

## CETF Announces Opportunity to Sign the [Digital Equity Bill of Rights](#)

**Read the 10 CETF [Digital Equity Bill of Rights](#).** CETF Board of Directors in November adopted these principles to advance the Quest for Digital Equity and foster consensus among Digital Champions. **To sign on, email** Nadine Hugg, [nadine.hugg@cetfund.org](mailto:nadine.hugg@cetfund.org).

Digital Equity is defined by the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA) as a condition in which all individuals and communities have the information technology capacity needed for full participation in our society, democracy and economy. Digital Equity is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning, and access to essential services.

### **CETF and Partners Call For A National Broadband Agenda**



CETF and its Partners held a [Briefing: New State-Federal Partnership on Broadband](#) on November 13, calling for a State-Federal Internet for All Now Partnership. Digital Equity leading expert **Jonathan Sallet**, Senior Fellow of the Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, said at the briefing, “2020 made it clear that a national broadband agenda which outlines how to achieve universal service within the next decade is desperately needed.” **John Windhausen**, Executive Director of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition, told participants that, “We need individuals to be empowered to fight growing income inequality.”

The briefing was hosted by CETF and California Forward, featuring **Jonathan Sallet**, **John Windhausen**, California Department of Technology Director and Chair of the California Broadband Council **Amy Tong**, CAFwd CEO **Micah Weinberg**, Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) President and CEO **Louis Fox**, Senior Fellow at the Council on Competitiveness **Julie Meier Wright** and CETF President and CEO **Sunne Wright McPeak**.

Read a report on the event from BroadbandBreakfast, a national media outlet:

[Looming Income Inequality Demands a National Broadband Plan for the Next Decade](#)



Get inspired by watching the [Inaugural Quest for Digital Equity Conversation](#) with Former Federal Communications Commissioners **Mignon Clyburn** (left) and **Rachelle Chong**.

*“Continue your quest to fix what’s broken. You are in your communities. You are of your communities. You know what people in the community are asking for. You know what the needs are. Continue to be an advocate. Continue to be their voice.”* —Mignon Clyburn, Former Federal Communications Chair and Commissioner

### **Here’s what we can do together to advance the Quest for Digital Equity:**

#### **Closing the Digital Divide Is an Imperative for Global Competitiveness**

Take action on the CETF [Action Framework to Close the Digital Divide to Spur Economic Recovery and Prosperity](#) in support of the Council on Competitiveness to close the Digital Divide. “The next Administration must launch a national Digital Inclusion Initiative without delay or “reinventing wheels” that defer the hard work of convening stakeholders—both private and public sectors—to mobilize resources for immediate action.” — CETF Overview for Council on Competitiveness

#### **Use Social Media to Raise Our Voices**



Together, we can amplify our #DigitalInclusion message online and in our communities to call for bolder leadership and more investment. We congratulate **NDIA** and **Executive Director Angela Siefer** on leading a very successful [Digital Inclusion Week 2020](#) in October. Community events reached hundreds of thousands of people on social media, received the attention of multiple elected officials, and some cities issued a proclamation declaring Digital Inclusion Week. Please follow CETF ([@net4allnow](#)) and watch for opportunities to spread Digital Inclusion messages throughout the year.

## Sign the Digital Equity Bill of Rights

Please sign the [Digital Equity Bill of Rights](#), adopted by the CETF Board of Directors in November to advance the Quest for Digital Equity and foster consensus among Digital Champions. For more information, contact CETF Communications Associate, Nadine Hugg, [nadine.hugg@cetfund.org](mailto:nadine.hugg@cetfund.org).

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