

**Talking Points
for
20 Oct 2020 Arlington County Board Meeting**

- Broadband internet access in the U.S. costs more than anywhere else in the U.S., except in 3rd world countries. Arlington is no exception to this observation.
- 10% to 16% of Arlington households don't have internet access.
- Broadband internet access is becoming a necessary aspect of life, including for medical care and education.
- In Arlington, we currently have a duopoly for broadband internet access. This is almost certainly not going to change if left to private enterprise.
- It is irresponsible to not look for options to improve this situation.
- A Broadband Authority appears to offer a solution to this situation:
 - Proven elsewhere in the U.S.
 - Including in other parts of Virginia.
- Please include consideration of a Broadband Authority in this study.
- Don't be misled by people who say there are legal problems when it is already in operation elsewhere in Virginia right now.
- Other parts of Virginia have implemented Broadband Authorities. We can too!
- Thank you for considering these points.