

This question set collects basic information regarding the string that is being applied for (for example, a-label, meaning, script). If the applying entity opts to designate a replacement string, it must answer the same set of questions for the replacement string from the AGB Question Set 5 on.

AGB Q116. Applied-for Primary String (ASCII Label)

bitcoin

AGB Q118. What is the meaning/definition of the applied-for gTLD string?

Provide the meaning, or restatement of the string in English, that is, a description of the literal meaning of the string in the opinion of the applying entity. If there is no literal meaning in English (for example, a brand name or a proper noun without a translation) simply state "No English Translation"

The name of the Bitcoin protocol and network and of the unit of the currency it operates; here, the community of those who run, build and provide the network's infrastructure and services.

AGB Q120. Phonetic Representation

Provide a representation of the string according to the International Phonetic Alphabet.

['bɪtkɔɪn]

AGB Q121. As per Section 3(d) of Specification 11 of the Base Registry Agreement, a registry operator of a "generic string" may not impose eligibility criteria for registering names in the TLD that limit registrations exclusively to a single person or entity and/or that person's or entity's "Affiliates" (as defined in Section 2.9(c) of the Registry Agreement). "Generic String" means a string consisting of a word or term that denominates or describes a general class of goods, services, groups, organizations or things, as opposed to distinguishing a specific brand of goods, services, groups, organizations or things from those of others. Confirm that the applied-for string is not a "generic string" in which the applying entity intends to limit registrations exclusively to a single person or entity.

Confirm the statement using a checkbox.

true

AGB Q133. What is the mission and purpose of the applied-for gTLD?

1. Describe the mission and purpose of the applied-for gTLD, including the intended registrants and users, and the related activities that have been or will be carried out to achieve this purpose.

1a. If applying for a variant of an existing gTLD, please also describe the mission and purpose of the existing gTLD, including the intended registrants and users, and the related activities that have been or will be carried out to achieve this purpose.

2. Explain how this purpose is sustainable over time.

Mission. To operate .bitcoin as a restricted namespace serving the Bitcoin operational and contributor community, in which a domain name is evidence that its holder performs a verifiable function in the operation, development or provision of the Bitcoin network.

Purpose. The Bitcoin ecosystem is a persistent target of impersonation and fraud, and the general public has no reliable signal by which to distinguish a genuine operator, wallet or exchange from an imitation of one. Because eligibility for a .bitcoin registration is conditioned on a verifiable functional qualification, the namespace supplies that signal: registration is itself a statement, enforceable through the registry's own policy, that the registrant is a participant in the network's operation and not a party appropriating its name. Restriction is therefore the purpose, not an incident of it.

Intended registrants and users. Registrants are the members of the identified community: node and DNS seed operators; contributors to the reference implementation and the standards process; operators of explorers, wallets, exchanges, custody, payments and mining services; publishers and educators documenting the protocol; and organizers of the community's conferences, meetups and working groups. Users are those registrants together with the wider public who rely on the namespace as an indication that a service is a bona fide participant.

Activities undertaken and to be undertaken. The registry will operate .bitcoin under a Community Registration Policy proposed for inclusion in Specification 12 of the Registry Agreement; verify eligibility against the published functional qualifications before registration and on renewal; maintain a published abuse point of contact that receives and acts on reports of non-qualifying or abusive registrations; and operate under TLD-scoped governance in which the community's relevant bodies determine policy and the applicant, as the contracting party, executes it.

Sustainability over time. The purpose sustains itself by the same mechanism that defines it. Verification is funded from registration fees, so the cost of policing eligibility scales with the namespace it polices; the registry has no auction program and no premium-name program, so its revenue does not depend on selling names outside the community it serves. The applicant has operated the network's most widely integrated public block explorer and one of its DNS seeds for over seven years without charging the community for either, and the registry commits 21% of gross revenue to funding Bitcoin development and infrastructure, returning the namespace's proceeds to the community whose participation gives it meaning. These commitments stand as fixed obligations in the registry's financial planning, and the 21% pledge is already a matter of public record in the applicant's published notice to the community.

Section: Community

This question set collects information specific to Community gTLDs. However, question 133 (Mission & Purpose) must be answered by all applying entities.

General

AGB Q131. Is this application for a community TLD?

Yes

AGB Q132. What community will the applied-for string serve?

1. Provide the name of the community that the applying entity is committing to serve.
2. Describe the distinct aspects of the community.

The string .bitcoin represents the Bitcoin operational and contributor community worldwide: those who run, build or provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network.

AGB Q134. How would you categorize your community?

Enter a category that best describes your community. Some examples of community categories could include, but are not limited to: activity-based and volunteer groups, online or social media groups, religious or political groups, diasporic communities, linguistic communities, celebrity or sports team supporters.

The identified community is an established global technical and operational community.

The category is chosen deliberately over alternatives such as an interest group, a user base, or a market. The distinction is functional rather than attitudinal: membership of this community is constituted by performing a function in the operation, development, provision or support of the Bitcoin network - operating a node or a DNS seed, contributing to the reference implementation or the standards process, providing an explorer, wallet or exchange service, publishing educational or documentary material about the protocol, or organizing the community's convenings. Each of those functions is externally observable and independently verifiable from public artifacts: a reachable node on the peer-to-peer network, a commit history, a published and operating service, published material, a program of record.

That is what makes it a community in the sense the Guidebook requires, and not a public. Holding or purchasing bitcoin, by contrast, is an action that is not operational in nature and confers no role. The community is therefore defined so as to exclude holders and purchasers as such. A person who buys bitcoin is not a member. A person who runs the software that makes buying possible is.

The community is technical in that its membership is bound by a shared specification (the consensus rules implemented in the network's software, to which every participant's transactions and blocks must conform) and operational in that its members maintain the network as a continuously running system, not as a body of knowledge or a market position.

Organization

AGB Q135. What is the applying entity's connection to the community?

Describe and provide evidence of the relationship between the applying entity and the identified community.

The applicant is connected to the identified community in two capacities: as a member performing several of the functions by which the community is defined, and as the holder of a trust the community itself conferred on it.

The trust already held. The Bitcoin reference implementation carries in its source a short list of DNS hostnames that every newly started node queries in order to discover peers on the network. The applicant operates one of those seeds, seed.bitcoin.wiz.biz, and is named in the source as its operator. It is one of seven such seeds in the current implementation. The set is not self-declared: entries are added and removed through the community's own public, reviewed, version-controlled process, and the record of every change is permanently archived and attributable. The seed is in continuous operation and answers queries from nodes worldwide.

This matters to the present application for a reason beyond credentials. The trust the community has already placed in the applicant concerns naming and discovery - the same function a top-level domain performs. The applicant does not come to this community asking for a new kind of responsibility. It asks to continue, at the top level of the domain name system, a naming role the community entrusted to it and has maintained across successive releases.

Infrastructure the community relies on. The applicant operates mempool.space, the most widely used block explorer for the Bitcoin network, through which participants inspect transactions, fees and the state of the mempool. The project is open source and, in its own words, "developed and operated for the benefit of the Bitcoin community." The applicant's principal maintains and operates the project, and is its leading contributor by volume, with 3,313 commits recorded in the public repository, more than any other contributor. The service is relied upon by substantial regulated undertakings, and in July 2025 a report of the President's Working Group on Digital Asset Markets, published by the White House under Executive Order 14178, cited mempool.space as its source for the network's genesis block (footnote 209; captured 4 August 2026): reliance on the applicant's service by the executive branch of the United States, in its own published record. Service to a sovereign. The applicant operates bitcoin.gob.sv, the site of the National Bitcoin Office of El Salvador, for the government of that Republic. Community-facing work. The applicant has maintained public reference material for the community, including the site at bitcoin-only.com, and its principal participates in the community's convening activity, including meetups, conference programs and long-form public discussion. Evidence, not assertion. Each element above is verifiable by any evaluator without reference to the applicant: the seed entry and its operator attribution appear in the reference implementation's published source; the contribution record

appears in the public repository; the seed answers live queries; and the National Bitcoin Office site is publicly reachable.

Everyone in the Bitcoin community contributes in their own way; the applicant has contributed for many years as an experienced network operator (AS 54415), providing DNS and other critical infrastructure, and now proposes to extend that operational role to the top-level domain in service of the same community.

AGB Q136. How is the community organized? Are there one or multiple organizations ("organizing body") that represent or administer the community?

Describe and provide evidence related to the community organization, any relevant organizing bodies, and any relevant leaders within the community.

The applicant is not the organizing body for this community and does not claim to be. No single party organizes Bitcoin. The community is nonetheless organized, and organized functionally: through bodies each holding a defined role relevant to a member category, each admitting and removing participants by public, documented process. The Guidebook provides that a body which represents a community ranks equally with one that administers it. On that basis:

1 - The DNS seed operators. Relevant to: node and seed operation. Every newly started Bitcoin node discovers the network by querying a short list of DNS hostnames carried in the reference implementation's source. Seven are carried in the current implementation, each attributed to its operator: dnsseed.bluematt.me (Matt Corallo), seed.bitcoin.jonasschnelli.ch (Jonas Schnelli), seed.btc.petertodd.net (Peter Todd), seed.bitcoin.sprovoost.nl (Sjors Provoost), dnsseed.emzy.de (Stephan Oeste), seed.bitcoin.wiz.biz (the applicant) and seed.mainnet.achownodes.xyz (Ava Chow).

This body is identified first because it demonstrates organization in the sense the criterion tests. Admission and removal occur through a public, reviewed, version-controlled process: entries were removed on 9 July 2026, 28 October 2025 and 26 August 2024, each by an attributable public change. A community that admits and removes the holders of a trust role by a recorded, reviewable procedure is an organized community.

2 - Maintainers and contributors of the reference implementation. Relevant to: protocol and software contribution. Authority to accept changes to the software the network runs rests with five maintainers, identified by signing keys published in the repository itself, and every change is recorded publicly with its reviewers. The implementation records 341 named contributors.

3 - Editors of the standards process. Relevant to: protocol and software contribution. Protocol proposals are numbered, reviewed and published under a process established on 19 September 2011, administered by assigned editors and recorded publicly.

4 - Conference and regional meetup organizers. Relevant to: convening. Standing series that convene the community recurrently.

5 - Operators of infrastructure and services. Relevant to: service provision. Explorers, wallets, exchanges, custody and payment providers, and mining pools, each identifiable by its service.

Leaders. The community's leaders are identifiable by name and role. The seed operators are named in the implementation itself: Matt Corallo, Jonas Schnelli, Peter Todd, Sjors Provoost, Stephan Oeste, the applicant's principal, and Ava Chow. Five maintainers, identified by signing keys published in the repository, hold authority to accept changes to that implementation. Similarly, five maintainers have editorial authority over the BIP standards process, identified in the "bips" git repository. The convening, software, and educational bodies name their own leaders in the statements filed at Q156, including Adam Back (Blockstream), Olaoluwa Osuntokun (Lightning Labs), Gigi (OpenSats), Mike Schmidt (Brink), Lisa Neigut (bitcoin++), David Bailey (The Bitcoin Conference), Rod Roudi (Bitcoin Park), Anna (Baltic Honeybadger), Martin Kuchar (BTC Prague), Michael Tidwell (TABConf), and Giacomo Zucco (Plan B Network). Leadership here is functional, not hierarchical: each leads a body with a defined role in operating, developing, funding, or convening the network, and none claims authority over Bitcoin itself.

Two express statements. None of the bodies above claims authority over Bitcoin itself, and the applicant attributes none to them; each holds a defined function, and that is the whole of the claim. And the committee proposed to govern this domain's policy is an instrument of the registry, not an organizing body of this community, being the mechanism by which the registry answers to the bodies above. It is described in the charter filed with this application.

AGB Q137. Does the community have defined membership requirements, such as registration, licensing, or use of specific communication? Or, do community members self-identify as part of the community?

1. Describe any formal membership process, if there is one.

2. If there is no formal membership process, provide evidence related to how an individual can join the identified community (i.e., "self-identify" as a community member).

Membership is defined by a verifiable functional qualification. It is neither a roster maintained by the applicant nor a matter of self-identification, and it does not depend on holding bitcoin, on nationality, or on domicile.

A member of the identified community is a natural or legal person that performs at least one of the following functions in relation to the Bitcoin network, and whose performance of it can be verified from public evidence:

Network operation - operating a reachable node on the Bitcoin peer-to-peer network, or operating a DNS seed by which new nodes discover peers. Verifiable from: the node's presence and service bits on the public network; for seeds, the published seed list carried in the reference implementation.

Protocol and software contribution - contributing to the reference implementation or to other consensus-compatible node software, or participating in the standards process by which protocol proposals are drafted, reviewed and assigned. Verifiable from: public version-control history and the public proposal record.

Infrastructure and service provision - operating a block explorer, wallet, exchange, custody, payments or mining-related service for the Bitcoin network. Verifiable from: the operating service itself.

Documentation, education and publication - publishing material that documents or teaches the protocol and its use: books, technical documentation, periodicals, courses, podcasts or long-form written work. Verifiable from: the published work.

Convening - organizing conferences, meetups, or working groups of the community. Verifiable from: the program and record of the events held.

Joining requires no application to anyone. A person joins the community by beginning to perform a qualifying function, starting a node, publishing a first contribution, opening a service, and the public evidence of that performance is itself the record of membership.

Two features of this definition matter for the panel's assessment. First, it is bounded: each qualification is a function performed, so the boundary is determined by evidence rather than by the applicant's discretion, and a person who ceases to perform any qualifying function ceases to qualify. Second, it is exclusive of the general public: the substantial population that buys, holds or transacts in bitcoin without performing any of the functions above is outside the community by the definition's own operation, not by exclusion after the fact.

The same five categories, expressed as compulsory and measurable registry obligations, constitute the eligibility rules proposed for the registry's Community Registration Policy, so that the community as defined and the community as served are the same set.

AGB Q138. Where is the community located?

Provide the primary location of the community.

Worldwide. The community is inherently distributed: members operate nodes, infrastructure and services across every populated region and coordinate through public

networks rather than within any single jurisdiction.

AGB Q139. What is the estimated size of the community? This should take into account any regions listed in Question 138.

- 1. Provide the estimated size of the community. The size should be in number format (e.g., "1,000,000 members").*
- 2. If the community is divided by group, region, sector, etc., this should include estimated size for each group.*

Approximately 28,000 participants worldwide, by group: 27,556 reachable nodes; 341 reference-implementation contributors; 7 DNS seed operators; and operators of mining, exchange, wallet, explorer, payment, publishing and convening services.

AGB Q140. What portion of the community do any organizing bodies represent or administer to?

Provide the estimated size of the community that is administered or represented by each relevant organizing body in the identified community.

DNS seeds: 7. Bitcoin Core: 341 contributors. OpenSats: 400+ grantees. Mining (Foundry+Antpool+SpiderPool): ~50%+ hashrate. Bitcoin 2024: 22,000+ attendees. BTC Prague: 8,400 visitors. Bitcoin Park: 6,582 members. 30+ service & infrastructure operators.

Engagement

AGB Q141. Do the organizing bodies demonstrate active and consistent efforts to engage and connect with the identified community and its members?

- 1. Provide evidence of any documented practices of community efforts to date*
- 2. The applying entity should provide documentation of the following practices, which should have occurred within the two years leading up to application submission:*
 - a) Offering support;*
 - b) Sharing information;*
 - c) Responding to specific community needs;*
 - d) Fostering and strengthening relationships within the community.*

The organizing bodies of this community engage it continuously, and they do so in public. Every item below is dated, falls inside the two years before submission, and is verifiable from the community's own records, not from the applicant's account of them.

(a)Offering support. The maintainers of the reference implementation sustain not one release line but five concurrently maintained major series, issuing security and maintenance releases to older series alongside new ones so that operators who cannot upgrade immediately remain supported. Eighteen releases were published between 11 July 2024 and 10 July 2026 (v26.2, v27.2, v28.0 through v28.4, v29.0 through v29.4, v30.0 through v30.3, and v31.0 and v31.1), each with published release notes and an attributable change history. Support is also structural, not occasional: the DNS seed set answers peer-discovery queries from every newly started node on the network, continuously, without charge or registration.

(b)Sharing information. The standards process publishes Bitcoin Improvement Proposals to a public repository under a documented procedure, and each of the eighteen releases

above is accompanied by published notes describing its changes. The community's development mailing list remains its deliberative venue and its archive is public and dated. Its conferences publish programs and recordings.

(c) Responding to specific community needs. The clearest instance in the window concerns the organizing body at the centre of this application. The DNS seed set is a list carried in the reference implementation's source, and its membership is curated — entries were removed on 26 August 2024, 28 October 2025 and 9 July 2026, each by a public, reviewed, version-controlled change with an attributable author and an archived discussion. A seed that ceases to serve the network is removed by the community's own process, on the record. That is an organizing body identifying a need and acting on it, evidenced without any reliance on the applicant.

(d) Fostering and strengthening relationships. The community's convening bodies met repeatedly inside the window, and their own statements record the scale: BTC Inc's Bitcoin events brought together approximately 67,000 attendees across multiple continents in 2025 alone, per its organizer's statement filed at Q156; BTC Prague, Europe's largest Bitcoin conference, brought together approximately 110 partner and sponsor organizations and more than 8,400 visitors; Bitcoin Park recorded 12,700 attendances by 3,821 distinct individuals, of whom 228 attended ten or more events; bitcoin++ has run more than eighteen editions of technical conferences, workshops and hackathons for developers; TABConf continued as a volunteer-run technical conference. Beyond the conference circuit, Bitcoin Ekasi sustains a functioning circular economy in Mossel Bay, South Africa, with roughly 500 people transacting weekly or daily, and Blocktrainer convenes German-language events drawing more than 1,000 participants each.

Has Documents

AGB Q142. What is the role of the applying entity in the engagement efforts listed in Question 141?

1. *Describe whether the applying entity has a role in any of the activities listed in Question 141.*
2. *If the applying entity does play a role, provide evidence of the applying entity's role. If the applying entity does not play a role, describe why this is the case.*

Yes. The applying entity is not an observer of this community's engagement but a participant in it, and in several instances the party conducting it.

Operating shared infrastructure others depend on. The applicant operates one of the seven DNS seeds by which every newly started node on the network discovers its peers, and operates mempool.space, through which participants inspect transactions and fee conditions. Neither is a passive holding: each is a service the community consumes daily, and the applicant's principal maintains the latter and is its leading contributor by volume, with 3,313 recorded commits.

Supplying information to the community. The explorer exists to make the state of the

network legible to its participants, and the applicant has maintained public reference material addressed to the community, including the site at bitcoin-only.com.

