
* Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
* San Diego, California
* Seattle, Washington

The Policy Forum is open to the public. Seating will be available on a first come, first-served basis.

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