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**MMTC Welcomes New FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, Current and Former FCC and Congressional Leaders, Industry Experts, Advocacy Leaders, and More at 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadband and Social Justice Summit #BBSJ17**

**WASHINGTON, DC, 2/2/2017** – On February 7, 2017, the Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Broadband and Social Justice Summit, **“BBSJ 2017: Connecting to America’s Future.”** The Summit will convene hundreds of media and telecom industry experts, insiders, and entrepreneurs to highlight the most far-reaching issues affecting minority entrepreneurs and underserved communities.

This year’s Summit features remarks from newly-appointed **Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai** in one of his first public appearances since becoming chairman; MMTC’s first ever **FinTech Empowerment Forum** on how new technology can bridge socio-economic gaps in underserved and low-income communities; discussions **on job and apprenticeship opportunities in broadband and infrastructure**, including MMTC’s ApprenticeshipUSA Department of Labor contract in conjunction with the National Urban League and Wireless Infrastructure Association; and a town hall discussion on the **impact of the Trump Administration on digital and economic equity**.

**\*\*\* A snapshot agenda and list of confirmed speakers are attached below. \*\*\***

We encourage all media and press to take advantage of complimentary Summit registration, and we offer technical capabilities for teams to broadcast our conference live. For information on press registration or any additional questions, please contact MMTC Communications Director Marcella Gadson at [mgadson@mmtconline.org](mailto:mgadson@mmtconline.org).

For information on sponsorships, call 202-973-4314.

**Important Links**

**Conference Website** – <http://www.mmtconline.org/bbsj17>

**Digital Program Book** - [http://broadbandandsocialjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/MMTCBBSJ117\\_Conference-Book.pdf](http://broadbandandsocialjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/MMTCBBSJ117_Conference-Book.pdf)

**Conference Sponsorship Page** - <http://bit.ly/2jEjJTO>

**BBSJ Online Magazine** - <http://broadbandandsocialjustice.org>

**MMTC Website** - <http://www.mmtconline.org>

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**About MMTC:**

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving equal opportunity and civil rights in the mass media, telecommunications, and broadband industries, and closing the digital divide. MMTC is generally recognized as the nation’s leading advocate for multicultural advancement in communications.



## 8th Annual Broadband and Social Justice Summit & FinTech Empowerment Forum



February 7, 2017

Westin Georgetown Hotel | Washington, DC  
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### Agenda Snapshot

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

**FCC Commissioners' Breakfast: *Moving the Dial Forward FCC 2017***

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

**You're Hired: *Apprenticeships, Broadband, Infrastructure, and 5G***

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Former FCC Chairs' Roundtable: *Social Justice and the FCC***

12:15 PM - 1:45 PM

**High Tech Policy and Awards Luncheon**

*Everett C. Parker Lifetime Achievement Award:*

Robert E. Branson, President, Federal Communications Bar Association; Assistant General Counsel, State Government Affairs, Verizon

*Champion of Digital Equality Award:*

Nicol Turner-Lee, Ph.D., Fellow, Brookings Center for Technology and Innovation

*Extraordinary Service Awards:*

- League of United Latin American Citizens, Accepted by Brent Wilkes, National Executive Director

- National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters, Accepted by James L. Winston, President

2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

**Broadband and Social Justice Town Hall: *The New Political Climate and Its Impact on Digital, Financial, and Socio-Economic Disparity in Our Communities: A Call to Action***

3:30 PM - 5:45 PM

**FinTech Empowerment Forum: *Bridging the Gaps Between Access and Opportunity***

**Part I: *FinTech Business Models that Promote Access to Opportunity***

**Part II: *Diverse FinTech Founders Circle***

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**Broadband and Social Justice and FinTech Empowerment Awards Reception: *Honoring Diverse Champions in Media, Telecom, and Tech***

*Excellence in Financial Services Award:*

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Accepted by: Karla Ballard Williams and Cid Williams, Co-Founders, YING

Moneywise with Kelvin Boston

Accepted by: Kelvin Boston, Host, PBS-TV's Moneywise with Kelvin Boston; Founder, Moneywise Digital Solutions

*Extraordinary Service Award:*

Jorge E. Fiterre, Founder, CONDISTA

*Digital Media Pioneer for Social Justice Award:*

Diann Rust-Tierney, Executive Director, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty

In recognition of the 90MillionStrong Campaign

*Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award:*

Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP

Accepted by: Rosemary Harold, Partner, and Bryan Tramont, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer



## **Confirmed Speakers:**

### **Current and Former FCC Commissioners and Chairs**

**Hon. Mignon Clyburn**, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission  
**Hon. Michael Copps**, Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
**Hon. Michael O'Rielly**, Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission  
**Hon. Ajit Pai**, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission  
**Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate**, Executive Director, Tennessee Supreme Court Office of the Courts; Former Commissioner, FCC; Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors  
**Hon. Richard Wiley**, Former Chairman, Federal Communications Commission; Partner, Wiley Rein