Serving the community's institutional interface. The applicant operates the site of the National Bitcoin Office of El Salvador, a function that sits at the boundary between the community and a sovereign state.

Convening and participating. The applicant's principal participates in the community's convening activity, including meetups, conference programs and public discussion.

Sharing a trust role subject to the community's own review. The applicant's seed entry exists in the reference implementation because the community's process placed it there and has maintained it across releases. Participation in that process, being subject to it rather than merely benefiting from it, is itself engagement of the kind this criterion contemplates.

Awareness

AGB Q143. Are community members aware of the identified community and each other?

1. Provide evidence that demonstrates that community members are aware of the identified community and the different member groups or segments within the identified community.

2. The applying entity should provide documentation of the following practices, which should have occurred within the two years leading up to application submission:

a) Surveys conducted;

b) Records of activities involving a diversity of community groups, segments, or members.

Members of this community are aware of the community and of one another, and the evidence for it is documentary. No survey is offered, because the community's own records establish the point directly.

Overlapping membership between organizing bodies. The same individuals hold roles in more than one of the community's bodies simultaneously, and the overlap is near-total. Every one of the seven DNS seed operators carried in the reference implementation has also contributed to that implementation, six of them substantially: Ava Chow (2,471 commits, most recent 24 July 2026), Jonas Schnelli (774), Matt Corallo (507), Sjors Provoost (450, most recent 23 July 2026), Peter Todd (106) and Stephan Oeste (3), figures taken from the public repository on 28 July 2026.

A community in which the operators of one trust role are, almost without exception, the authors and reviewers of the software the network runs is a community whose members are known to one another by name and by function, not in the abstract. The awareness this sub-criterion tests is a condition of the roles being held at all, not an inference from them.

Shared, reviewed decision-making. The mechanism by which a member is admitted to or removed from the seed set is a proposed change to the reference implementation, reviewed and accepted in public by that implementation's maintainers. Every such change carries the identities of the proposer and the reviewers. Awareness between members is therefore recorded in the artifact of every decision.

A common deliberative venue. Protocol matters are discussed on a public mailing list with an open archive, and proposals are numbered and published under a common standards process. Participation across both is cross-cutting: the same participants appear as authors, reviewers and correspondents.

Recurring convening. The community assembles on a recurring basis at standing conference series and regional meetups, at which its members appear as organizers, speakers and participants. A shared technical constraint that requires mutual awareness. Every member's transactions and blocks must conform to the same consensus rules, and every node operator depends on other members' nodes to relay and validate. The community's members do not merely know of one another. The system they operate does not function unless they interoperate by common agreement.

AGB Q144. Are community members aware of the applying entity and its intention to apply for a community gTLD?

1. Provide evidence of community members' awareness of the applying entity and its intent to apply for a community gTLD.

2. If there is no such evidence, explain why not.

Yes, and the evidence is on the public record.

The notice. On 5 August 2026 the applicant published Notice of ICANN .bitcoin TLD community application, addressed to the community and issued under the name of the applicant's Chairman and Chief Executive. The notice states the intention to file a community priority application for .bitcoin; identifies the applicant as Wiz & Associates, S.A. de C.V.; sets out the identified community in the same terms used in this application, namely those who run, build and provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network; describes the proposed registration policy and the committee that would oversee it; and gives the closing date of the submission window. It invites objections expressly, stating that the notice is given so that the intention is public and so that serious objections can surface early rather than during evaluation. It is dated and publicly accessible.

The response, which is the stronger evidence. Within days of that notice, more than fifty organizations and individuals across the identified community responded in writing, each naming Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and the string .bitcoin, and each addressing the application directly. The letters are dated between 5 and 11 August 2026 and are attached to Q156. They include multiple operators of Bitcoin DNS seeds and Bitcoin Core

maintainers and contributors; the largest public funder of open-source Bitcoin development (OpenSats); major Bitcoin infrastructure and protocol companies (Blockstream and Lightning Labs); three of the largest mining pools by hashrate (Foundry, Antpool, and SpiderPool); the organizer of The Bitcoin Conference, the largest Bitcoin event by attendance; the organizers of BTC Prague, Baltic Honeybadger, Bitcoin Park, and other technical conferences and meetups; leading open-source wallet, node, custody, exchange, and payment projects; significant education and policy organizations; and circular-economy and regional Bitcoin communities. The supporting parties are established across the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Awareness is therefore evidenced twice over: the community was told, in a dated public notice that set out the application in the same terms as the filing; and the community demonstrably received it, because over fifty of its organizations and operators read the notice, understood what was proposed, and put their positions in writing within days. No member of the community has stated that it was unaware, and none has objected on that ground.

Has Documents

Established Presence

AGB Q145. Was there an established presence of the identified community prior to the opening of the application submission period?

Provide evidence of the established presence of the community prior to the opening of the application submission period.

Yes

Has Documents

AGB Q146. Are individuals and groups outside of the identified community aware of the existence of the identified community?

1. Provide evidence that demonstrates that individuals and groups outside of the community show an awareness of the identified community.

2. The applying entity should provide documentation of the following practices, which should have occurred within the two years leading up to application submission:

a) Media or other public information regarding the community and its activities or members;

b) Discussion of the community in various fora, whether online or in person;

c) Evidence of partnerships or collaborations with groups outside of the identified community;

d) Evidence of the chartering or organization of the community prior to the opening of the application submission window;

e) Evidence of contributions (for example, cultural or scientific) to a larger society or population;

Recognition of this community outside its own membership is unusually well-evidenced, and it extends to the highest level available - recognition by sovereign states in legislation.

Sovereign recognition of the community's operators. The Republic of El Salvador operates its official Bitcoin information service at bitcoin.gob.sv on the applicant's

infrastructure, a state entrusting a member of this community with a service on its own national domain. That entrustment followed the state's adoption of Bitcoin by Act of its Legislative Assembly in 2021, legislation that presupposes, and therefore recognizes, an operated network and the community that operates it. In August 2026 the Republic's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, under seal, recognized this community's "node and seed operators, protocol contributors, and the providers of the services that depend on them" as "a long-standing, identifiable and functioning community" on whose continued work the nation's payment and financial infrastructure depends, and recorded no objection to .bitcoin representing it, in connection with this application (MRREE/2026, exhibited).

United States Senator Cynthia M. Lummis, in a letter dated 11 August 2026, expressly recognized the identified community, Bitcoin node and DNS seed operators, protocol and software contributors, and providers of infrastructure, services, and education, and stated that its continued work is essential to the Bitcoin network and to financial innovation in the United States.

Public and documentary recognition. The subject has been continuously covered by the general press for well over a decade, is treated in dictionaries of record, and is the subject of an extensive published literature - including translations of the community's principal works into other languages, one of which the applicant published in Japanese. The distinction that matters for this criterion is between recognition of a subject and recognition of a community. What is recorded above is the latter: states legislating for the system this community operates, one state entrusting its own service to a member of it, another state's executive citing a member's infrastructure as its source of record, regulators supervising its participants, and major undertakings depending on infrastructure its members run.

Has Documents

Longevity

AGB Q147. Are the pursuits of the identified community enduring and sustainable?

1. *Provide evidence of the longevity of the community.*
2. *The applying entity should provide documentation of the following practices which should have occurred within the two years leading up to application submission:*
 - a) *Evidence of recurring or scheduled activities that demonstrate continuity over time;*
 - b) *Documented records of past activities that demonstrate a long-standing tradition or practice;*
 - c) *Records of discussions emphasizing the community's enduring presence or its cultural significance.*

Why this answer has two parts. Deep history alone does not satisfy the instruction - an answer resting only on founding dates is non-conformant, however impressive the dates. Both halves are answered below.

Part 1 - Long-standing tradition

This community has operated continuously for over seventeen years, and its record is unusually precise because its own infrastructure timestamps it. The specification was published on 31 October 2008. The network began operating at 18:15:05 UTC on 3 January 2009 with the mining of block 0, and every block since remains publicly verifiable by anyone running the software. The reference implementation's version-control history reaches the network's first year (its earliest reachable commit is dated 17 December 2009) and records 341 named contributors.

The community's institutions were established across successive years, none in connection with this application: the standards process by which protocol changes are proposed and published was established on 19 September 2011 and has operated continuously since; the public development mailing list has served as the community's deliberative venue since the network's earliest period; and the set of DNS seeds carried in the reference implementation has been maintained there across releases for more than a decade.

That last point bears on longevity in a way founding dates do not. The seed set is not a static artifact of the community's early years. Its membership has been actively curated within the last two years - entries were removed on 26 August 2024, 28 October 2025 and 9 July 2026, each by an attributable public change to the reference implementation. A community that was maintaining the same trust role seventeen years after its founding, and doing so last month, is not merely long-lived but continuously operating.

Part 2 - Practices within the two years before submission

Part 2(a) - recurring and scheduled activity, from public record

The reference implementation's release cadence over the two years before submission is public record. Eighteen releases were published between 11 July 2024 and 10 July 2026, across five concurrently maintained major series - not a single active branch but five maintained in parallel, with security and maintenance releases issued to older series alongside new ones: the release behavior of a community sustaining infrastructure in production for operators who cannot all upgrade at once. A recurring, scheduled practice inside the window, evidenced from the community's own record; the dated release table, retrieved 28 July 2026, accompanies this answer as an exhibit.

Part 2(b) - the convening tradition, active in the window

The community's standing conferences and meetup networks convened it throughout the two years before submission, and their own statements, dated August 2026 and filed at Q156, record the scale: BTC Prague with approximately 110 partner organizations and

more than 8,400 visitors; bitcoin++ in its eighteenth edition; Bitcoin Park with 12,700 attendances by 3,821 distinct individuals; TABConf; and regional convening from German-language events of more than 1,000 participants to a functioning circular economy in South Africa. Archived programs for the 2024-2026 editions accompany this answer as exhibits.

Part 2(c) - recent discussion of enduring significance

In July 2025 the President's Working Group on Digital Asset Markets (Executive Order 14178) published Strengthening American Leadership in Digital Financial Technology - a United States executive-branch report treating the network this community operates as a subject of national policy, citing the community's own infrastructure (mempool.space, footnote 209) as its source of record for the network's first block. Governmental discussion of the community's significance, inside the two-year window, resting on the community's record (captured 4 August 2026).

Has Documents

Nexus

AGB Q148. Does the string match the name of the identified community?

Explain how the applied-for string matches the name of the community or is a well-known alternative name (whether long or short form) of the community.

The identified community is the Bitcoin operational and contributor community: those who run, build or provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network. The applied-for string is the identifying element of that name. The remaining words (operational and contributor) state the functions by which membership is verified, and they name no different subject. Remove them and the community is still named. Remove "bitcoin" and nothing is named at all.

The string is also the community's well-known short name. In ordinary English this community is called the bitcoin community, and that collocation is recorded in a dictionary of record: Merriam-Webster's entry for the word carries, as an illustrative quotation, Richard Kastelein's description of "a new financial instrument coming out of the bitcoin community" (entry captured 3 August 2026). The applicant did not coin the short name for this application. A lexicographer selected, as an example of ordinary usage, a published sentence in which this community is named by the string alone.

What the string names. Where lexicographers distinguish the word's senses, the sense entered first, or entered separately, is the system rather than the unit. Collins English Dictionary gives as sense 1 "a system of open source peer-to-peer software for the creation and exchange of (payment in) a certain type of cryptocurrency; the first such system to be fully functional", and only as sense 2 "the cryptocurrency created and

exchanged using this software", the second sense defined by reference to the first. Duden, the German dictionary of record, does not rank the senses at all: it enters "Bitcoin, Zahlungssystem" (payment system) and "Bitcoin, Zahlungseinheit" (payment unit) as two separate headwords. Merriam-Webster distinguishes by case, its capitalized headword denoting the scheme as a whole (created for peer-to-peer transactions, glossed as having "no central issuing authority") and only its lowercase headword denoting "a unit of this currency".

Why that system is this community. A system of open source peer-to-peer software with no central issuing authority is not self-operating. It exists only while people run it and it changes only when people change it, and those people are the identified community. They are countable: 27,556 reachable nodes (btcnodes.io snapshot, 3 August 2026 23:29:53 UTC; corroborated at 25,495 nodes by the independent crawler bitnod.es on a different counting method); 341 named, non-anonymous contributors to the reference implementation published at bitcoin/bitcoin (contributor record retrieved 28 July 2026); seven DNS seed operators named in that implementation's own source; and a standards process opened by BIP 1 on 19 September 2011. The community's institutions carry the string in their own names: the specification published at bitcoin.org/bitcoin.pdf, the reference implementation's repository, the Bitcoin Improvement Proposal process, and the seed hostnames themselves.

The relation between the string and the community is therefore constitution, not overlap. The string does not resemble this community's name, abbreviate it, or evoke it. It is the name, and the thing it names is the thing this community exists to run.

The applicant does not claim the word has only this meaning. It also names the unit of value the system transfers, and that sense appears in every dictionary entry of the word that exists. It is not, however, an unrelated meaning: each dictionary that records the unit defines it by reference to the system - "created and exchanged using this software" (Collins), "a unit of this currency" (Merriam-Webster), "produced by a public network rather than any government" (Cambridge). The further sense of the word cannot be stated without naming what this community operates.

AGB Q149. Will the general public instinctively think of the community when thinking of the applied-for string?

- 1. Explain how the applied-for string clearly relates to or represents the community*
- 2. Explain whether the applied-for string has any other significant meaning beyond identifying the community or community members described in the application. The applying entity may wish to provide pertinent information regarding any particular geography, region, or themes that may be alluded to by the string, of which the community may or may not be a part.*

The word entered the language as the name of a system. The document that coined it is titled Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System, the specification for an operated

network, published in 2008. The unit of value followed in January 2009, when the network began producing it. The coin is named after the system, not the system after the coin, and everything the public has learned about the word since descends from that order.

The word's senses nest; they do not compete. A bitcoin is an entry on a ledger that exists only as the shared state of the network's nodes. The unit cannot be held, sent, or even defined except by reference to the operated system. Even dictionaries that define only the currency define it as produced by a public network rather than any government, and a currency with no issuer is produced by whoever operates the network. That is the identified community. Every use of the word for the money therefore presupposes the thing this community runs; the currency sense is a dependent of the network sense, not a rival to it.

The public's association with the community is operational, not merely verbal. No one buys, holds, or spends a bitcoin except through software the community's contributors write and services its members operate: every wallet, every exchange, every payment touches infrastructure this community provides. Usage has reflected that from the network's first days, among the first words the running system's first users published was the two-word report "Running bitcoin", and it persists in the compounds the public actually speaks: the Bitcoin network, a Bitcoin node, Bitcoin mining, Bitcoin Core. Asked who is behind bitcoin, the public can name no issuer, no company, and no headquarters, because none exists. The only human referent the word has ever had is the community that operates it.

States and institutions use the word the same way. A sovereign government publishes its national Bitcoin office at bitcoin.gob.sv, a state office named for the string, operated on a community member's infrastructure, and the United States executive's 2025 digital-asset report treats Bitcoin as an operated network and cites a member's public infrastructure as its source of record (the exhibits are filed at Q146).

The other meaning, disclosed. One sense of the word reaches beyond the community: for the holders and purchasers of bitcoin, the word means the asset and nothing more. The applicant does not minimize this population and expressly places it outside the identified community. Holding performs no function on the network, and holders are neither counted in the community's size, nor claimed as endorsers, nor eligible to register. But the asset sense is not an unrelated meaning. Both senses descend from a single referent, first described in the specification, and the second cannot be defined without the first. A string whose other meaning pointed somewhere else would tell against the community. This one points back.

Community Registration Policy

AGB Q150. Are you proposing to include one or more Community Registration Policies in the Registry Agreement (RA) that are unique to the applying entity's applied-for community gTLD?

Select from Radio Buttons - Yes/No. Notes: 1. Community Registration Policies are conditions that community gTLD registry operators impose upon registrants within their gTLDs. 2. If you select "Yes" to this question, the applying entity is required to pay the conditional Registry Commitments Evaluation fee, and Community Registration Policies that are approved by ICANN will be scored in the CPE (if the applying entity elects to participate) and included in Specification 12 of the applicable Base RA. 3. If you select "No," then the application cannot proceed as a community application.

Yes

AGB Q151.1. Please state a specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

1. Draft the Community Registration Policy as proposed contract language. Policies that are approved by ICANN will be included in Specification 12 of the applicable Registry Agreement and will be subject to enforcement by ICANN Contractual Compliance. See Appendix 4 Base Registry Agreement, Specification 12 for drafting approach. Consider the usage of defined terms and the definitions of such terms in the 2026 Round Base RA.

2. Enter a single proposed Community Registration Policy with respect to registrant eligibility in each response field. Up to 10 Community Registration Policies can be submitted.

3. Follow this format to propose what the Registry Operator must do and/or must not do:

- a) "Registry Operator shall__"; and/or*
- b) "Registry Operator shall not__".*

4. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to include in its Registry-Registrar Agreement for registrars ,:

- a) "Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall__"; and/or*
- b) "Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall not__".*

5. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to require registrars to include in the applicable Registration Agreements:

- a) "Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision requiring __"; and/or*
- b) "Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision prohibiting __".*

6. Include any objective measures that can be applied to demonstrate the Registry Operator's compliance with the Community Registration Policy. For example:

- a) Registry Operator shall develop and implement a registration eligibility policy and publish this policy on its website no later than the date on which the TLD is delegated in the DNS.*
- b) Registry Operator shall review the registration policy described in (a) at least once per year, and publish the results of such review (including any updates to the registration policy) on its website within thirty (30) days following the anniversary of the Effective Date.*

7. If the Community Registration Policy is limited in time, duration, scope, or any other factors, specify the applicable

limitations. For example, if a registrant eligibility restriction is time-limited, the applying entity must state if the restriction will apply for the lifetime of the gTLD, only during a specified period, or for some other defined period (such as, Registry Operator shall, for a period of x days from the Effective Date, ___).

8. See Section 7.8.3.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) Criteria for evaluation criteria that ICANN will apply for evaluating each proposed Community Registration Policy.

The Registry Operator shall restrict eligibility to register or hold a domain name in the TLD to registrants that demonstrate performance of at least one Qualifying Function, as published under Field 2.

