

Resolution R8-2017
January 11, 2017

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
777 North Capitol Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE GLOBAL CITIES INITIATIVE GREATER WASHINGTON METRO EXPORT
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 23 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures and the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and COG provides a focus for action on issues of regional concern; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the COG Board of Directors adopted Resolution R2-2016 authorizing COG to participate in the Global Cities Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is a \$10 million, five-year project of Brookings and JPMorgan Chase aimed at helping the leaders of metropolitan America strengthen their regional economies by becoming more competitive in the global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Global Cities Initiative is built on the concept that the global economy is a network of metropolitan economies which are home to most of the world's population, production, finance, and sources of innovation. Combining Brookings' deep expertise in fact-based, metro-focused research and JPMorgan Chase's longstanding commitment to investing in cities; and

WHEREAS, over the past year the initiative provided the region with proven, actionable ideas for how to expand the global reach of their economies, building on best practices and policy innovations from across the nation and around the world while creating an international network of leaders intent upon deepening trade relationships; and

WHEREAS, the GCI Greater Washington Metro Export Plan provides an overview of our regional economy and develops a region export strategy to boost the economy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

The COG Board of Directors thanks the GCI steering committee for their work on the plan, accepts the GCI Greater Washington Metro Export Plan, and asks the Executive Director, or his designee, to disseminate the final plan to COG Board members and the appropriate stakeholders in the region.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing resolution was adopted by the COG Board of
Directors on January 11, 2017.**

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