### **Current and Former Members of Congress**

**Hon. Tony Cárdenas (D-CA)**, Member, United States House of Representatives  
**Hon. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY)**, Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
**Hon. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA)**, Member, United States House of Representatives  
**Hon. Bobby Scott (D-VA)**, Member, United States House of Representatives (Invited)  
**Hon. Clifford "Cliff" Stearns**, Member Emeritus, U.S. House of Representatives (R-FL)  
**Hon. Edolphus "Ed" Towns**, Member Emeritus, U.S. House of Representatives (D-NY)

### **Industry Executives and Representatives**

**Robert Branson**, President, Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA); Assistant General Counsel, State Government Affairs, Verizon  
**Michael Dennis**, President, The Big Green Group  
**Jorge E. Fiterre**, Founder, CONDISTA  
**Venessa Harrison**, President, AT&T North Carolina  
**Diane Griffin Holland**, Vice President of Law and Policy, United States Telecom Association  
**Ronald Johnson**, Chairman and CEO, Solutions4Change LLC; Treasurer, MMTC Board of Directors  
**Perry A. Sook**, Chairman, President, and CEO, Nexstar Media Group, Inc.

### **FinTech Industry Founders and Executives**

**Marla Blow**, Partner, Fenway Summer LLC; CEO, FS Card Inc.  
**Yvette S. Butler**, President and CEO, Capital One Investing  
**Wole Coaxum**, Founder and CEO, Mobility Capital Finance, Inc. (MoCaFi)  
**Jotaka Eaddy**, Head of Government Affairs, LendUp  
**Jerry Nemorin**, Founder and CEO, LendStreet  
**Angel Rich**, Founder and CEO, The Wealth Roundtable  
**Nicole Sanchez**, Founder and CEO, eCreditHero  
**Cid Williams**, Co-Founder, YING  
**Karla Ballard Williams**, Co-Founder and CEO, YING

### **Current and Former Government Representatives**

**Joycelyn James**, Tech & Innovation Sector, Government of the District of Columbia, Executive Office of the Mayor, Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development; Former Senior Counsel and Cathy Hughes Fellow, MMTC  
**Hon. Julia Johnson**, Chair, Board of Directors, MMTC; President, NetCommunications, Inc.; Former Chair, Florida Public Service Commission  
**Deborah Lathen**, President, Lathen Consulting LLC; Former Chief, Cable Services Bureau, FCC  
**Nicholas A. Perkins**, Access to Capital Team, Business Development Specialist, Office of Business Development, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), U.S. Department of Commerce  
**Elroy Sailor**, Member, Trump Transition Team; Co-Founder, JC Watts Companies; Founder, Insight America



**Nonprofit and Civil Rights Leaders**

**Debra Berlyn**, Consumer Policy Solutions, President; Executive Director, Project to Get Older Adults onLine (Project GOAL)  
**David Honig**, President Emeritus and Senior Advisor, MMTC  
**Kim M. Keenan**, President and CEO, MMTC  
**Rosa Mendoza**, Executive Director, Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP)  
**Hon. Marc H. Morial**, President and CEO, National Urban League; Former Mayor, City of New Orleans  
**Spencer Overton**, President and CEO, Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies  
**Diann Rust-Tierney**, Executive Director, National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty  
**Hilary Shelton**, Director, Washington Bureau, NAACP  
**Brent Wilkes**, National Executive Director, League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC)  
**James L. Winston**, President, National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB)  
**Chris Wood**, Executive Director and Co-Founder, LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute

**Media Owners and Personalities**

**Kelvin Boston**, Host, PBS-TV's Moneywise with Kelvin Boston; Founder, Moneywise Digital Solutions  
**Monique Pressley**, Principal, The Pressley Firm PLLC; Radio Host, *Breathe Through It with Monique Pressley*  
**Kristal High Taylor**, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, *Politic365*

**Industry Leaders, Academics, and Experts**

**Ari Q. Fitzgerald**, Partner, Hogan Lovells; Secretary, MMTC Board of Directors  
**Maurita Coley Flippin**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, MMTC  
**Rosemary Harold**, Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP  
**Kevin Kornegay, Ph.D.**, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Morgan State University  
**Erwin Krasnow**, Partner, Garvey Schubert Barer; Vice Chair, MMTC Board of Directors  
**Rev. William H. Lamar, IV**, Pastor, Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, DC  
**Allison May**, Counsel, Davis Wright Tremaine  
**Francisco Montero**, Partner, Fletcher Heald & Hildreth; Member, Board of Directors, MMTC  
**Rikin Thakker, Ph.D.**, Vice President, Telecommunications and Spectrum Policy, MMTC  
**Bryan Tramont**, Managing Partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP  
**Nicol Turner-Lee, Ph.D.**, Fellow, Brookings Center for Technology and Innovation