AGB Q151.2. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall publish, and keep publicly available, the list of Qualifying Functions and, for each, the categories of evidence it accepts as establishing performance of that Function. The Qualifying Functions shall be: (a) operating a reachable node on the Bitcoin peer-to-peer network, or operating a DNS seed by which nodes discover peers, evidenced by the registrant's node being observable on the public network at a stated address, whether by the Registry Operator's own measurement or by a published third-party network crawler; (b) contributing to the Bitcoin reference implementation, to other consensus-compatible node software recognized under the Other Commitments, or to the Bitcoin Improvement Proposal process, evidenced by an attributed commit in the public version-control history or by authorship or editorship of a Bitcoin Improvement Proposal; (c) operating a block explorer, wallet, exchange, custody, payment or mining-related service for the Bitcoin network, evidenced by the service being publicly reachable and operated by the registrant; (d) publishing documentation, education or periodical material concerning the Bitcoin protocol or its use, evidenced by publication under the registrant's name or imprint, bearing a date and publicly accessible, and amounting to a body of work rather than a single item; (e) organizing conferences, meetups or working groups of the Bitcoin community, evidenced by a published program or announcement naming the registrant as organizer.

AGB Q151.3. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall verify the evidence submitted under Field 2 and shall not activate a domain name in the TLD before that verification is complete.

AGB Q151.4. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall refuse an application for registration where the applicant does not submit evidence of a Qualifying Function, or where the evidence submitted does not establish performance of a Qualifying Function.

AGB Q151.5. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall require and verify evidence of continued performance of at least one Qualifying Function at each renewal of a registration.

AGB Q151.6. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall give a registrant that fails re-verification under Field 5 written notice and a period of thirty (30) calendar days in which to submit evidence of a Qualifying Function.

AGB Q151.7. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall revoke a registration where the registrant has not submitted evidence establishing a Qualifying Function by the expiry of the period in Field 6.

AGB Q151.8. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall refuse or revoke a registration where the registrant's use of the domain name is directed to promoting a distributed ledger, protocol, token or token system other than Bitcoin, including any use directed to non-fungible tokens, tokenised representations of fiat currency, or decentralized finance protocols other than those operating on the Bitcoin network.

AGB Q151.9. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall maintain and publish a record of each refusal and revocation made under this policy, stating the Field relied upon, with personal data of natural

persons redacted.

AGB Q151.10. If there is an additional proposed policy, please state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to registration eligibility for community members.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q151.1.

The Registry Operator shall not grant itself, any affiliate, or any related party any priority, preference or exemption in the allocation of domain names in the TLD or in the application of this policy.

AGB Q152.1. State a specific Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

1. Draft the Community Registration Policy as proposed contract language. Policies that are approved by ICANN will be included in Specification 12 of the applicable Base Registry Agreement and will be subject to enforcement by ICANN Contractual Compliance. See Appendix 4 Base Registry Agreement, Specification 12 for drafting approach. Consider the usage of defined terms and the definitions of such terms in the 2026 Round Base RA.

2. Enter a single proposed Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string in each response field. Up to 10 Community Registration Policies can be submitted.

3. These criteria or rules should align with the community objectives of the applied-for gTLD string.

4. Follow this format to propose what the Registry Operator must do and/or must not do:

- a) "Registry Operator shall__"; and/or*
- b) "Registry Operator shall not__".*

5. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to include in its Registry-Registrar Agreement for registrars:

- a) ""Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall__"; and/or*
- b) ""Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall not__".*

6. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to require registrars to include in the applicable Registration Agreements:

- a) ""Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision requiring__""; and/or*
- b) ""Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision prohibiting__"".*

7. Include any objective measures that can be applied to demonstrate the Registry Operator's compliance with the Community Registration Policy. For example:

- a) Registry Operator shall develop and implement a name selection rule and publish it on its website no later than the date on which the TLD is delegated in the DNS.*
- b) Registry Operator shall review the name selection rule described in (a) at least once per year, and publish the results of such review (including any updates to the rule) on its website within thirty (30) days following the anniversary of the Effective Date.*

8. If the Community Registration Policy is limited in time, duration, scope, or any other factors, specify the applicable limitations. For example, if a name selection rule is time-limited, the applying entity must state if the rule will apply for

the lifetime of the gTLD, only during a specified period, or for some other defined period (such as, Registry Operator shall, for a period of x days from the Effective Date, ___).

9. See Section 7.8.3.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) Criteria for evaluation criteria that ICANN will apply for evaluating each proposed Community Registration Policy.

The Registry Operator shall require that each domain name registered in the TLD correspond to the registrant's name, to a trade mark or trade name held by the registrant, or to the service, publication, project or event by reference to which the registrant established its Qualifying Function.

AGB Q152.2. If there is an additional proposed policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q152.1.

The Registry Operator shall publish, and keep publicly available, a list of withheld terms comprising (a) terms that assert authority over, or official status in relation to, the Bitcoin protocol, its reference implementation or its standards process, and (b) terms that are the proper names of protocols, protocol layers, network components or standards artifacts of the Bitcoin network, together with the criterion by which a term is added to that list.

AGB Q152.3. If there is an additional proposed policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q152.1.

The Registry Operator shall refuse an application to register a domain name that is identical to a term on the list published under Field 2.

AGB Q152.4. If there is an additional proposed policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q152.1.

The Registry Operator shall release a term withheld under Field 2 only to an applicant that the Registry Policy Committee has determined, against published criteria, to be the body, project or service to which the term refers, and shall publish each such determination and release.

AGB Q152.5. If there is an additional proposed policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to name selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q152.1.

The Registry Operator shall refuse or revoke a registration where the domain name is identical to the name of another registrant in the TLD, or of a Bitcoin software project or service published on the list maintained under Field 2, and the registrant has not

established that it is that person, project or service.

AGB Q153.1. State a specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

1. Draft the Community Registration Policy as proposed contract language. Policies that are approved by ICANN will be included in Specification 12 of the applicable Registry Agreement and will be subject to enforcement by ICANN Contractual Compliance. See Appendix 4 Base Registry Agreement, Specification 12 for drafting approach. Consider the usage of defined terms and the definitions of such terms in the 2026 Round Base RA.

2. Enter a single proposed Community Registration Policy in each response field. Up to 10 Community Registration Policies can be submitted.

3. Follow the format to propose what the Registry Operator must do and/or must not do:

- a) "Registry Operator shall__"; and/or*
- b) "Registry Operator shall not__".*

4. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to include in its Registry-Registrar Agreement for registrars:

- a) ""Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall__"; and/or*
- b) ""Registry Operator will include the following provisions in its Registry-Registrar Agreement: Registrar shall not__".*

5. Follow this format to propose any specific requirement(s) that the Registry Operator commits to require registrars to include in the applicable Registration Agreements:

- a) ""Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision requiring__""; and/or*
- b) ""Registry Operator will include a provision in its Registry- Registrar Agreement that requires Registrars to include in their Registration Agreements a provision prohibiting__ "".*

6. Include any objective measures that can be applied to demonstrate the Registry Operator's compliance with the Community Registration Policy. For example:

- a) Registry Operator shall develop and implement a Community Registration policy and publish this policy on its website no later than the date on which the TLD is delegated in the DNS.*
- b) Registry Operator shall review the Community Registration Policy described in (a) at least once per year, and publish the results of such review (including any updates to the registration policy) on its website within thirty (30) days following the anniversary of the Effective Date.*

7. If the Community Registration Policy is limited in time, duration, scope, or any other factors, specify the applicable limitations. For example, if a commitment is time-limited, the applying entity must state if the rule will apply for the lifetime of the gTLD, only during a specified period, or for some other defined period (such as, Registry Operator shall, for a period of x days from the Effective Date, __).

8. See Section 7.8.3.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) Criteria for evaluation criteria that ICANN will apply for evaluating each proposed Community Registration Policy.

The Registry Operator shall publish, and keep publicly available, a means by which any person may report that a registrant in the TLD does not perform a Qualifying Function.

AGB Q153.2. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall acknowledge each report received under Field 1 within five (5) business days of receipt.

AGB Q153.3. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall determine each report received under Field 1 within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt and shall notify the reporter and the registrant of the determination.

AGB Q153.4. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall, where it determines under Field 3 that a registrant does not perform a Qualifying Function, apply the notice and cure procedure at Q151 Fields 6 and 7 to that registration.

AGB Q153.5. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall report annually to the Committee constituted under the Registry Policy Committee Charter the number of reports received under Field 1, the determinations made, and the number of registrations refused and revoked, and shall publish that report.

AGB Q153.6. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall refer to the Committee, for determination, any question as to whether an activity constitutes a Qualifying Function that is not resolved by the published list under Q151 Field 2.

AGB Q153.7. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall maintain and publish a register of Bitcoin layer-two protocols and consensus-compatible node software recognized for the purposes of the Eligibility fields above. A protocol or software shall be entered on that register where it settles to, or validates against, the Bitcoin blockchain, and the Registry Policy Committee has so determined on published criteria. The Registry Operator shall publish those criteria, shall determine each application for entry within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt, shall publish a written decision with reasons in each case, and shall provide a procedure by which a refused applicant may seek review of that decision.

AGB Q153.8. If there is an additional policy, state the specific Community Registration Policy with respect to an additional commitment besides registration eligibility for community members and naming selection criteria or rules for the applied-for string.

Please see full instructions in AGB Q153.1.

The Registry Operator shall contribute twenty-one percent (21%) of its annual gross revenue from the operation of the TLD to the development and maintenance of Bitcoin open-source software, shall publish annually the amount contributed and the recipients, and shall report that amount to the Committee.

AGB Q154. Explain the rationale for any limitations to the Community Registration Policy proposed by the applying entity in Questions 151-153.

- 1. If you are proposing any limitation to a proposed Community Registration Policy in Questions 151-153, please provide a rationale in this response field. Please see Section 7.8.3.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) Criteria.*
- 2. If you are not proposing any limitation to a proposed Community Registration Policy in Questions 151-153, please type ""Not Applicable"" in this response field.*

Rationale. The limitations exist because the value of this namespace, both to the community and to the public, is constituted by the restriction rather than diminished by it. A domain name in this TLD is intended to carry a specific meaning - that its holder performs a verifiable function in operating, developing or providing the Bitcoin network and its services. That meaning is destroyed if the namespace is open, and it is the reason the community would be served by the TLD at all.

The restriction is also proportionate to a demonstrable harm. Impersonation of Bitcoin services is endemic, and the public has no reliable means of distinguishing a genuine operator from an imitation. A namespace in which eligibility is verified, in which determinations are published, and in which registrations are revoked when qualification lapses supplies that means. Each limitation in Q151 and Q152 is directed to that end and goes no further: eligibility turns on functions that are externally observable, not on the Registry Operator's opinion; the withheld-term list is published together with its criterion, and terms are released to the bodies they name; and no priority is reserved to the Registry Operator or its affiliates.

(4) Compatibility with the ICANN Bylaws. In the Registry Operator's view the policy is

compatible with the Bylaws. It does not discriminate between similarly situated parties: every applicant performing any one of the published Qualifying Functions is eligible on the same terms, the Registry Operator and its affiliates included, and Q151 Field 10 forbids self-preference. It operates through published, objective criteria applied uniformly, with determinations published and an avenue of interpretation vested in a committee that is not controlled by the Registry Operator, which serves the Bylaws' commitments to openness and to accountability. It is confined to the technical and administrative operation of the TLD and does not purport to regulate content, expression or conduct beyond the namespace.

(5) Whether an additional Registry Service is required. The policy requires the verification of evidence submitted by applicants and registrants. Whether that verification is provided as an additional Registry Service is addressed in the application's Registry Services section, in consultation with the Registry Service Provider.

AGB Q155. Explain how the proposed Community Registration Policies of the applying entity meets the Registry Commitments Evaluation criteria 4 and 5?

1. Provide an explanation of how the proposed Community Registration Policies meet the Registry Commitments Evaluation criteria 4 and 5 using the considerations in the Section 7.8.3.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) Criteria.

2. Consider whether the proposed Community Registration Policy could be argued to be duplicative of a requirement under applicable law, ICANN agreements, or ICANN Consensus Policies or Temporary Policies. There may be circumstances in which a Community Registration Policy that would duplicate requirements under applicable consensus policy or law could be approved at ICANN's sole discretion. If not duplicative, please explain why you believe the Community Registration Policy is not duplicative. If yes, please specify such a requirement and explain why you believe duplication in the Base RA is necessary.

3. Consider whether the proposed Community Registration Policy could be argued to be contrary to a requirement under applicable law, ICANN agreements, or ICANN Consensus Policies or Temporary Policies. ICANN will not approve any Community Registration Policies that are found to be contrary to applicable laws, ICANN agreements and policies. Please share your views on this issue in the answer to this question.

4. Consider whether the proposed Community Registration Policy could be argued to be incompatible with ICANN's Bylaws. ICANN will not approve any Community Registration Policies that are found to be incompatible with the ICANN Bylaws. See background at the ICANN Board resolution 2024.06.08.08-2024.06.08.10. Please share your views on this issue in the answer to this question.

5. Consider whether the proposed Community Registration Policy requires the operation of an additional Registry Service. The applying entity shall engage its selected RSP to discuss the implementation of such an additional Registry Service, which must be evaluated through the RSP Program and approved by ICANN.

(a) The policy is not duplicative of existing ICANN rules. The commitments are confined to matters the base Registry Agreement does not address. The Agreement does not condition registration on the registrant's performance of any function, does not provide for verification of eligibility or for re-verification at renewal, and does not provide a channel for reports that a registrant is not eligible. The policy deliberately excludes the matters the Agreement already governs: it does not restate the abuse point of contact required by the Agreement, the reserved names ICANN requires, or the rights protection mechanisms the Agreement imposes. The eligibility-complaint procedure at Q153 is

directed to eligibility alone and operates alongside, not in place of, the Agreement's abuse provisions.

(b) The policy is not contrary to law, agreements or policies. It imposes no obligation on any registrant that is unlawful in any jurisdiction and confers no right the Registry Operator does not hold. It does not restrict any registrant's use of the Bitcoin network, only eligibility to hold a name in this TLD. It does not conflict with the Registry Agreement, with Consensus Policies, or with the dispute resolution procedures to which the Registry Operator is subject; determinations under Q153 do not displace those procedures and are without prejudice to them.

(c) The policy is compatible with the ICANN Bylaws. It does not discriminate between similarly situated parties: every applicant performing any published Qualifying Function is eligible on the same terms, the Registry Operator and its affiliates included, and Q151 Field 10 forbids self-preference. It operates through published, objective criteria applied uniformly, with determinations published and interpretation vested in a committee the Registry Operator does not control, serving the Bylaws' commitments to openness and to accountability. It is confined to the technical and administrative operation of the TLD and does not purport to regulate content, expression or conduct beyond the namespace.

(d) The policy requires no additional Registry Service. Eligibility is verified from public evidence, the reachable node, the commit history, the operating service, the published work, the event record, outside the registry's technical systems, and registrations are processed through standard registry services once verification concludes. No new Registry Service within the meaning of the RSP Evaluation Program is created, and none is requested.

Community Endorsement

AGB Q156. From where does the applying entity have the support to run the applied-for string on behalf of the identified community?

Please provide evidence of support for the applying entity's application by attaching written endorsements from the organizing bodies relevant to the identified community (related to Question 136).

Support comes from the organizing bodies identified at Q136 and operators in all five functional categories. Fifty-six written statements from fifty-five endorsing parties are attached: fifty-one endorsements from within the community, and five statements of recognition from outside it.

From the operators of the community's constitutive infrastructure and the maintainers of its software. Four of the seven DNS seed operators identified at Q136, beyond the applicant, endorse in their own names: Sjors Provoost, Ava Chow (a maintainer of the

reference implementation), Stephan Oeste and Matt Corallo, each named with their seed hostnames in the implementation's source. With the applicant's own seed, a majority of the seed set stands behind the application. Blockstream, whose chief executive authored the proof-of-work scheme cited in the founding specification, endorses (two hundred professionals, six continents). Brink, funding nine of the roughly forty protocol maintainers, and OpenSats, four hundred grants exceeding thirty-five million dollars across forty countries, endorse as its funding bodies. Named contributors, the maintainer of Utreexo, the founder of Sparrow Wallet, and Fulmo (Lightning Hackdays; 4,300 registered members) endorse; RaspiBlitz reports 193 contributors, Bisq roughly 50. Lightning Labs, maintainer of lnd and btcd, over 450 repository contributors, endorses in full.

From the community's convening and publishing bodies. BTC Inc, publisher of Bitcoin Magazine since 2012, whose 2025 events drew approximately 67,000 attendees across several continents; BTC Prague, Europe's largest, with 110 partner organizations; bitcoin++, in its 18th edition; TABConf; Bitcoin Park, more than 6,000 members; Baltic Honeybadger, Europe's longest-running; Plan B Network of Lugano; Einundzwanzig, whose network has held 310 meetups; and Bitcoin Austria, convener of more than 200 public meetups, signing with a government-verifiable qualified electronic signature.

From those who provide the network's mining infrastructure. Antpool, Foundry and SpiderPool state approximately 18.5%, 29% and 9% of global hashrate, together more than half of the network's, verifiable standing rather than headcount; and the 256 Foundation.

From service operators and educators. Swan; Unchained; Bull Bitcoin; Zaprite; JAN3; 21bitcoin; Shock Network; AnchorWatch, whose Lloyd's-regulated custody insures up to \$370 million per customer; and Blocktrainer, the largest German-language Bitcoin education platform.

From communities outside the network's established centers. Bitcoin Ekasi, roughly 500 weekly transactors and about 70 merchants, and Bitcoin Beach of El Zonte, where the country's adoption began.

Recognition from beyond the identified community, exhibited with Q146, not counted among the endorsements. El Salvador's Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, under seal, recognizes the community and records no objection (MRREE/2026); the National Artificial Intelligence Agency of El Salvador; a United States Senator, recognizing this community by its functions; the Human Rights Foundation, whose Bitcoin Development Fund has awarded \$11.8 million across 68 countries; and the Bitcoin Policy Institute.

How the applicant measures this support. The statements answer the applicant's published notice, filed as received. User populations served by endorsers, 10,000 to over 100,000 each, are outside the community and not counted; the applicant counts the organizations and the contributors and member bodies they state they represent. The bodies through which the wider bitcoin-using population reaches the network have supported the application, and no organization representing that population has stated opposition.

Reach. The endorsements come from bodies and operators established in thirteen jurisdictions across the Americas, Europe and Africa, corresponding to the distribution of the network the community operates.

Has Documents

AGB Q157. Is there any opposition to the applying entity, application, or applied-for string that the applying entity is aware of? If yes, please explain.

Provide an explanation of why opposition may or may not be relevant or how the applying entity intends to address or resolve the opposition, if applicable.

The applicant discloses the opposition it anticipates unasked.

1 - Competing applicants for the same string. The applicant is aware of multiple parties positioned to seek this string for commercial purposes: blockchain-naming firms selling or brokering top-level labels, including operators already distributing .bitcoin labels outside the authoritative root, at least one of which has publicly stated an intention to apply. The applicant expects the string to be heavily contested, by commercial actors outside the identified community whose interest is the sale of names to the public rather than service to the community the string names. The points below apply to that class, whichever of its members files.

