

- ASPIRA Association
- Cuban National Council
- Dialogue on Diversity
- Hispanic Federation
- Hispanic Heritage Foundation
- Latinos in Information Sciences and Technology
- Labor Council for Latin American Advancement
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- MANA- A National Latina Organization
- National Puerto Rican Coalition
- National Association of Hispanic Publications
- National Conference of Puerto Rican Women
- National Hispanic Council on Aging
- National Hispanic Medical Association
- U.S. Mexico Chamber of Commerce
- U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- The Latino Coalition
- SER- Jobs for Progress National, Inc.

## HTTP On The Move

### HTTP starts dialogue with White House staff and House members

In order to ensure that Latinos have a voice in technology and telecommunication policy discussions, HTTP initiated a dialog with White House staff and members of the House of Representatives. These meetings are key to establishing strong and positive relationships with policy makers and to ensure that Latinos' concerns are addressed. HTTP gathered information on their position on issues such open Internet, ConnectEd, spectrum auctions and the IP transition. HTTP will continue to work with the White House, House and Senate members, state and local representatives and others to ensure that Latinos have a voice in the national dialogue on technology and telecommunications.

HTTP meetings:

The Office of Science & Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President

- Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Telecommunications
- Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement
- Domestic Policy Council

National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

- Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator
- Associate Administrator, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications (Acting) National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary
- Director, Minority Telecommunications Development
- Associate Administrator, NTIA Office of Policy Analysis and Development

Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, Committee on Energy and Commerce

Office of Representative Matsui

Office of Representative Eshoo

### HTTP and 44 national minority civil rights and social service organizations comment on FCC's proposed rules to protect and promote the open Internet

HTTP once again partnered with the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC) and 43 other national minority organizations to file comments in the FCC's proceeding to [protect and promote the open Internet](#). In the filing, the group reiterated its firm support for preserving an open Internet, and continued to urge the Commission to adopt policies that will safeguard an open Internet, promote job creation and encourage universal broadband access, adoption and proficient use. The group stated that all Americans would greatly benefit from universal first-class digital citizenship, especially people of color and other underserved and under-represented populations that continue to lack access to the digital revolution.

Seven HTTP member organizations also joined independently in the filing: League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC); Dialogue on Diversity; LISTA; MANA: A National Latina Organization; the National Puerto Rican Coalition; SER Jobs for Progress; and The Latino Coalition. ([Read more](#))

### **FCC changes to E-Rate: implications for Latinos**

The FCC continues to gather public comment regarding the modernization of schools and libraries, and the reform of the E-Rate program. HTTP realizes the importance of this initiative to support the educational achievement goals of minority communities. HTTP continues to chime into the debate on behalf of Latino-serving organizations. Read more about a recent joint filing. ([Read more](#))

### **HTTP collaborates with its member organizations to reach Latino communities across the U.S.**

HTTP staff works closely with HTTP member organization CEOs to inform them on issues that HTTP is addressing and to strategize on ways to effectively educate the Latino community and be better advocates for telecommunications policies that promote universal broadband adoption. HTTP has also participated in the organization's national conferences and panels.

## **Must Read...**

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### **WHAT'S NEXT IN THE OPEN INTERNET CONVERSATION?**

Filings and responses to the FCC's proposed rules on the Open Internet are complete. A dialogue that should have been highly nuanced was reduced for the most part to a binary shouting match between proponents of Sec. 706 of the 1996 Telecommunications Act and proponents of Title II of the 1934 Communications Act. Where light was needed, heat was the most common product, particularly as many "so called" progressives chose to hurl racially charged insults at those with whom they disagreed. And shockingly, Democrats and Republicans disagreed! ([Read more](#))

### **LA COMUNIDAD LATINA SE VERÁ AFECTADA SI LA COMISIÓN FEDERAL DE COMUNICACIONES (FCC) ADOPTA EL TÍTULO II COMO MEDIO PARA REGULAR EL INTERNET**

A raíz de la reciente decisión de la Corte de Apelaciones del Distrito de Columbia en el caso de Verizon contra la Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones (FCC, por sus siglas en inglés), la FCC propuso nuevas normas destinadas a preservar el Internet abierto.

El tema de la neutralidad de la red, más comúnmente conocida como Internet abierto, ha generado mucha pasión, debate y desinformación y es importante que nuestra comunidad entienda lo que está pasando y la forma en que los latinos podrían ser afectados por algunas de las propuestas. Nadie se opone a la neutralidad de la red, o a un Internet abierto, pero es importante entender lo que eso significa y comprender lo que implican las reglas que la FCC ha propuesto y las consecuencias de regular el Internet bajo el Título II de la Ley de Comunicaciones. ([Leer más](#))

## **Important Debates**

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**Race-Baiting Obscures the Merits of the Open Internet Debate**

**Internet Tax Freedom Act (ITFA)**

**Mobile broadband networks and net neutrality constraints**

**Net Neutrality debate is more focused on popular opinion**

Government can protect consumers without a tangle of new network neutrality rules

## HTTP at Events

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### HTTP at events, conferences and industry gatherings



HTTP's Senior Advisor, Martin Chavez, speaking on a LCLAA panel on social media and labor organizing



HTTP's Executive Director, Rosa Mendoza, speaking at CHLI's Congressional Briefing



HTTP's Executive Director, Rosa Mendoza, speaking at Dialogue on Diversity's Entrepreneurship Conference

## HTTP Upcoming Events

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### HTTP Member Briefing

HTTP, in partnership with ACT | The App Association, will host a forum focused on how Internet traffic actually works. It is essential for the Latino community to understand the nuances of Internet traffic and reasonable network management.

### HTTP Editorial

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## The Federal Communications Commission Must Reform The Designated Entity Program

By Rosa Mendoza, HTTP Executive Director

Where are the Latino Geeks? Not in Silicon Valley, that we know. There is an unacceptably [low percentage](#) of Latino innovators and influencers in Silicon Valley; not to mention the technology industry as a whole. Many factors contribute to this unacceptable dearth in participation but one example, that is readily curable, is the low rate at which minority-owned businesses, especially those that are owned by Latinos, are able to secure broadcast spectrum licenses to participate as owners in one of the major segments of our economy – communications. Without immediate FCC rule changes to the congressionally mandated Designated Entity (DE) program, opportunities for diverse entry and spectrum ownership, by Latinos will continue to be dismal and mismatched to our level of consumer engagement as mobile users.

Spectrum auctions and licensing are both very important topics that impact minority- and women-owned businesses. Unfortunately, these issues do not get nearly enough news coverage and, consequently, many Latinos do not understand the importance of these areas in generating wealth in our communities.

What is spectrum? Wireless telecommunications and LAN signals are broadcast over specific electromagnetic wave frequency ranges, typically anywhere from 300-3,000 MHz, depending on the application. Depending on the material, higher frequency waves tend to be able to penetrate better than lower frequencies, especially in urban footprints where it is extremely important to have higher frequency blocks of spectrum. As expected, lower frequency wavelengths carry better over long distances, without interruption, and these tend to work well in rural areas. ([Read more](#))

### About HTTP

HTTP is the leading national Latino think tank and advocacy organization on Internet, telecommunications and technology policy issues. It is a nonpartisan coalition of national Latino organizations working to ensure that the full array of technological and telecommunications advancements are available to all Latinos in the United States. [Learn more about HTTP.](#)

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