

RESOLUTION NO. 17-4955

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD IN SUPPORT OF
NET NEUTRALITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, net neutrality is the principle that individuals should be free to access all content and applications equally, regardless of the source, without internet service providers (ISPs) discriminating against specific online services or websites; and

WHEREAS, without net neutrality rules in place, internet service providers can prevent users from visiting some websites, provide slower speeds, or even redirect users from one website to a competing website; and

WHEREAS, net neutrality rules prevent this by requiring service providers to connect users to all lawful content on the internet equally, without giving preferential treatment to certain sites or services; and

WHEREAS, on February 26th, 2015 the FCC under the Obama administration voted to enact the strongest net neutrality rules in history, classifying internet service providers as common carriers under Title II; and

WHEREAS, by embracing its Title II authority and creating clear rules against blocking and discrimination, the FCC earned a reputation as a defender of an Open Internet; and

WHEREAS, the new chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Ajit Pai, who was recently appointed by President Trump, outlined a sweeping plan to loosen the government's oversight and remove the Title II classification of internet service providers; and

WHEREAS, nine Republican U.S. Senators have proposed the "Restoring Internet Freedom Act" (S. 993), which would prohibit the FCC from classifying internet service providers as common carriers under Title II of the Communications Act and "from imposing certain regulations on providers of such service"; and

WHEREAS, support for net neutrality is in line with the City's Fiber Network Infrastructure and Services Strategic Plan, which examined the feasibility and potential benefits of a robust fiber-optic cable infrastructure throughout the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood hereby supports net neutrality and urges the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Congress to maintain net neutrality policies.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Hollywood at a regular meeting held this 15th day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmember:	D'Amico, Horvath, Meister, Mayor Pro Tempore Duran, and Mayor Heilman.
NOES:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSENT:	Councilmember:	None.
ABSTAIN:	Councilmember:	None.



JOHN HEILMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



YVONNE QUARKER, CITY CLERK