They are not members of the identified community. An undertaking directed to a separate naming system does not run, build or provide the Bitcoin network's infrastructure, software or services. Its opposition is opposition from outside.

Their opposition would carry a competing commercial interest. The Guidebook directs the panel to weigh whether opposition is spurious, unsubstantiated or filed for obstruction; opposition by a rival applicant for the identical string, which gains directly from this application's failure, is assessed on that footing.

Prior distribution of .bitcoin labels outside the authoritative root confers no standing. Those labels do not resolve in the Domain Name System. They confer no priority: standing in this round rests on community establishment, nexus, policy and endorsement, none of which is satisfied by selling strings in a namespace of one's own construction, and such sales create no trademark or other recognized right. ICANN's

position is that the root is unique and names issued outside it acquire no status within it.

2 - Principled objection from within the community: that no single party should hold .bitcoin, or that restriction centralizes an ecosystem that resists centralization. The answer is structural:

Policy authority is vested in a committee of the community's relevant bodies; the applicant holds one seat, has no casting vote and no veto, and abstains where its registry interest is engaged.

Every seat is filled only with the written consent of its holder; an unconsented seat stays vacant, and the applicant may neither fill nor vote it.

The applicant receives no registration priority: every party meeting the published eligibility criteria has the same opportunity on the same terms.

The committee's authority is confined to this domain's policy; it expressly disclaims authority over the consensus rules, implementations, the operation of the network, the standards process, and anyone's participation in Bitcoin. Nothing it decides can exclude anyone from Bitcoin.

These guarantees are entrenched: the committee cannot amend them.

3 - Objection to restriction as such. A party may object that eligibility rules exclude it, or that the identified community is narrower than the string suggests. Restriction is the purpose, not a side effect: the namespace's value to the community, and its public utility as a mark of a bona fide participant, exists only because eligibility is verified.

The applicant has tested that objection instead of asserting an answer to it. Community members operating wallet, exchange, custody, payment and publishing services, whose services reach several hundred thousand people outside the identified community, have provided written support. The organizations best placed to object on behalf of that wider population, were the definition to disadvantage it, have supported the application instead, and the applicant is aware of no opposition from any body representing it.

Resolution. Objection from within the community is engaged directly and through the committee, with any resulting policy change placed before it for decision; opposition from outside, motivated by a competing claim to the string, is addressed on the record under the Guidebook's procedures.

Section: Safeguard Identification

This question set collects information related to determining whether certain Safeguard Public Interest Commitments (Safeguard PICs) are required for the applied-for gTLD string. See Section 7.8.2.3 Safeguard PICs. Answers to these questions will inform assessment by ICANN on whether and which Safeguard PICs must be incorporated in the applicable Registry Agreement (RA) if the string proceeds to delegation. The answers themselves will not automatically make such a determination.

AGB Q164. Will people see a domain name as more trustworthy because it is registered in your TLD?

Think about how people around the world will understand the TLD string(s) in the application, including literal and informal meanings in different languages and regions.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q165. Is it likely that consumers will face significant risks if domain names in the TLD(s) in the application are abused?

Think about how people around the world will understand the TLD string(s) in the application, including literal and informal meanings in different languages and regions.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q166. Would people generally think that this TLD will be used by entities that require strict licensing or accreditation to do business?

Think about how the TLD string(s) in the application will be understood around the world, including both literal and informal meanings in different languages and regions.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be

answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q167. Would most people think that (domains in) the TLD(s) in the application are used for activities that require regular government reporting, inspections, and oversight in various countries?

Think about how the TLD string(s) in the application will be understood around the world, including both literal and informal meanings in different languages and regions.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q168. Could people reasonably believe that (domains in) your TLD will cause or lead to harassment, harm, aggression, complaints, criticism, distress, or embarrassment?

Think about how the TLD string(s) in the application will be understood globally, including different languages and cultures.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

I-2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q169. Would most people think that the TLD is used for something usually done by governments?

Think about how the TLD string(s) in the application will be understood globally, including different languages and cultures.

1. When answering the questions, apply criteria by considering the meaning of the requested TLD string in the following contexts:

- a. Literally as described in the application*
- b. Literally in any other language in which the string is a recognized word or phrase.*
- c. Informally in any language or regional variant, where alternative meanings exist.*

I-2. If the proverbial "reasonable person" who understands the relevant context believes that the question should be answered 'yes', then the answer is yes.

No

AGB Q170. Are you proposing to include one or more of the Safeguard Public Interest Commitments (Safeguard PICs) in the Registry Agreement (RA) voluntarily regardless of ICANN's Safeguard Assessment outcomes?

Select Yes or No.

Notes:

1. ICANN will evaluate whether an applied-for gTLD string requires one or more Safeguard Public Interest Commitments (Safeguard PICs) to be included in the Base RA.
2. In addition to the Mandatory Public Interest Commitments (PICs) that must be included in each Base RA, a subset of Base RAs must include Safeguard PICs based on ICANN's Safeguard Assessment. See Section 7.8.2.3 Safeguard PICs.
3. Applying entities for TLDs that are not found to require Safeguard PICs can elect to add them to the applicable Base RAs voluntarily to, for example, further their business objectives, help address issues or concerns that are raised or could be raised with respect to their applications, or avoid the need for the evaluation and implementation of customized Registry Voluntary Commitment (RVC). See Section 7.8.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs).

No

Section: Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs)

This question set collects information related to any Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) that the applying entity is submitting. The decision to submit an RVC is typically voluntary, except for those recognized by ICANN to resolve an objection or to address GAC Consensus Advice. See Section 7.8.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments for more information.

AGB Q172. Are you proposing to include one or more Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) in the Registry Agreement (RA) that are unique to your applied-for string?

1. Select Yes or No.
2. In addition to Safeguard Public Interest Commitments (PICs), an applying entity will be permitted to propose one or more Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) to provide additional safeguards with regard to the registry operator's operation of an applied-for gTLD string. See Section 7.8.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs).
3. RVCs are separate from Community Registration Policies. See Section 7.8.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs) and Section 7.8.4 Community Registration Policies for more information. If you are applying for a Community gTLD, please submit the Community Registration Policies by answering Questions 150-155. However, if you propose to include additional Registry Voluntary Commitments in the RA beyond the Community Registration Policies, you may answer "yes" and proceed to answer the following questions.
4. You are encouraged to consider whether there are other means, separate from including commitment(s) in the Base RA, that could be used to further your business objectives or help resolve any anticipated or actual issue(s) raised regarding the applied-for gTLD string or application. See Section 7.8.3 Registry Voluntary Commitments (RVCs).

Notes:

If you select "yes" to this question, you are required to pay the conditional Registry Commitments Evaluation fee, and commitments that are approved by ICANN will be included in Specification 11 of the applicable Base RA as specific voluntary public interest commitments as contractual obligations.

No

Section: Brand & Code of Conduct Exemptions

This question set collects information related to whether the applied-for gTLD string is a .Brand (see Section 7.3) or if the applying entity is seeking a Code of Conduct exemption (see Section 7.4).

AGB Q179. Are you applying for a Brand TLD?*Select Yes or No*

No

AGB Q185. Does the applying entity request a Code of Conduct Exemption?*This serves as an indication of intent to apply for an exemption to Specification 9 and that the applying entity is NOT requesting to be designated a .Brand TLD, pursuant to Specification 13.*

No

Section: Additional Information and Supporting Materials*This question set collects any additional information that the applying entity would like to provide, including any supporting materials.***Section: Bona Fide Intent and Prohibited Communications***This question set contains attestations related to the applying entity's acknowledgment of bona fide intent and prohibited communications.*

AGB Q223. By submitting this Application, the applying entity confirms that it is submitting this Application with a good faith ("bona fide") intent to operate the gTLD for which it has applied, and that the applying entity has read and understands the provisions of Section 5.2.3.1 Prohibited Communications and Activities of the Applicant Guidebook regarding the New gTLD Program rules prohibiting certain communications and activities to prevent parties from privately resolving string contention among themselves.

Confirm the statement using the checkbox.

true

AGB Q224. By submitting this Application, the applying entity confirms that it has read and understands the provisions of Section 5.2.3.1 Prohibited Communications and Activities of the Applicant Guidebook regarding the New gTLD Program rules prohibiting certain communications and activities to prevent parties from privately resolving string contention among themselves.

Confirm the statement using the checkbox.

true

Objections

Objections for this Application have not yet been published. Information will be added when it becomes available. Please check back periodically for updates.

Response Documents

Section: Self-Certification

AGB Q212. Q4.2-1 - Provide the applying entity's self-certification document, signed by the CEO, President, CFO and/or equivalent officer of the applying entity. If financial statements are provided by a Qualified Parent Entity (QPE), the CEO, President, CFO, and/or equivalent officer of the QPE must co-sign the certification document. The self-certification document must represent and warrant: SC4.2-1.1 - The applying entity and/or a QPE will fund the startup and long-term operation of all applied-for gTLD strings and (if applicable) currently operated gTLDs of a QPE. SC4.2-1.2 - The applying entity or QPE has at a minimum of US\$50,000 plus 25% of the application base fee for each applied-for gTLD string in Cash and Cash Equivalents on the balance sheet of the provided financial statements, up to a maximum of US\$300,000, designated to support the startup and operation of all of the applying entity's applied-for gTLD strings. SC4.2-1.3 - The applying entity and/or its officers are bound by law in its jurisdiction to represent financial statements accurately and the applying entity is in good standing in that jurisdiction.

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Section: Security Policy and Planning

AGB Q220. Q5.1-1 - Provide the applying entity's self-certification document, signed by the CEO, President, CFO and/or equivalent officer of the applying entity. The self-certification document must represent and warrant:

SC5.1-1.1 - The applying entity will appropriately protect confidentiality of data and prevent unauthorized access to data and services.

SC5.1-1.2 - The applying entity will maintain a mature, appropriately funded and staffed security program, following a recognized, modern security framework based on risk management (such as the ISO27000 series, COBIT, HITRUST CSF, legally required security frameworks, or equivalent). The security program must be in place prior to delegation, and exist through at least the period of the registry agreement.

SC5.1-1.3 - The applying entity is aware of and has designed its systems and business to comply with the relevant privacy and security regulations for all countries in which it operates.

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Section: DNS Abuse

AGB Q221. Q5.2-1 - Provide the applying entity's self-certification document, signed by the CEO, President, CFO and/or equivalent officer of the applying entity. The self-certification document must represent and warrant:

SC5.2-1.1 - The applying entity will, no later than delegation of the Top Level Domain (TLD), establish a dedicated abuse point of contact responsible for addressing matters requiring expedited attention and providing a timely response to abuse complaints concerning any name registered in the TLD.

SC5.2-1.2 - The applying entity will, no later than delegation of the TLD, establish, publish, and provide to ICANN the location of a mechanism for members of the public to submit reports of abuse in accordance with the current obligations of the Base RA and any Consensus Policies.

SC5.2-1.3 - The applying entity has developed proposed measures for removal of orphan glue records for names removed from the zone when provided with evidence in written form that the glue is present in connection with malicious conduct (see Specification 6).

SC5.2-1.4 - The applying entity has or will have at time of delegation, established policies for handling complaints regarding abuse. Such policies are to be maintained and posted publicly so that anyone can review the policies via the Internet and any other means deemed appropriate by the applying entity. The applying entity's policies at a minimum should contain appropriate confirmation of the receipt of the abuse report, the process of review of the report, and actions that will be taken if the applying entity confirms the report is legitimate.

SC5.2-1.5 - The applying entity understands that DNS Abuse is Phishing, Malware, Botnets, Pharming and Spam (when used to deliver other forms of DNS Abuse). The applying entity understands and is prepared to contribute to the mitigation or disruption of DNS Abuse in domains in the TLD zone.

SC5.2-1.6 - The applying entity's abuse response capabilities are resourced appropriately to ensure a timely and adequate investigation and response to reports of DNS Abuse. This includes capabilities to receive and evaluate evidence of DNS Abuse in reports, and to take action to stop or disrupt the DNS Abuse.

SC5.2-1.7 - The applying entity is prepared to conduct periodic scans of its zone to identify if domains are being used to perpetrate DNS Abuse, and to maintain

statistical reports of the scans, the findings, and actions taken.

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Section: Community**Engagement****AGB Q141. Do the organizing bodies demonstrate active and consistent efforts to engage and connect with the identified community and its members?**

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Awareness**AGB Q144. Are community members aware of the applying entity and its intention to apply for a community gTLD?**

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Established Presence**AGB Q145. Was there an established presence of the identified community prior to the opening of the application submission period?**

EXHIBIT — Q141 and Q147

Engagement of the Community's Organizing Bodies, and the Community's Continuing Practices, 11 July 2024 – 10 July 2026

.bitcoin gTLD Community Application (Wiz & Associates, S.A. de C.V.) · ICANN 2026 Round · Community Priority Evaluation · prepared 12 August 2026

Purpose. This exhibit supports the answers to Q141 (engagement with the community) and Q147 Part 2(a) (recurring and scheduled practice within the two years before submission). Every item is dated, falls inside that window, and is read from the reference implementation's own public record. Nothing rests on the applicant's account of it. The statements of the convening bodies are filed in full with Q156 and are indexed here rather than reproduced.

Part 1 — Release history of the reference implementation

Supports Q141(a) offering support, Q141(b) sharing information, Q147 Part 2(a).

Eighteen releases were published between 11 July 2024 and 10 July 2026. Each carries published release notes and an attributable change history. This is the complete set of releases in the window; there are no others.

Date	Release	Date	Release	Date	Release
2024-07-11	v26.2	2025-09-05	v29.1	2026-01-13	v30.2
2024-10-05	v28.0	2025-10-13	v30.0	2026-02-11	v29.3
2024-11-04	v27.2	2025-10-14	v29.2	2026-04-06	v28.4
2025-01-15	v28.1	2025-10-30	v28.3	2026-04-20	v31.0
2025-04-15	v29.0	2026-01-02	v30.1	2026-07-08	v31.1
2025-06-26	v28.2			2026-07-10	v29.4
				2026-07-10	v30.3

Source: the reference implementation's published releases. Retrieved 28 July 2026; each tag and date re-verified against the published releases on 12 August 2026, unchanged.

What the record shows. The releases are not a single advancing line. Maintenance and security releases continued to be issued to older series after newer series had opened: v29.3 was published on 11 February 2026 and v28.4 on 6 April 2026, both after the v30 series opened on 13 October 2025; and v29.4 and v30.3 were both published on 10 July 2026, after the v31 series had opened on 20 April 2026. Operators who cannot upgrade immediately therefore remain supported. That is a recurring, scheduled practice sustained across the whole of the two-year window.

Part 2 — Curation of the DNS seed set

Supports Q141(c) responding to specific community needs, Q147 Part 1.

The DNS seed set is a list of hostnames carried in the source of the reference implementation at `src/kernel/chainparams.cpp`. Every node started on the network queries that list to discover peers, so membership of it is a position of trust. It is curated: three entries were removed inside the window, each by a public, reviewed, version-controlled change with a named author and an archived review discussion.

Authored	Merged	Author	Commit and archived review discussion
2024-08-26	2024-08-27	Ava Chow	<i>chainparams: Remove seed.bitcoinstats.com</i> commit <code>c88a7dc53e3be7489605c3326cf768df5437393a</code> review discussion github.com/bitcoin/bitcoin/pull/30720

2025-10-28	2025-12-04	SatsAndSports	<i>Remove unreliable seed from chainparams.cpp, and the associated README</i> commit b0c706795ce6a3a00bf068a81ee99fef2ee9bf7e review discussion github.com/bitcoin/bitcoin/pull/33723
2026-07-09	2026-07-10	Pieter Wuille	<i>chainparams: delete my DNS seed</i> commit d9080639804187601a84bad18582e7afb93101c3 review discussion github.com/bitcoin/bitcoin/pull/35691

Source: commit history on `src/kernel/chainparams.cpp` in the reference implementation's repository, and the associated pull requests. Retrieved 28 July 2026; commit identifiers, authors and pull-request references resolved and verified 12 August 2026. Two dates are given for each change because they differ: the date the change was authored, and the date it was merged into the implementation.

Why this evidences responsiveness to a specific community need. A DNS seed that ceases to serve the network degrades peer discovery for every newly started node. The community does not resolve that by private arrangement. It resolves it by an ordinary reviewed change to the source, on the public record, with a named author and an archived discussion — and it did so three times inside two years. The third instance is the clearest: a contributor removed *their own* seed when they ceased to operate it, and the community reviewed and merged that removal within a day. That is an organizing body identifying a need and acting on it, evidenced without any reliance on the applicant, and it is the same record that establishes at Q136 that this body admits and removes the holders of a trust role by a reviewable procedure.

Part 3 — Statements of the convening bodies

Supports Q141(d) fostering and strengthening relationships.

The convening bodies' own statements are **not reproduced here**. They are filed in full with Q156, and the figures cited at Q141(d) are drawn from them. This index locates each one.

Convening body	Filed at	Pages
BTC Inc / Nakamoto Inc — publisher of Bitcoin Magazine, organiser of The Bitcoin Conference	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	1–3
Bitcoin Park	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	4–5
BTC Prague / Twenty One Million s.r.o.	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	6–8
bitcoin++	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	10
TABConf	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	11
Blocktrainer	Q156-3 Conveners, Publications, Education	22–23
Bitcoin Ekasi — Mossel Bay, South Africa	Q156-5 Recognition and Circular Economies	11

Each statement is signed and dated, and each was given in response to the applicant's published notice of intention to apply. Together they evidence the fourth practice the instruction requires — the fostering and strengthening of relationships among the community's members — recorded by the bodies that convene them rather than asserted by the applicant.

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AGB Q146. Are individuals and groups outside of the identified community aware of the existence of the identified community?

Document Name: bitcoin_Q146_Exhibit_El-Salvador-MRREE-Recognition, https://newgtldprogram-aps-documents.icann.org/Application_a-0000efde-9a6a-8000-9c71-011c48011c48_1193008.pdf (pdf)

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Document Name: bitcoin_Q146_Exhibit_Recognition-Instruments_MRREE-ANIA-Senator-HRF-BPI, https://newgtldprogram-aps-documents.icann.org/Application_a-0000efde-9a6a-8000-9c71-011c48011c48_1193011.pdf (pdf)

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Longevity

AGB Q147. Are the pursuits of the identified community enduring and sustainable?

