**BDAC Removing State and Local Regulatory Barriers Working Group**

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| **Vote Recommendations** |
| The FCC should work, either on its own or via the BDAC, with industry and state/local agencies (or national associations) to develop a broadband readiness checklist. |
| The FCC should either develop or encourage states to develop a process by which localities can certify that they are “broadband ready.” |
| The FCC should finalize, via BDAC, and with industry, states, and local governments that have implemented successful model codes, a voluntary, flexible model code or set of guidelines to speed broadband deployment. |
| The FCC should encourage greater transparency regarding the way fees are calculated by requiring localities to make fee schedules publicly available, along with a brief explanation of how fees were calculated. |
| The FCC should study whether a streamlined mediation and arbitration process administered by a neutral third-party would in fact expedite deployment.  |
| The FCC should explore how to leverage other expert stakeholders to provide localities and states with opportunities for acquiring the knowledge and skills needed to streamline the deployment of new broadband networks.  |
| The FCC should study the establishment of a voluntary pool of experts to which providers can contribute in order to offset a locality’s overtime pay costs, so that applications can be processed expediently where resources are otherwise limited. |
| The FCC should explore funding and certification programs for states and localities to engage in educational and self-improvement activities related to accelerating broadband deployment.  |
| The FCC could help to facilitate the creation of an information-sharing hub and/or a digital platform through which similarly situated communities could identify one another and connect. |