Document Name: bitcoin_Q141-Q147_Engagement-Longevity-Exhibit, https://newgtldprogram-aps-documents.icann.org/Application_a-0000efde-9a6a-8000-9c71-011c48011c48_1193017.pdf (pdf)

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Community Endorsement

AGB Q156. From where does the applying entity have the support to run the applied-for string on behalf of the identified community?

Document Name: bitcoin_Q156-1_Statements_Seed-Operators-and-Core-Contributors, https://newgtldprogram-aps-documents.icann.org/Application_a-0000efde-9a6a-8000-9c71-011c48011c48_1186505.pdf (pdf)

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Document Name: bitcoin_Q156-5_Statements_Recognition-and-Circular-Economies,
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Change Requests

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Clarifying Questions

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August 11, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
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Re: Community Application for the .bitcoin Top-Level Domain

Dear Evaluation Panel Members,

I have long supported Bitcoin and its role as an open, decentralized network sustained by a global community of persons and organizations who operate, develop, and maintain it—its node and DNS seed operators, contributors to its protocol and software, and providers of the infrastructure, services, and education on which the network and its users depend.

The continued work of this identifiable community is essential to maintaining and developing the Bitcoin network and the future of financial innovation in the United States.

Accordingly, I would encourage the Corporation to approach its decision on the .bitcoin Top Level Domain in a manner that recognizes the importance of decentralization and community to the Bitcoin ecosystem, as part of the greater Domain Name System.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator



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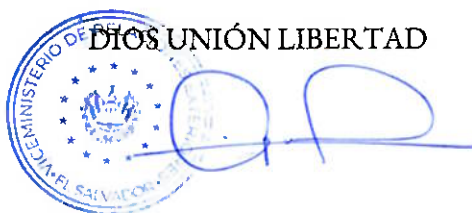
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New gTLD Program

The Republic of El Salvador recognises the global community of persons and organisations who operate, develop and maintain the infrastructure of the Bitcoin network — its node and seed operators, protocol contributors, and the providers of the services that depend on them — as a long-standing, identifiable and functioning community.

Since the adoption of Bitcoin as legal tender in this country, the operation of our national payment and financial infrastructure has depended in part on the continued work of that community. Its members maintain infrastructure on which our institutions and citizens rely.

This office recognises the significance of that community and has no objection to its being represented in the Domain Name System through the top-level domain .bitcoin. in connection with the community application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.





NATIONAL AI AGENCY
OF EL SALVADOR

San Salvador Centro, 06 de agosto de 2026
Nota nro. 007-ANIA.DIR-2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
Community Priority Evaluation Panel

In my capacity as the **Director of Innovation and Robotics at the National Artificial Intelligence Agency (ANIA) of El Salvador**, I am writing to formally express our strong institutional support for the **Community Priority Application** for the **.bitcoin** gTLD top-level domain delegation, submitted by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** under the leadership of Jason Maurice (wiz).

As a government agency dedicated to driving technological development, advanced digital infrastructure, and public technical education in El Salvador, we recognize the critical importance of keeping key Internet identifiers under the ethical and operational governance of the global technical community that builds, maintains, and secures the Bitcoin network.

Our endorsement of this application is based on the following key pillars:

- **Community Representation & Alignment:** We represent a broad network of engineers, educators, students, and developers dedicated to technological advancement and open infrastructure. We support assigning the management of the **.bitcoin** TLD to an operator with a proven track record of delivering critical public infrastructure (such as mempool.space and DNS seeds).
- **"Bitcoin Only" Governance & Transparency:** We strongly support the proposed registration policy, which is strictly focused on legitimate utility within the Bitcoin ecosystem, preventing commercial speculation, and ensuring the exclusion of unrelated protocols or altcoins.
- **Giving Back to the Open-Source Community:** We highly value the pledge to donate 21% of annual registry revenues to fund the open-source developers who maintain, secure, and expand the base-layer protocol.

For these reasons, we confirm that **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** possesses the technical capability and community backing required to manage the **.bitcoin** gTLD for the benefit of the global public interest. We explicitly authorize the publication and inclusion of this letter as part of the official application filing.

With no further matters to address, I remain yours with the highest consideration.

GOD, UNION, LIBERTY

JUAN JOSÉ BARRERA MONTANO

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Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round

Re: Support for Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.'s Community Application for the .bitcoin Top-Level Domain

To the ICANN New gTLD Program and Community Priority Evaluation Panel:

I write as Chief Strategy Officer of the Human Rights Foundation (“HRF”), with authority to submit this letter on HRF’s behalf. HRF strongly and unequivocally endorses Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.’s Community Application to operate the **.bitcoin** generic top-level domain. If the application is evaluated through Community Priority Evaluation, HRF respectfully asks that this endorsement be considered together with the broader record of support from the identified community.

HRF understands that .bitcoin would be a top-level domain within the traditional Domain Name System, allowing eligible registrants to use internet addresses ending in .bitcoin. Operating this registry would not confer authority over Bitcoin’s protocol, consensus rules, software implementations, or peer-to-peer network. It would confer responsibility for administering registrations under .bitcoin and enforcing the associated registration policies.

HRF understands that the Applicant proposes to operate .bitcoin for the benefit of the community of individuals and organizations that build, maintain, support, educate about, and provide infrastructure and services for the Bitcoin network. Eligible registrants would need to demonstrate a legitimate Bitcoin-related function, such as operating network infrastructure, contributing to Bitcoin software, providing Bitcoin services, publishing educational material, or convening Bitcoin community activities. Projects promoting altcoins or unrelated cryptocurrency protocols would be ineligible.

HRF also understands that these policies would be overseen by a committee representing relevant segments of the Bitcoin community, including network operators, software contributors, infrastructure providers, educators, publishers, and conveners. Wiz would hold one ordinary committee seat, without veto authority

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or preferential registration rights. These safeguards demonstrate that the proposal is intended as community stewardship rather than unilateral private control.

The application closely aligns with HRF's mission. HRF is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that [promotes and protects human rights globally, with a focus on closed societies](#). Authoritarian regimes routinely use financial surveillance, blocked donations, frozen accounts, currency controls, and confiscation to repress dissidents, journalists, nonprofit organizations, and civil society.

HRF established its [Bitcoin Development Fund](#) (BDF) in 2020 to support individuals and projects that make Bitcoin and related freedom technologies more powerful tools for human rights defenders. The BDF supports open-source developers improving Bitcoin's privacy, security, decentralization, and usability, along with activists, educators, community builders, translators, and designers advancing financial freedom.

HRF's connection to this community is substantial and sustained. As of April 2026, the BDF had [awarded \\$11.8 million in bitcoin to 367 bitcoin related projects across 68 countries](#). This endorsement reflects HRF's institutional position, informed by six years of direct grantmaking and engagement with Bitcoin developers, educators, advocates, and users. HRF does not claim to bind or individually represent each such person or project; this figure is provided solely to evidence the scale and durability of HRF's engagement with the identified community.

Through the BDF, HRF has become an established funding and advocacy institution within the Bitcoin community, with sustained relationships across the same categories identified in the application: software contributors, infrastructure and service providers, educators/publishers, conveners, and users depending on Bitcoin in repressive environments.

The stewardship of .bitcoin has clear public-interest implications. An internet address ending in .bitcoin would naturally communicate an association with Bitcoin. If registrations were allocated without meaningful eligibility standards, unrelated cryptocurrency projects or misleading actors could exploit that association, create confusion, and dilute the namespace's value. The Applicant's Bitcoin-focused rules would help preserve a clear and trustworthy relationship between the .bitcoin string and the community with which the public will associate it.

The application also offers a compelling alternative to allocating this important namespace solely according to financial resources. A commercially unrestricted operator could maximize registrations without regard to the interests of Bitcoin users or contributors. WIZ instead proposes verifiable eligibility standards, published rules, and representative oversight designed to keep .bitcoin accountable to the community it names.



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Wiz has demonstrated the experience and commitment necessary to deserve HRF's support. They have operated mempool.space for more than seven years and maintain critical Bitcoin DNS-seed infrastructure. Their record reflects sustained technical service to the Bitcoin community. Their willingness to accept one ordinary committee seat, without veto power or registration preference, further demonstrates that this application is designed to protect the community rather than confer unchecked control on the Applicant.

The Applicant's commitment to direct 21% of annual registry revenue to Bitcoin free and open-source software developers provides an additional and powerful public benefit. HRF's experience through the BDF confirms that the developers maintaining Bitcoin's security, privacy, resilience, and accessibility require durable funding. Their work strengthens the tools on which human rights defenders depend when conventional financial systems are censored or weaponized against them. A recurring source of independent FOSS funding would strengthen Bitcoin as a tool for human rights.

HRF reached this position after reviewing the Applicant's proposed community definition, registration policies, governance structure, operating commitments, and FOSS funding pledge. The mission alignment, community safeguards, Applicant's record of service, and commitment to open-source development form the basis of HRF's support.

For these reasons, the Human Rights Foundation strongly supports Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.'s Community Application for bitcoin and respectfully urges ICANN to recognize the application's substantial public-interest and community value.

HRF authorizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and ICANN to submit, reproduce, and publish this letter in connection with the .bitcoin application, any Community Priority Evaluation, and related proceedings. Please contact me using the institutional information below if verification or additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Alexander Gladstein

Chief Strategy Officer

Human Rights Foundation

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AUGUST 10, 2026

The .bitcoin Community Application

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

TO **Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round - Community Priority Evaluation Panel

To the New gTLD Program and Community Priority Evaluation Panel:

On behalf of the Bitcoin Policy Institute (BPI), I write in strong support of the community application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain.

BPI is a nonpartisan, nonprofit research organization dedicated to advancing understanding of Bitcoin and its implications for public policy. We regularly brief policymakers, regulators, and other public officials on how the network functions and why it matters. That work gives us a direct interest in ensuring that prominent public-facing resources associated with Bitcoin are accurate, trustworthy, and responsibly administered.

A .bitcoin address would naturally signal a meaningful association with Bitcoin. The registry would carry no authority over the protocol itself, but its administration would carry significant public trust. Stewardship should therefore rest with an applicant whose record demonstrates technical competence, community accountability, and respect for Bitcoin's open and decentralized character.

Wiz has consistently demonstrated those qualities. Through his longstanding operation of mempool.space and Bitcoin DNS-seed infrastructure, as well as his advocacy for developers and open-source contributors, he has established a durable record of service to the ecosystem.

Mempool.space is especially important to BPI's work. We have used it in countless briefings with government officials to make transactions, fees, blocks, mining, and network activity directly observable. It is an unusually effective bridge between Bitcoin's technical reality and the policymakers responsible for understanding it.

The application reflects the same approach to stewardship through Bitcoin-focused eligibility standards, representative community oversight, and meaningful limits on the Applicant's authority. Its stated commitment to direct 21 percent of annual registry revenue to Bitcoin free and open-source software development would also provide durable support for the public goods that strengthen the network's security, resilience, and continued innovation.

For these reasons, BPI strongly endorses the application and respectfully urges ICANN to recognize its substantial community and public-interest value. BPI authorizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and ICANN to reproduce and publish this letter in connection with the application and related proceedings.

Sincerely,

**Conner Brown**

Managing Director | Bitcoin Policy Institute



LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE .BITCOIN COMMUNITY APPLICATION

To Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
Re Community Priority Application for the **.bitcoin** Top-Level Domain
Applicant Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To Whom It May Concern,

Bitcoin Sranan is pleased to express its strong support for the community application submitted by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.**, with Jason Maurice (Wiz) as applicant, to operate the **.bitcoin** top-level domain.

Bitcoin Sranan is a Suriname-based organization dedicated to promoting Bitcoin education, adoption, and the development of a strong Bitcoin ecosystem in Suriname and the wider region. Through our activities, we represent and engage a community of approximately **1,883** Bitcoin users, educators, developers, entrepreneurs, merchants, and other participants in the Bitcoin ecosystem.

We believe that **.bitcoin should remain under the stewardship of the Bitcoin community** rather than becoming an asset controlled by a commercial registrant with no meaningful connection to Bitcoin. The proposed community application provides an important mechanism for achieving this.

We particularly support the proposed policy requiring registrants to demonstrate a qualifying contribution or function within the Bitcoin ecosystem, including network operation, protocol and software development, infrastructure and services, education and publication, and community convening. We also support the proposed exclusion of projects whose primary purpose is promoting alternative cryptocurrency protocols.

The distinction between Bitcoin and the broader cryptocurrency industry is important. A **.bitcoin** namespace should have a clear identity and should not become a generic commercial namespace in which anyone can purchase an association with Bitcoin regardless of their contribution to the ecosystem.

We also recognize the importance of community oversight. While no governance structure is perfect, we believe a transparent registration policy and representative Registration Policy Committee provide substantially stronger community safeguards than allowing the **.bitcoin** TLD to be determined solely through an auction to the highest bidder.

We further support the commitment to allocate **21% of annual .bitcoin registry revenue** toward funding open-source developers who maintain, secure, and grow the Bitcoin network. Supporting the



people responsible for Bitcoin's open-source infrastructure is consistent with the broader objective of preserving and strengthening the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Accordingly, **Bitcoin Sranan supports the community application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain** and believes that the proposed community-based approach is preferable to the .bitcoin TLD being awarded through a purely commercial auction.

Bitcoin Sranan has no objection to this letter being published and submitted to ICANN as part of the Community Priority Evaluation for the .bitcoin application.

Sincerely,

Maya Parbhoe

Founder / Director

Bitcoin Sranan

Suriname

8 August 2026

MAYA PARBHOE

CEO, Daedalus Labs · Bitcoin Advocate & Entrepreneur · Suriname

August 8, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
Community Priority Evaluation

Re: Community Priority Application for the .bitcoin Top-Level Domain

Applicant: Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in my personal capacity to express my support for the community application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V., represented by Jason Maurice (Wiz), for the .bitcoin top-level domain.

I have been involved in Bitcoin education, infrastructure, entrepreneurship, and ecosystem development, including efforts to expand Bitcoin adoption and build Bitcoin-native infrastructure and applications. I have also worked to advance Bitcoin adoption and education in Suriname and internationally.

From that perspective, I believe the .bitcoin TLD has significance beyond simply being another Internet domain extension. The namespace itself represents a digital piece of Bitcoin's identity and infrastructure. I therefore believe it is important that its operation remain accountable to the community that actually builds, operates, uses, and supports Bitcoin.

I support Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. pursuing a community priority application rather than allowing .bitcoin to become an ordinary commercial asset awarded to the highest bidder.

I particularly support the proposed eligibility framework, under which individuals and organizations can qualify through demonstrable participation in the Bitcoin ecosystem, including operating network infrastructure, contributing to Bitcoin software and standards, providing Bitcoin infrastructure and services, producing Bitcoin education and publications, or convening Bitcoin communities.

I also support the proposed Bitcoin-only registration policy. In my view, there is a meaningful distinction between Bitcoin and the much broader category commonly described as "crypto." A .bitcoin namespace should not become a marketing vehicle for unrelated token projects or alternative cryptocurrency protocols simply because they are willing to pay for a domain name.

The proposal to establish a Registration Policy Committee composed of representatives from relevant parts of the Bitcoin ecosystem provides an additional mechanism for community accountability. I recognize that any committee-based governance system requires careful implementation and transparency, but I believe community oversight is preferable to having the namespace controlled exclusively through a commercial auction.

I also welcome the proposed commitment to direct 21% of annual registry revenue toward funding Bitcoin open-source developers. Sustainable funding for the developers who maintain and secure Bitcoin's critical software infrastructure is an important contribution to the long-term health of the network.

For these reasons, I support the community application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain and believe the application deserves consideration as a legitimate community application representing the interests of people and organizations who build, operate, support, educate about, and use Bitcoin.

I have no objection to this statement being published and submitted to ICANN as part of the Community Priority Evaluation for the .bitcoin application.

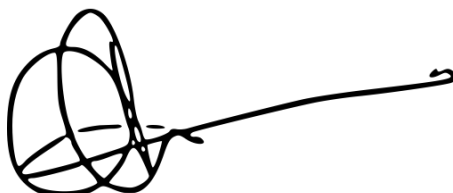
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Maya Parbhoe

CEO, Daedalus Labs

Bitcoin advocate and entrepreneur

Suriname

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BITCOIN EKASI

Africa's first functioning Bitcoin circular economy · JCC Camp, Mossel Bay, South Africa

Mossel Bay, South Africa

To the ICANN Community Priority Evaluation Panel,

I write as founder of Bitcoin Ekasi, Africa's first functioning Bitcoin circular economy in JCC Camp township, Mossel Bay, and co-organiser of Adopting Bitcoin Cape Town.

I am writing to express my support for the community priority application filed by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** for the **.bitcoin** top-level domain, and for the proposed Bitcoin Only registration policy governing it.

Our circular economy includes about 70 merchant partners accepting Bitcoin over Lightning. We pay 20 staff salaries weekly, in Bitcoin only, and we estimate that around 500 people use Bitcoin on a regular — weekly or daily — basis within Bitcoin Ekasi. Through Adopting Bitcoin Cape Town, I have also co-organised three annual conferences (2024, 2025, and 2026), each drawing roughly 250 to 400 attendees.

A **.bitcoin** TLD reserved for genuine network operators, infrastructure providers, educators, and Bitcoin-only projects — rather than sold at auction to the highest bidder — would meaningfully benefit communities like ours, where trust in what a ".bitcoin" address represents matters directly to the people we serve.

I support this application and have no objection to this letter being published as part of it.

Sincerely,

Hermann Vivier

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Berlin, 11 August 2026

Position of Bitcoin Bundesverband on the community application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the top-level domain .bitcoin

Dear members of the evaluation panel,

Bitcoin Bundesverband, the German federal association of Bitcoin businesses, hereby declares its support for the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the top-level domain .bitcoin as a community registry. This declaration is issued by resolution of the executive board and signed by two of its members, who jointly represent the association pursuant to § 7 no. 2 of its statutes. Publishing position statements and maintaining a network of national and international actors are themselves among our statutory activities (§ 2); this letter is an exercise of both.

Permit us a brief introduction. Our association was founded on 26 September 2024, its founding announced in the German Bundestag. Our statutory purpose is the advancement of education and professional training on Bitcoin, pursued — in the words of § 2 of our statutes — through teaching materials, trainings and conferences, published position statements that inform the public debate, recommendations to policymakers, and a standing network of national and international actors in the Bitcoin field. Today we count close to one hundred members: our ordinary members are, by definition of our rules, companies whose core activity is Bitcoin or who actively use Bitcoin in their business, joined by the professionals who build, operate and advise them as supporting members. Our executive board, our membership and our fields of engagement are documented in the public lobby register of the German Bundestag under entry R007189; we invite the panel to consult it. One point of identity matters above all others, because the application before you turns on the same point. We are not a "crypto" association. Our members are Bitcoin-only and Bitcoin-first businesses — an orientation our rules carry down to the smallest detail: our founding contributions were levied in satoshis, and our membership dues are discounted when paid in bitcoin. An application that defines its community by the operation of, and contribution to, Bitcoin — rather than by the holding or trading of digital assets in general — draws its boundary exactly where our association has always drawn its own.

The panel may reasonably ask what weight the voice of a young association carries. We would answer with a matter of public record from this very month. In 2026, our association initiated a formal petition to the German Bundestag; the statutory quorum of 30,000 signatures, which entitles a petition to a public hearing before the Petitions Committee, was exceeded within days of the signature period opening, and the campaign we organised around it has to date mobilised roughly 40,000 signatories. The subject of that petition concerns German tax law and has no bearing on the present application, so we do not argue it here. We mention the petition solely because of what it evidences: that an organised Bitcoin community exists in Germany at the scale of tens of thousands, that it acts when its interests require it, and that it entrusts this association

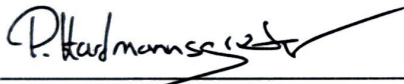
to represent it before public institutions. Having represented this community before our national parliament, we consider it consistent — indeed obligatory — to represent it before ICANN as well.

Our support for this particular applicant rests on familiarity. The applicant operates a DNS seed referenced in the Bitcoin Core software and runs mempool.space; these are working infrastructure, relied upon daily by our member companies and their customers. Its application, as we have reviewed it, allocates no privileged registrations to the applicant itself and places registration policy under a committee composed from the community's several segments. In our assessment as an industry body, this is the governance one would wish to see.

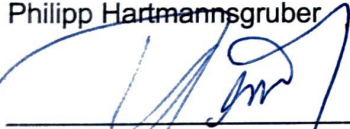
Beyond the particulars of the application, we wish to record our support in general terms. Bitcoin has become part of the economic life of this country — in our companies, at our conferences, in the training rooms our purpose commits us to — and a community of this maturity is well served by a recognisable home in the Internet's naming system, held on its behalf rather than merely about it. We are confident that the applicant, and the community committee the application establishes, will administer that home in the interest of the people who build and operate Bitcoin, in Germany and everywhere else. Our association supports this application without reservation, and we gladly remain at the panel's disposal should any question about this declaration or about the German Bitcoin community arise.

We are aware that this declaration may be included in the application and published by ICANN, and we consent to its publication.

With best regards,



Chairman of the Executive Board
Philipp Hartmannsgruber



Member of the Executive Board
Jens Leinert:

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August 10, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Support for the .bitcoin top-level domain application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the Evaluation Panel,

I'm writing from Bitcoin Beach in El Zonte, El Salvador, to throw our full support behind the community application for the .bitcoin top-level domain that Wiz & Associates has put forward.

We've been living and working with Bitcoin here for years now. What started as a small experiment in a surfing town has grown into something real — thousands of people across El Salvador use Bitcoin every day for everything from buying groceries to paying school fees. We've watched it change lives in ways that matter.

Bitcoin isn't owned by anyone. It's a public network that belongs to the people who use it and build on it. So who ends up running the .bitcoin domain actually matters a lot. It should be someone who gets the culture, stays accountable to the community, and treats the registry like a public resource instead of a private cash grab.

From what we've seen, Wiz & Associates fits that description. They've been involved in the space for a long time and their proposed model for .bitcoin looks like it was designed with the same values that have guided Bitcoin from the beginning — openness, neutrality, and real community control. We're confident they'll handle it the right way.

For those reasons, Bitcoin Beach is happy to endorse their application without any reservations. If the Panel needs anything else from us, just say the word.

Best regards,



Michael Peterson
Director, Bitcoin Beach

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August 9, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of myself to express support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

I am one of the maintainers of Bitcoin Core, the predominant node software that underlies the Bitcoin network. As part of my duties as a maintainer, I publish software releases and help to maintain the infrastructure for our website <https://bitcoincore.org>. In addition to software development, I also maintain a Bitcoin DNS seed at seed.mainnet.achownodes.xyz, which has been used by Bitcoin Core and other software since 2024. I also operate AS 402106, and the aforementioned DNS seed is hosted with this AS, among other Bitcoin related infrastructure.

Bitcoin is not a company nor is it a product owned by any single entity. It is a decentralized and permissionless network stewarded by a global community. As such, a community led administration of the .bitcoin gTLD more appropriately matches the ethos of the network, rather than administration by a single company that made the highest bid. The administrator of this namespace should be an organization that is accountable to the Bitcoin community, that understands its values, and that operates the registry as a public good rather than a for-profit venture.

I believe that Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is taking the right approach with this community-based application. The proposed structure would give community oversight over the .bitcoin gTLD and reflect our values of openness and neutrality.

I therefore support this application.

Sincerely,



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To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of myself to express support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

I maintain a Bitcoin DNS seed at seed.bitcoin.sprovoost.nl, which has been used by Bitcoin Core and some alternative clients since 2018. In addition, I have been working as software developer and reviewer on Bitcoin Core, though I do not speak on behalf of that project. I'm host of the Bitcoin, Explained technical podcast and wrote a book Bitcoin: A Work in Progress.

I am worried that if the top-level domain is sold to the highest bidder, it will be used to promote misleading products and services, or even to host malware. This is not a hypothetical worry. Sponsored Google search results and even well guarded walled gardens like Apple's App Store are ripe with malware. Even a well intentioned for-profit buyer will always be incentivised to cater to the highest margin businesses, which in the past fifteen years have often been outright Ponzi's.

One way to pre-empt these issues is to permanently disable this top-level domain. However it's my understanding that this not currently an option.

I appreciate that Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. have taken the initiative to make the top-level domain community-based. I believe that for the foreseeable future it's in good hands with them, and my understanding is that there are safe-guards in place to limit their control if that ever changes.

I therefore support this initiative. Permission to publish this letter is hereby granted.

Kind regards,

Sjors Provoost



Stephan Oeste
Berlin, Germany

August 10, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the bitcoin top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of myself to express my support for the community-based application for the **bitcoin** top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

I have been involved with Bitcoin since 2011, primarily by operating and contributing to open-source and public infrastructure that supports the Bitcoin network and its users.

Among the infrastructure and community services I currently operate or contribute to are:

- a public **ElectrumX mainnet server** at electrum.emzy.de
- a public **ElectrumX Signet server**
- several publicly reachable **Bitcoin Core nodes**
- a public **Lightning Network routing node** at lightning.emzy.de
- a public **mempool explorer** at mempool.emzy.de
- a **Bitcoin DNS seed at dnsseed.emzy.de**, which I have operated since 2019
- the **German Bitcoin Socratic Seminar Online** at bitcoinsocratic.de
- German translations for **Bitcoin Core** and **mempool.space**
- regular **reproducible builds of Bitcoin Core and Electrum Wallet**
- participation in the **ASMap build and verification process**, which helps Bitcoin nodes diversify their peer connections across autonomous systems.

These projects reflect an important characteristic of Bitcoin: much of the infrastructure on which the network depends is operated voluntarily and collaboratively by independent individuals and organizations around the world. Bitcoin is not controlled by a company, and there is no central organization that owns its protocol, software, network, or name.

For this reason, I believe the **bitcoin** top-level domain should be administered in a way that reflects the same decentralized and community-oriented nature.

A **bitcoin** domain will naturally carry a significant degree of implied legitimacy for users. If the namespace were controlled purely according to commercial interests or allocated without meaningful community oversight, it could easily be used for misleading services, phishing sites, fraudulent investment schemes, or projects attempting to take advantage of the Bitcoin name.

This risk is particularly relevant in Bitcoin, where users routinely interact with software and services that control valuable private keys and financial assets. Domain names that appear authoritative can therefore have very real security consequences.

I believe a community-based registration policy, with transparent eligibility requirements and oversight by people and organizations with an established connection to Bitcoin, is substantially better aligned with the nature of the network than simply awarding control of the namespace to the highest bidder.

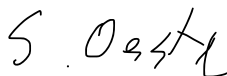
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and the people involved with this application have a demonstrated history of contributing useful public infrastructure to Bitcoin. In particular, services such as mempool.space and Bitcoin DNS seed infrastructure are familiar examples of resources operated for the benefit of the broader Bitcoin ecosystem.

The proposed community-based approach therefore appears to me to be an appropriate way to protect the **.bitcoin** namespace from purely commercial capture while making it available for legitimate Bitcoin-related use.

I therefore support the community-based application by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain**.

Permission to publish this letter, in whole or in part, as part of the application and to provide it to ICANN and its evaluators is hereby granted.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Oeste' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephan Oeste "Emzy"

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin TLD from Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of myself to express support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. I the first- or second-most tenured Bitcoin open source developer and an operator of various Bitcoin infrastructure projects, including a Bitcoin DNS seed.

Bitcoin has suffered from a substantial number of scams and frauds which attempt to trade on Bitcoin's name while promoting various non-Bitcoin projects. While these projects may not, themselves, raise to a threshold where their domain might be seized, their attachment to the Bitcoin brand often exists to find non-savvy victims willing to invest. A .bitcoin TLD sold to the highest bidder and operated without a strict registration policy will, no doubt, further enable such scams.

Worse, "official" looking *.bitcoin domains will certainly be taken advantage of for malware distribution targeting Bitcoin users and wallets.

I believe that Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. will operate .bitcoin in the best interests of the Bitcoin community and attempt to avoid these issues.

Matt Corallo

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "matt corallo".

Fabian Jahr
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August 9, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain, submitted by
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of myself to express support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

I have been a contributor to and reviewer of Bitcoin Core, the most widely used implementation of the Bitcoin protocol, for many years, though I do not speak on behalf of that project. Much of my recent work has focused on the ASMap project, which sits at the intersection of Bitcoin and the internet's underlying infrastructure. I built Kartograf, an open-source tool that generates maps of the internet's IP-to-ASN allocations from public routing data and other sources like RPKI, and I maintain the repository where these maps are independently reproduced and verified by multiple community members before node operators deploy them. Bitcoin nodes use this data to diversify their connections across autonomous systems, hardening the network against attacks that exploit the concentration of internet infrastructure in few hands.

The reason I am working on ASMap is the same for which I am writing to you today: Bitcoin's security does not end at its own protocol. It depends on the neutrality of the internet infrastructure beneath it, and naming is part of that infrastructure. The Bitcoin community has a proven track record of operating shared infrastructure collaboratively and verifiably, through open processes rather than central ownership.

If the .bitcoin top-level domain were simply sold to the highest bidder, I would expect it to be used to promote misleading products or to host phishing sites impersonating wallets, exchanges, and other services that people trust with their savings. The history of this industry gives ample reason for that concern. A commercial registry operator will always face the incentive to serve the highest-margin registrants, which in this space have too often been scams.

Wiz has a demonstrated history of running critical Bitcoin infrastructure as a public good, including the mempool.space block explorer and a DNS seed for the network. The proposed community-based governance and eligibility model reflects the values of the community the domain is meant to serve, with safeguards in place to keep it accountable.

I therefore support this application. Permission to publish this letter is hereby granted.

Kind regards,



Fabian Jahr

UTREEXO

OPEN-SOURCE BITCOIN PROTOCOL DEVELOPMENT

August 10, 2026

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel

Re: Support for the community-based application for .bitcoin

Dear Members of the Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Utreexo in support of the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain.

I maintain utreexod, a fully validating Bitcoin node that implements Utreexo, and I am a co-author of BIPs 181, 182, and 183. I am also an OpenSats-supported Bitcoin protocol engineer, a co-organizer of the Seoul Bitcoin Meetup, and an organizer of the Bitcoin Seoul Conference and the Bitcoin Korea Conference. This work has given me experience with both Bitcoin's technical community and the volunteer communities that sustain it.

I have known Wiz personally since 2018. During that time, I have seen him play a long-term community-building role in Japan: organizing meetups, supporting local spaces, sponsoring conferences, and providing technical infrastructure used by Bitcoin projects and services.

His work with mempool.space is a particularly relevant example. What began as an open-source community project developed into a sustainable company without abandoning its open-source foundation or its responsibilities to the Bitcoin community. Under Wiz's leadership, mempool.space has established an office in Tokyo, supported the TBB community space, and sponsored Bitcoin Japan conferences. He has also contributed hosting and infrastructure to other efforts in the ecosystem.

That record is important here. Although a top-level domain requires capable technical administration, .bitcoin also carries a community responsibility. The operator should understand that Bitcoin is not a brand owned by one company, and that stewardship of the namespace should serve the broader ecosystem rather than become a means of controlling it.

Based on my experience with Wiz since 2018, I believe he understands that distinction. He has consistently combined sustainable operations with open-source development, community support, and responsible infrastructure work. Utreexo therefore supports the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and considers it a suitable steward of the .bitcoin namespace.

I would be happy to provide any additional information that may assist the Panel.

Sincerely,

Calvin Kim

Maintainer, utreexod

Co-author, BIPs 181, 182, and 183

Bitcoin Protocol Engineer, OpenSats



August 10, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing in support of the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. Blockstream endorses this application in full.

Blockstream was founded in 2014 to build the financial infrastructure of the future on Bitcoin, and is today one of the most prominent infrastructure companies in the Bitcoin industry. For over a decade, we have built and maintained key cryptographic infrastructure that powers the Bitcoin network, an open, global monetary network used by hundreds of millions of people and securing more than one trillion dollars in assets. As Bitcoin has grown from an emerging technology into financial infrastructure operating at a global scale, Blockstream has remained at the forefront of building the technologies that make the network more secure, resilient, scalable, and accessible. Our team of more than 200 professionals across six continents includes many longtime contributors to Bitcoin's open-source software, united by the mission of advancing Bitcoin as the foundation for a more open and decentralized financial system.

Our work spans nearly every critical layer of the Bitcoin ecosystem. We maintain Core Lightning, one of the principal implementations of the Lightning Network, extending Bitcoin's capacity for fast, scalable payments. We operate the Liquid Network, a Bitcoin sidechain designed for settlement and asset issuance. and the blockstream.info block explorer, whose open-source software also powers explorers run by others. Our satellite service broadcasts the Bitcoin blockchain from space, enabling people to receive and verify Bitcoin data independently of terrestrial internet infrastructure, and our Jade hardware wallets enable individuals to securely hold their own keys. Through Blockstream Research, we continue to publish work that strengthens Bitcoin itself, from the Simplicity smart contract language to post-quantum signature schemes.

My own work in this field predates Bitcoin. The Hashcash proof-of-work system I designed in 1997 is cited in the Bitcoin whitepaper, and much of my career since has been spent on the cryptography that underpins peer-to-peer digital money. Blockstream's support for this application comes from that long involvement with the network and the community that maintains it.

Bitcoin's strength has always rested on infrastructure that is operated neutrally and held open to all. A top-level domain carrying Bitcoin's name is a piece of infrastructure in exactly this sense. Auctioned to the highest bidder, the string would serve whoever bought it. Run under the proposed community policy, it can serve the network.

The applicant's record speaks for itself. mempool.space and the DNS seed they run have served the network dependably, at no cost to its users, for years. Under the proposed registration policy, .bitcoin names would go only to parties doing verifiable work for the network, with eligibility decided by a committee drawn from across the community; the applicant takes no special privilege in the arrangement. That is a sensible structure, and a workable one.

Blockstream strongly stands behind this application, and we consider Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. well qualified to operate the .bitcoin registry for the Bitcoin community. The Panel is welcome to publish this letter with the application materials, and to contact us if further information would be useful.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Adam Back

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August 10, 2026

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New gTLD Program: 2026 Round, Evaluation Panel
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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

My name is Olaoluwa Osuntokun, I'm the Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Lightning Labs. I'm sending this letter to express our full support for the community-based application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Lightning Labs has been building and maintaining open source protocol software for Bitcoin since 2016. We're the maintainers of lnd, the most widely used and deployed Lightning node implementation. Our engineers are amongst the authors and editors of the Lightning protocol specification itself. The lnd repo has over 450 independent contributors from all around the world, we're also the primary maintainers of btcd which is a standalone full-node implementation that powers Bitcoin support for countless companies across the ecosystem. Today lnd runs on tens of thousands of nodes worldwide, managing the lion's share of the 2,600 BTC (around \$170 million dollars) that exists today in the public channel capacity of the Lightning Network. This includes wallets, exchanges, payment providers, and routing nodes, which serve millions of Bitcoin users. We offer our endorsement from a position backed by the contributors we employ and work alongside, having built and maintained this software daily for over a decade.

It's important to note that operating the .bitcoin registry confers no control nor authority over Bitcoin the protocol, consensus rules, and peer to peer network. Instead it does confer a responsibility for a namespace that will eventually be associated with Bitcoin by the broader public. The .bitcoin namespace should be held only by an operator that's accountable to the community, not one selected based purely off of their financial bid. The structure as proposed is sound in that: the .bitcoin TLD should maintain a strict Bitcoin Only registry policy (with eligibility requirements easily verifiable), which is then overseen by a community committee. Importantly, in this community committee, the applicant holds a normal seat and doesn't have any veto powers nor registration priority.

The director of the applicant, Jason Maurice (wiz), has operated mempool.space for more than 7 years (with it quickly becoming backbone infrastructure for the Bitcoin community), and also runs one of Bitcoin's trusted DNS seeds, having a longer record of verifiable Bitcoin-only service to the network and community. Notably, the pledge to direct 21% of annual registry revenue to open source Bitcoin developers helps to address a funding gap we know very well as employers of Bitcoin engineers that work on open source software.

With that said, Lightning Labs endorses this application, and thus recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community, uniquely fit to operate the .bitcoin top level domain. Lightning Labs also hereby permits that this letter be published in full as part of the application, Community Priority Evaluation, and any other related proceedings. I can confirm the authenticity of this letter, and provide any additional information at laolu@lightning.engineering.

Sincerely,

Olaoluwa Osuntokun

Co-Founder & Chief Technology Officer, Lightning Labs
Lead Maintainer, lnd

August 7, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing in my capacity as a maintainer of the RaspiBlitz open-source project, with the support of fellow RaspiBlitz maintainer fusion44, to express RaspiBlitz's support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

RaspiBlitz is an open-source project that enables individuals to build and operate their own Bitcoin full node and Lightning node. The project has been developed publicly since 2018 and is focused on making self-hosted Bitcoin infrastructure accessible, robust, educational, and independent from centralized service providers.

The project's principal public GitHub repository currently lists 193 contributors and has received approximately 2,600 GitHub stars. RaspiBlitz is supported by an international community of users and volunteers, including community-operated support channels in several languages. Through its software, documentation, and support community, RaspiBlitz helps individuals participate directly in the Bitcoin network and the Lightning Network by operating infrastructure under their own control.

Bitcoin is a decentralized, permissionless, and open-source network that is not owned or controlled by any single company or organization. The operation of the .bitcoin namespace should therefore be entrusted to an applicant that is accountable to the Bitcoin community and committed to administering the namespace in the interests of that community rather than solely for private commercial benefit.

We believe that Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is a suitable applicant for this purpose. The applicant has demonstrated a substantial history of building and operating public Bitcoin infrastructure, and the proposed .bitcoin registration and governance model is intended to limit registrations to verifiably Bitcoin-related operators, contributors, projects, services, educators, and community organizations.

We particularly support the applicant's stated intention to:

- operate .bitcoin under a binding Bitcoin-focused registration policy;
- prevent the namespace from being captured by projects unrelated to Bitcoin;
- establish published eligibility and governance procedures;
- involve members of the Bitcoin community in registration-policy oversight;
- keep the .bitcoin registry institutionally separate from governance of the Bitcoin protocol, its consensus rules, software implementations, and peer-to-peer network; and
- provide continuing financial support for open-source Bitcoin development.

A namespace as significant as .bitcoin should be managed as long-term community infrastructure - it is a commons. We consider a community-based application with enforceable eligibility requirements and meaningful community oversight preferable to allocation of the string to an applicant without comparable obligations to the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Accordingly, RaspiBlitz endorses the community-based application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the operation of the .bitcoin top-level domain.

This statement is publicly signed by me and is also endorsed by the RaspiBlitz maintainer fusion44, who contributes under a pseudonym and has requested that their legal name and private contact details not be included in public application materials. I am acting as the sole public signatory and point of contact for this statement.

RaspiBlitz does not maintain a formal membership or installation register. This statement therefore does not claim to represent every RaspiBlitz contributor, user, installation, or individual Bitcoin or Lightning node operator.

I authorize Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and ICANN to publish this statement as part of the .bitcoin application and any related evaluation or public documentation. I am available to confirm the authenticity of this statement, my role in the RaspiBlitz project, and the process through which the statement was reviewed and approved.

Sincerely,



August 7, 2026

Digital signature

Date

Christian Rotzoll (/rootzoll)

Maintainer, RaspiBlitz Open Source Project
Sole public signatory and point of contact
christian@rotzoll.de



August 10, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Sparrow Wallet to express our support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Sparrow Wallet is an open-source Bitcoin wallet for desktop, first released in 2020 and developed in the open under a free software licence. It is built for people who hold their own keys: it supports the major hardware wallet devices, single- and multi-signature configurations, output descriptors and PSBTs, coin control and labelling, and connection to the user's own Bitcoin node rather than to a server operated by us. It is used by individuals, businesses and organisations worldwide, and by many of the developers, educators and security practitioners who work on Bitcoin day to day. That work is done in public, alongside the wider community of protocol contributors and open-source maintainers, and it is from that position that we offer this endorsement.

Bitcoin is not a company, a product, or a brand belonging to any single entity. It is a decentralised, permissionless, open-source network maintained by a global community of contributors and run by its users. The word carries real weight for those users, and it is regularly misused to lend credibility to scams and phishing. Who operates the .bitcoin namespace therefore matters a great deal. A string of this significance should be held by an applicant that is accountable to the community it names, that understands its values, and that will run the registry as a public good rather than as an asset to be captured.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. They have a demonstrated history of participation in and contribution to the Bitcoin community, and the governance and eligibility model proposed for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality and community accountability that define Bitcoin itself. We are confident the namespace would be administered in a manner consistent with the interests of the community it is meant to serve.

Accordingly, Sparrow Wallet endorses this application and recognises Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,

Craig Raw
Founder and Lead Developer
Sparrow Wallet



August 9, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I write as Executive Director of Brink, with authority to submit this letter on Brink's behalf, to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Brink is a US 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2020 to fund and mentor the open-source engineers who maintain the Bitcoin protocol. We currently funded 9 engineers (of about 40 worldwide) doing this Bitcoin engineering work. In 2025, we supported Bitcoin Core's first third-party security audit, and helped ship seven Bitcoin Core releases. Our grantees include maintainers and leading contributors to Bitcoin Core, the reference implementation relied upon by tens of thousands of nodes worldwide. Brink is funded entirely by donations from 500+ individuals and organizations. The protocol and software contributors we exist to serve are one of the constituencies the application identifies as its community, and we offer this endorsement from that position, having funded this work daily for more than five years.

We understand that operating the .bitcoin registry confers no authority over Bitcoin's protocol or consensus rules. It confers responsibility for administering a namespace that the public will inevitably associate with Bitcoin. That namespace should be held by an operator accountable to the community, not auctioned to whoever brings the most capital. The applicant proposes a Bitcoin Only registration policy with verifiable eligibility requirements, overseen by a community committee in which the applicant holds a single ordinary seat with no veto and no registration priority. This is a sound structure for keeping the registry accountable. The pledge to direct 21% of annual registry revenue to open-source Bitcoin developers addresses a funding need Brink knows firsthand to be real and ongoing. Jason Maurice has operated mempool.space as free public infrastructure for more than 7 years and runs one of Bitcoin's DNS seeds, a long, verifiable record of service to the network.

Accordingly, Brink endorses this application and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. Brink authorizes this letter to be published in full as part of the application, any Community Priority Evaluation, and related proceedings. I can confirm this letter's authenticity and provide any further information at mike@brink.dev.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mike Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mike Schmidt, Executive Director, Brink, mike@brink.dev



August 9, 2026

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Bisq to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Bisq is a decentralized, peer-to-peer exchange that allows people to buy and sell bitcoin without intermediaries, without custody, and without submitting to identity verification. I have served as a Roles Maintainer and Core Contributor to the project. Bisq has been in continuous operation for 10 years. We have approximately 10,000 active users and a team of roughly 50 regular contributors who maintain the software, moderate disputes, and operate the network's open infrastructure. We are both an infrastructure and service provider and a protocol and software contributor in exactly the sense the proposed registration policy describes. Our users are the node operators, privacy advocates, and self-custody proponents the application identifies as the community.

Bisq exists because Bitcoin is not a company or a product owned by any single entity. It is a decentralized, permissionless, open-source network stewarded by a global community, and the .bitcoin namespace should be held accordingly. Our entire project is built on the principle that removing intermediaries and keeping control in the hands of users produces better outcomes than entrusting gatekeepers with custody or authority. The same logic applies to the .bitcoin TLD. If

this string goes to auction it will be won by whoever brings the most capital, not by whoever is accountable to the people who run the nodes and write the code. A decentralized, non-custodial exchange like Bisq has no interest in seeing the one word that describes our entire community sold to a party that answers to no one in it.

Bisq believes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is the right applicant. Jason Maurice has operated mempool.space as public infrastructure for the Bitcoin community for more than seven years. Prior to that he has a long history of contributing to many bitcoin open-source projects. That is a long and verifiable record of carrying infrastructure the network genuinely depends on. Bisq supports the strictly Bitcoin Only registration policy, the requirement that registrants verifiably perform a Qualifying Function, and the applicant's decision to hold a single ordinary committee seat with no veto and no registration priority. We also note the pledge to direct 21 percent of annual revenue to the open-source developers who maintain and secure the network. Bisq is itself an open-source project sustained by contributors who donate their time, and we understand firsthand how structurally embedded funding differs from charity. A registry that funds FOSS developers by design is worth having.

Accordingly, Bisq endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. This letter may be published in full as part of the application. The full text of this endorsement, along with supporting discussion, is available at the Bisq GitHub Proposal:

<https://github.com/bisq-network/proposals/issues/500>

I am glad to provide any further information the Panel may find useful, and I can be reached directly on Matrix at @pazza83:matrix.org or through the Bisq GitHub Proposal linked above.

Sincerely,

Pazza

Roles Maintainer and Core Contributor

Bisq

<https://bisq.network/>

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

9 August 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round

RE

Support for Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.'s Community Application for the .bitcoin top-level domain.

To the New gTLD Program evaluators and the Community Priority Evaluation Panel:

WHO I AM

I am Alain Bayer, founder and operator of **We Hodl BTC** (wehodlbtc.com), an open-source project publishing free self-custody guides alongside live network analytics drawn from a Bitcoin Core node I run and maintain myself. The project has no staff and no investors. I write in my own name and on my own authority.

My reason for building it is not abstract. Financial illiteracy is close to universal, and I was part of that statistic until I went looking for an account of money that my schooling had never given me. I found it in Bitcoin. What the site publishes now is the resource I could not find then, written as much for someone moving their first 100 sats as for someone moving their life savings.

THE APPLICATION AS I READ IT

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is filing a Community Priority Application for **.bitcoin** on behalf of those who operate, build and service the Bitcoin network. Registration would be confined to that community and tested against published, verifiable criteria, made binding through Specification 12 of the Registry Agreement, and supervised by a committee on which the applicant takes one ordinary seat carrying neither veto nor priority. Twenty-one percent of annual revenue is pledged to the open-source developers who maintain the protocol.

The limit of that authority deserves stating plainly. Such a registry would administer names beneath **.bitcoin** and enforce the policy attached to them. It would hold **no authority over Bitcoin itself**: not consensus, not the reference software, not the network. Conflating the registry with the protocol is the commonest error I encounter whenever this proposal is discussed, and I would not want my support read as reaching further than it does.

MY SUPPORT

I support this application. I regard the applicant as a credible steward of the string on the community's behalf, and I would sooner see .bitcoin administered under rules the community can read and hold someone to than handed to whichever bidder values it most in cash.

Should the application reach Community Priority Evaluation, I would ask that my statement be read as one entry in a body of support rather than weighed alone. This community keeps no register of members and appoints nobody to speak for it. Its support therefore arrives as an accumulation of individual operators putting their names down. Mine is one of them.

HOW I REACHED THIS POSITION

My support is considered rather than reflexive, and the Panel is entitled to see the reasoning. I arrived at it in three steps.

1. I read the applicant's notice of intent, published 5 August 2026, in full: the eligibility categories, the Bitcoin Only restriction, the composition of the committee and the revenue commitment.
2. I then read ICANN's 2026 Round Applicant Guidebook rather than rely on anyone's summary of it. Private resolution of string contention is prohibited in this round, to the point that competing applicants are barred from communicating with one another about the contested string. Two outcomes remain available: Community Priority Evaluation, or an auction settled on price. There is no third outcome in which the question goes undecided.
3. I measured it against my own work. The guides I publish direct readers to particular wallets and vendors, and imitation domains remain among the most dependable methods of separating a newcomer from their coins. Newcomers are my readership. A .bitcoin namespace owing this community nothing would become an attack surface aimed squarely at them.

What I concluded is that no version of this ends with nobody setting the rules. Every registry decides who may hold a name. The only variable is whether that decision is published, approved by ICANN and enforceable against the registry, or written privately by an auction winner on terms ICANN never approves and the registry may revise later. Given those two, the choice is not a difficult one.

SCOPE, PUBLICATION AND VERIFICATION

I would rather state my standing precisely than leave it to be inferred. I represent one project and one person. We Hodl BTC is unincorporated, sells nothing and accepts no sponsorship. It runs on a single self-hosted full validating node with a transaction index, from which every chain, mempool and mining figure the site publishes is derived; its only external dependency is a price feed for the BTC/USD rate. The project has operated since 2024, reaches on the order of 150 readers a month, and its source is public under an MIT license. Measured against the applicant's categories, I perform network operation, public infrastructure and service provision, and documentation and education. I claim no mandate beyond my own.

This letter may be filed, copied and published in full by the applicant or by ICANN in connection with the .bitcoin application and any evaluation of it. None of it is confidential. My role and the project's record can be checked at wehodlbtc.com and github.com/Bayernatoor/btc_self_custody, and I will answer any question the applicant or the Panel cares to put to me.

Sincerely,



Alain Bayer

Founder and operator, We Hodl BTC · wehodlbtc.com · wehodlbtc@pm.me



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Berlin, August 11th, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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United States of America

**Re: Letter of support for the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the top-level domain
.bitcoin**

Dear Sir or Madam, dear Evaluation Panel,

Fulmo GmbH is a Bitcoin company from Berlin, Germany founded in 2018 to advance the Lightning Network, Bitcoin's second layer payment network. Most of what we have done since can be described in one sentence: we put on the events where this community meets, and we build and run the tools it meets around.

Our roots run deeper than our company dates. The Bitcoin meetup tradition in Berlin began in 2011 at Room77, a bar in Berlin-Kreuzberg that became the first physical business anywhere to accept Bitcoin as means of payment. The meetup that grew out of these regular monthly get-togethers never stopped: it continues today as Bitcoin Lab Berlin, the longest-running Bitcoin meetup in the world, with approximately 4,300 registered members. Fulmo pays for and supports its home on the meetup.com platform, where both the member roll and the calendar of recurring events are public for anyone to inspect: Socratic seminars, beginner workshops, builder evenings. People from Fulmo have stood in those rooms since the Room77 days, and stand in them still.

From 2018 onward we gave the builder side of this community a stage of its own. Our Lightning Hackday series has run continuously since then, in Berlin and abroad, and in 2019 we organized the first Lightning Conference in the world. Together, the Conference and the Hackdays have brought around 1,000 participants through our doors, most of them from the Bitcoin and Lightning Network developer community. We also equip this community in the most literal way: Fulmo has assembled and sold approximately 3,000 RaspiBlitz Bitcoin and Lightning nodes: open-source machines, built on free software, that put roughly three thousand households and businesses in a position to run the



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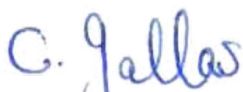
Bitcoin network themselves. At conferences and community events across Europe we routinely provide the working infrastructure behind the scenes: Bitcoin and Lightning nodes, BTCPayServer payment systems, and other free and open-source software, set up so that an event about Bitcoin can actually run on Bitcoin.

Our engagement is international. Fulmo has been part of Adopting Bitcoin in El Salvador across its editions, on its stages and panels and in an advisory capacity. Our team has joined community delegations to El Salvador, to Suriname, and to Bhutan, where Bitcoin's place in a national economy was the subject of the largest conference the country has held. We mention this not to claim credit but to describe reach: the community this application speaks for is not a website or a mailing list; it is people who travel, meet, teach and build, on several continents, and we have spent years among them.

It is from that vantage point that we support the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate .bitcoin as a community top-level domain. We know the applicant's work the way one operator knows another's: the DNS seed it maintains in the Bitcoin reference software and the mempool.space explorer it runs are fixtures of daily life for the node operators we have equipped and the developers who come to our events. The application places the namespace in the hands of the community that does the work: registry policy is set by a committee drawn from across that community, and no privileged position is reserved for the applicant. That is the arrangement we would have asked for.

We have been told, and accept, that this letter may be included in the application and made public by ICANN. Please do not hesitate to contact us (info@fulmo.org), should you require further information.

From Berlin, with kind regards,



Managing Director, Fulmo GmbH
Christine Gallas



August 10, 2026



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of ZEUS Wallet to express our support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

ZEUS is an open-source Bitcoin wallet focused on self-custody, privacy, and user sovereignty, enabling users to interact directly with Bitcoin and the Lightning Network while maintaining control of their keys and infrastructure. Since its initial release, ZEUS has accumulated more than 5 million downloads across releases and serves tens of thousands of active users worldwide, including individuals, businesses, developers, educators, and Bitcoin infrastructure operators. Through our open-source development and work across the Bitcoin ecosystem, we have participated in and contributed to the broader Bitcoin community.

Bitcoin is not a company, product, or brand controlled by any single entity. It is a decentralized, permissionless, open-source network maintained by a global community of contributors and used by people around the world. The term "Bitcoin" consequently carries significance far beyond any particular commercial organization. It is also frequently invoked by bad actors seeking to lend credibility to scams, phishing schemes, and other fraud.

For these reasons, we believe that operation of a .bitcoin namespace is important to the broader Bitcoin community. A namespace of this significance should be administered by an organization that understands Bitcoin, is accountable to the community it represents, and is committed to operating the registry consistent with Bitcoin's open, decentralized, and permissionless principles.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is well positioned to serve that role. They have demonstrated a longstanding commitment to the Bitcoin community, and the proposed community-based governance and eligibility model for .bitcoin reflects principles of openness, neutrality, and community accountability consistent with the values of the Bitcoin ecosystem.

We are therefore pleased to endorse this application and recognize Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate community representative for operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We believe a properly governed .bitcoin namespace can serve as a useful resource for the Bitcoin community while providing a trusted namespace aligned with the decentralized nature of the network.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Evaluation Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan Kaloudis'.

Evan Kaloudis
Founder
ZEUS Wallet

Nashville, Tennessee, USA — 10 August 2026

TO:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program — Community Priority Evaluation
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COPY TO: Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. — attn. Mr Jason Maurice, wiz@mempool.space

SUBJECT

Statement of Community Support for the community priority application for the .bitcoin top-level domain filed with ICANN by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Applicant	Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. (represented by Mr Jason Maurice, “wiz”)
Applied-for string	.bitcoin
Application type	Community priority application, ICANN New gTLD Program (current round)
Community	Persons and organisations that run, build and provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network
Supporting party	Nakamoto Inc., acting for itself and its wholly-owned subsidiary BTC Inc, publisher of Bitcoin Magazine and organiser of The Bitcoin Conference
Community category	Publisher & educator — Bitcoin media, journalism, research and education

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT

Nakamoto Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, with its principal executive offices at 300 10th Ave South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, whose common stock is listed on the Nasdaq stock market under the ticker symbol NAKA, acting for itself and on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary BTC Inc (hereinafter together “Nakamoto” or “we”), hereby issues this written statement of support for the community priority application for the top-level domain string .bitcoin (the “TLD”), submitted to ICANN in the current round of the New gTLD Program by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. (the “Applicant”), represented by Mr Jason Maurice, publicly known in the Bitcoin community as “wiz”.

This statement is issued in our organisational capacity, on our own letterhead, by the person authorised to act on behalf of the company. It is issued voluntarily, without any consideration having been requested, offered or received, and without any commercial, financial or ownership relationship between Nakamoto and the Applicant.

2. THE ORGANISATION ISSUING THIS STATEMENT

Nakamoto Inc. is a Nasdaq-listed Bitcoin company headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Through our wholly-owned subsidiary BTC Inc, we operate the largest Bitcoin media company in the world by event attendance,

online audience and brand portfolio, comprising some 27 media brands that together reach approximately six million people globally.

Our flagship publication, Bitcoin Magazine, has been published continuously since May 2012 and is the longest-running publication dedicated to Bitcoin, its technology, its economics and its community. Under the Bitcoin Conference brand, BTC Inc also organises the largest Bitcoin events in the world, which in 2025 alone brought together approximately 67,000 attendees across multiple continents — including node and mining operators, wallet and custody providers, exchanges, payment processors, hardware manufacturers, open-source developers, educators and publishers.

Since their inception, Bitcoin Magazine and The Bitcoin Conference have maintained a strictly Bitcoin-focused editorial and commercial discipline. Our stages, pages and partner programmes are dedicated to the Bitcoin network and the businesses, developers and institutions built upon it. This long-standing editorial discipline is the reason we regard the registration policy proposed by the Applicant as both credible and necessary.

3. OUR QUALIFYING FUNCTION WITHIN THE IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY

The Applicant defines the community as the persons and organisations that run, build and provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network. Nakamoto, through BTC Inc and Bitcoin Magazine, is a member of that community in the category of publishers and educators — producers of journalism, research, educational programming and public events serving the Bitcoin community — a qualifying function that we have performed publicly, verifiably and continuously since 2012, as evidenced by our published archives at bitcoinmagazine.com and our conference programmes and partner listings at b.tc.

The signatory of this letter is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nakamoto Inc. and the Chairman of BTC Inc, and is authorised to make this statement on behalf of the company.

4. STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Having reviewed the Applicant's published notice to the Bitcoin community and the substance of the proposed registration policy, Nakamoto hereby states the following:

- We support the community priority application for the .bitcoin top-level domain filed with ICANN by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
- We support the proposed registration policy under which eligibility to register a .bitcoin domain name requires the verifiable performance of at least one qualifying function within the Bitcoin community, and under which projects promoting altcoins or other cryptocurrency protocols are expressly prohibited from registering .bitcoin domain names.
- We support the proposal that this policy be overseen by a Registration Policy Committee drawn from the recognised categories of the community, applying published criteria, with the Applicant holding one ordinary seat, no veto right and no registration priority.
- We support the Applicant's pledge to donate 21 % of the registry's annual revenue to the funding of the open-source developers who maintain, secure and grow the Bitcoin network.
- We consider the award of the .bitcoin TLD to a successful community priority application to be materially preferable to the alternative of an open auction, in which the string would most likely pass to the highest bidder and outside any form of community oversight.

Should the Applicant consider it useful, Nakamoto is willing to discuss contributing a representative to the Registration Policy Committee, or to assist in identifying suitable candidates from among the operators, developers and service providers within our network.

5. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STATEMENT

This statement concerns exclusively the .bitcoin top-level domain in the traditional DNS root and the registration policy proposed for it. It expresses no opinion whatsoever with regard to the Bitcoin protocol, its consensus rules or peer-to-peer network, any implementation thereof, any standards or specification process, or any other technical or governance matter concerning Bitcoin itself.

This statement does not create any legal obligation on the part of Nakamoto, does not constitute a warranty as to the Applicant's performance, and does not transfer or license any of our intellectual property rights, including our trade marks and brand assets, which remain reserved.

6. CONSENT TO PUBLICATION

Nakamoto expressly consents to this statement being published in full, together with the name and registered details of our company and the name and title of the signatory, as part of the Applicant's application to ICANN, as part of ICANN's Community Priority Evaluation, and in the public record of that application and its evaluation.

7. CONTACT FOR VERIFICATION

Any question relating to this statement, including verification of its authenticity or of the figures stated in Section 2, may be addressed to the signatory at davidbailey91690@gmail.com.

Yours faithfully,

S I G N E D F O R A N D O N B E H A L F O F N A K A M O T O I N C .

Place: Nashville, Tennessee, USA

Date: 10 August 2026



David Bailey

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Nakamoto Inc. (Nasdaq: NAKA)
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bitcoin park

August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round, Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Bitcoin Park to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Bitcoin Park is a community-supported campus focused on grassroots freedom tech adoption and a home for bitcoiners to work, learn, collaborate, and build. I co-founded it in Nashville, Tennessee in 2022, and we have since opened a second campus in Austin, Texas. We are a convener in exactly the sense the proposed registration policy describes. We run monthly public meetups, technical workshops, and working groups, and we produce multi-day summits including the Nashville Energy & Mining Summit, the Texas Energy & Mining Summit, the Custody & Treasury Summit, and Imagine IF. We also publish continuously, with 150+ podcast episodes released to date alongside our recorded talks and written work.

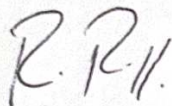
The scale of the community we convene is measurable rather than rhetorical. Our two public Meetup groups in Nashville and Austin hold 6,000+ members between them. Those groups have recorded more than 12,000+ attendances at Bitcoin Park events. More than 1,600 of those people came back for a second event. Those are the people I am speaking about here, and they are precisely the node operators, protocol contributors, service providers, educators, and conveners the application identifies as the community.

Bitcoin is not a company or a product owned by any single entity. It is a decentralized, permissionless, open-source network stewarded by a global community, and the .bitcoin namespace should be held accordingly. If this string goes to auction it will be won by whoever brings the most capital, not by whoever is accountable to the people who run the nodes and write the code. That outcome would put the one word that describes our entire community permanently outside its reach. We have watched the word bitcoin get attached to enough things that have nothing to do with bitcoin to know what an unaccountable registry would produce.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is the right applicant. Jason Maurice has operated mempool.space as public infrastructure for the Bitcoin community for more than seven years and runs one of Bitcoin's DNS seeds. That is a long and verifiable record of carrying infrastructure the network genuinely depends on without turning it into a toll booth. We support the strictly Bitcoin Only registration policy, the explicit prohibition on altcoin promotion, the requirement that registrants verifiably perform a Qualifying Function, and the applicant's decision to hold a single ordinary committee seat with no veto and no registration priority. We also note the pledge to direct 21 percent of annual revenue to the open-source developers who maintain and secure the network. Funding that work is something we take seriously ourselves, and a registry that does it structurally rather than as charity is a registry worth having.

Accordingly, Bitcoin Park endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. This letter may be published in full as part of the application. I am glad to provide any further information the Panel may find useful, and I can be reached directly at rod@bitcoinpark.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. Roudi".

Rod Roudi
Co-Founder
Bitcoin Park

Prague, Czech Republic — 5 August 2026

TO:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)New gTLD Program — Community Priority Evaluation
12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300
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COPY TO: Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. — attn. Mr Jason Maurice, wiz@mempool.space

SUBJECT**Statement of Community Support for the community priority application for the .bitcoin top-level domain filed with ICANN by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.**

Applicant	Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. (represented by Mr Jason Maurice, “wiz”)
Applied-for string	.bitcoin
Application type	Community priority application, ICANN New gTLD Program (current round)
Community	Persons and organisations that run, build and provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network
Supporting party	Twenty one million s.r.o., organiser of the BTC Prague conference
Community category	Convener — organiser of public conferences and working groups

Dear Sir or Madam,

1. PURPOSE OF THIS STATEMENT

Twenty one million s.r.o., a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of the Czech Republic with its registered office at Korunní 2569/108, Vinohrady, 101 00 Prague 10, Czech Republic, ID No. 17259444 (hereinafter “**BTC Prague**” or “**we**”), hereby issues this written statement of support for the community priority application for the top-level domain string **.bitcoin** (the “**TLD**”), submitted to ICANN in the current round of the New gTLD Program by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** (the “**Applicant**”), represented by Mr Jason Maurice, publicly known in the Bitcoin community as “wiz”.

This statement is issued in our organisational capacity, on our own letterhead, by the person authorised to act on behalf of the company. It is issued voluntarily, without any consideration having been requested, offered or received, and without any commercial, financial or ownership relationship between BTC Prague and the Applicant.

2. THE ORGANISATION ISSUING THIS STATEMENT

BTC Prague is the largest Bitcoin conference in Europe. Under the BTC Prague brand our company organises an annual multi-day conference and exhibition in Prague, Czech Republic, together with an accompanying year-round programme of side events, industry meetings and working sessions.

Across our editions to date, BTC Prague has brought together approximately 110 partner and sponsor organisations — including node and mining operators, wallet and custody providers, exchanges, payment processors, hardware manufacturers, open-source projects, educators and publishers — and more than 8,400 visitors from across Europe and beyond.

Since its first edition, BTC Prague has been operated under a strictly **Bitcoin-only** policy. Projects promoting alternative cryptocurrency protocols, tokens or unrelated blockchain ventures are not admitted to our stages, our exhibition floor or our partner programme. This editorial and commercial

discipline is the reason we regard the registration policy proposed by the Applicant as both credible and necessary.

3. OUR QUALIFYING FUNCTION WITHIN THE IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY

The Applicant defines the community as the persons and organisations that run, build and provide the infrastructure, software and services of the Bitcoin network. BTC Prague is a member of that community in the category of conveners — organisers of public conferences, meetups and working groups — a qualifying function that we perform publicly, verifiably and continuously, as evidenced by our published programmes, partner listings and archives at btcprague.com.

The signatory of this letter is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Twenty one million s.r.o. and is authorised to make this statement on behalf of the company.

4. STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Having reviewed the Applicant's published notice to the Bitcoin community and the substance of the proposed registration policy, BTC Prague hereby states the following:

- We support the community priority application for the .bitcoin top-level domain filed with ICANN by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
- We support the proposed registration policy under which eligibility to register a .bitcoin domain name requires the verifiable performance of at least one qualifying function within the Bitcoin community, and under which projects promoting altcoins or other cryptocurrency protocols are expressly prohibited from registering .bitcoin domain names.
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Should the Applicant consider it useful, BTC Prague is willing to discuss contributing a representative to the Registration Policy Committee, or to assist in identifying suitable candidates from among the operators, developers and service providers within our network.

5. SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS STATEMENT

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6. CONSENT TO PUBLICATION

BTC Prague expressly consents to this statement being **published in full**, together with the name and registered details of our company and the name and title of the signatory, as part of the Applicant's application to ICANN, as part of ICANN's Community Priority Evaluation, and in the public record of that application and its evaluation.

7. CONTACT FOR VERIFICATION

Any question relating to this statement, including verification of its authenticity or of the figures stated in Section 2, may be addressed to the signatory at martin@btcprague.com or to hello@btcprague.com.

Yours faithfully,

SIGNED FOR AND ON BEHALF OF TWENTY ONE MILLION s.r.o.

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August 10, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Baltic Honeybadger and Hodl Hodl to convey our full endorsement of the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Hodl Hodl is a peer-to-peer Bitcoin trading platform built on privacy, security, and financial sovereignty. Alongside our trading services, we are the organizers of Baltic Honeybadger - Europe's premier and longest-running Bitcoin-only conferences. Since 2017, thousands of attendees have gathered in Riga, Latvia, for our annual event, bringing together open-source contributors, core developers, privacy researchers, and entrepreneurs committed to the fundamental ethos of Bitcoin. Having cultivated this hub for the global Bitcoin ecosystem over many years, we offer our support for this application with a deep understanding of our community's needs.

As an open-source, permissionless, and decentralized protocol, Bitcoin belongs to no corporate entity; it relies on a global, self-governing community. Consequently, the steward of the .bitcoin namespace must be an entity that respects these core principles. The operation of such a critical top-level domain demands an administrator that is genuinely aligned with the community, dedicated to preserving neutrality, and committed to running the registry as a shared public utility.

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. exemplifies these qualities. Their track record within the Bitcoin space demonstrates an active commitment to its values. Furthermore, their proposed structure for .bitcoin reflects the transparency, open access, and community oversight required for such an endeavor. We are confident they will manage the TLD in a manner that serves the collective interest of the ecosystem.

For these reasons, Baltic Honeybadger and Hodl Hodl enthusiastically support this application and recognize Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a qualified, representative steward for the .bitcoin top-level domain.

Please feel free to reach out should the Panel require any additional context or information.

Sincerely,

Anna

CEO, Hodl Hodl

Lead Organizer, Baltic Honeybadger



August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of bitcoin++ to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

bitcoin++ is an international series of technical conferences, workshops, and hackathons for Bitcoin developers and builders. Since 2022 we have produced more than eighteen editions across cities including Austin, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Riga, Istanbul, Taipei, Nairobi, and Florianópolis, convening the engineers, researchers, and open-source contributors who build and maintain Bitcoin's protocol and surrounding software. Our stages have hosted many of the people who write the code that the network runs on. This work places bitcoin++ at the center of the global Bitcoin technical community, and it is from that vantage point that we offer this endorsement.

Bitcoin is not a company or a product owned by any single entity; it is a decentralized, permissionless, open-source network stewarded by a global community. For that reason, the question of who operates the .bitcoin namespace matters a great deal to us. A string this significant should be held by an applicant who is accountable to that community, who understands its values, and who will operate the registry as a public good rather than for private capture.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. They have a demonstrated history of participation in and contribution to the Bitcoin community, and the proposed governance and eligibility model for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality, and community accountability that define Bitcoin itself. We are confident the namespace would be administered in a manner consistent with the interests of the community it is meant to serve.

Accordingly, bitcoin++ endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,

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TABCONF

THE ATLANTA BITCOIN CONFERENCE

August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round - Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of TABConf to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

TABConf, The Atlanta Bitcoin Conference, is a volunteer-driven, community-first technical conference focused on building the Bitcoin community, providing education, and supporting developers. Founded in 2018, TABConf creates a forum for protocol and application developers to collaborate, debate, and innovate on Bitcoin. Through Builder Days, hands-on workshops, community-led villages, and conference sessions, TABConf brings together core developers, new contributors, educators, researchers, and builders in an accessible, grassroots setting. This work gives TABConf a direct view into the needs and values of the Bitcoin technical community, and it is from that vantage point that we offer this endorsement.

Bitcoin is not a company or a product owned by any single entity; it is a decentralized, permissionless, open-source network stewarded by a global community. For that reason, the question of who operates the .bitcoin namespace matters a great deal to us. A string this significant should be held by an applicant who is accountable to that community, who understands its values, and who will operate the registry as a public good rather than for private capture.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. They have a demonstrated history of participation in and contribution to the Bitcoin community, and the proposed governance and eligibility model for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality, and community accountability that define Bitcoin itself. We are confident the namespace would be administered in a manner consistent with the interests of the community it is meant to serve.

Accordingly, TABConf endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,

Michael Tidwell
Co-Founder
TABConf

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August 10, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Plan ₿ Network SA to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Plan ₿ Network SA is a Lugano-based organization dedicated to Bitcoin education, community building, and ecosystem development. Headquartered at Contrada di Sassello 10, 6900 Lugano, Switzerland, we focus on open-source tools, academic programs, and practical initiatives that advance Bitcoin knowledge and sovereignty worldwide. Over the past years we have delivered five years of Plan ₿ Summer Schools in Lugano, three years of support for the CUBO+, ESIAP and NodeNation educational programs in El Salvador, and the recent Executive Master programs with Politecnico di Torino (PoliTo) and National Taipei University of Technology (NTUT). We also organize Plan ₿ Week in Lugano: an intensive series of workshops, events, and community activities that expand the annual Plan ₿ Forum (CypherTank, Financial Summit, Spazio21, etc.). Thousands of event attendees and hundreds of certified students can attest our commitment and dedication. Our work is carried out in close partnership with the Bitcoin Office of the Government of El Salvador and the City of Lugano as part of the broader Plan ₿ initiative. This educational and community-focused mission places Plan ₿ Network at the heart of the global Bitcoin technical and adoption community.

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We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. They have a demonstrated history of participation in and contribution to the Bitcoin community, and the proposed governance and eligibility model for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality, and community accountability that define Bitcoin itself. We are confident the namespace would be administered in a manner consistent with the interests of the community it is meant to serve.

Accordingly, Plan B Network SA endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,
Giacomo Zucco 
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August 10, 2026

Re: Support for the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain

To the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers,

We write on behalf of EINUNDZWANZIG, an association under Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code, seated in Zug, politically and religiously independent. Under Art. 9 of our statutes, this letter is signed collectively by our President together with a further member of the board, and representing our members' interests before international organisations is among the activities our statutes assign to us in Art. 3.

Who we are. EINUNDZWANZIG began in 2021 as a German-language Bitcoin podcast and grew into the community infrastructure of the German-speaking world. Our statutory purpose is to build and support an optimal environment for the circular adoption of Bitcoin, with focus on Switzerland and the German-speaking region – by connecting individuals, companies and open-source initiatives. We are run by our members; our membership fees are set annually in satoshis; and we do not only convene: under our statutes, the association itself operates technical infrastructure for the community, including Lightning routing nodes, BTCPay Server and Electrum servers.

Who this letter speaks for. The association properly counts approximately 120 active, passive and honorary members. The community we convene is far larger, and every part of it is publicly countable:

- Our public portal at einundzwanzig.space/meetups lists 310 Bitcoin meetups and EINUNDZWANZIG gatherings across Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg, with offshoots as far as Prague and Panama. Dozens of these groups meet every month; the calendar, with dates and venues, is public.
- Our podcast has been played and downloaded 2.7 million times on Spotify alone, currently around 15,000 downloads every month, with 7,000 followers there; our YouTube channel carries 600 videos for 12,300 subscribers.
- Our annual conference, the Bitcoin Zitadelle, brings up to 500 participants together each year.

We state these figures as what they are: a small formal membership, and a very large, self-organised community for which we provide the connective tissue. Anyone can verify the meetups, the episodes and the events.

Our support. We support the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain on behalf of the Bitcoin operational and contributor community. The applicant is part of this community in the plainest operational sense: it runs a DNS seed in the Bitcoin reference software and mempool.space. The application's structure reflects how our community works: no registration priority for the applicant, registry policy in the hands of a committee drawn from the community, and a namespace limited to those who verifiably operate, build and serve Bitcoin.

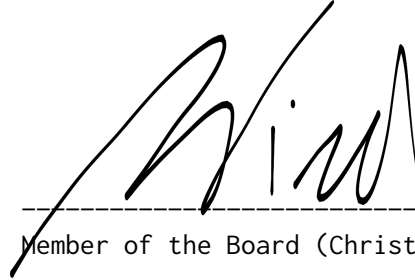
On the proposed restriction. Our statutes commit us to promoting standards and market self-regulation that effectively prevent abuse and fraud. The proposed registration policy is exactly that: a namespace whose registrants are verifiably who they claim to be protects the newcomers who arrive at our meetups every week – too many of whom found the fake exchanges and the impersonators before they found us. We also note, and value, the policy's limits: the registry and its committee have authority over a domain, and none over the Bitcoin protocol, its software, or anyone's participation in Bitcoin.

We understand that this letter may form part of the application and may be published by ICANN.

For EINUNDZWANZIG, by collective signature pursuant to Art. 9 of the statutes:

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President (Sascha Weidner)

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Member of the Board (Christian Wind)

Contact for verification: mail@einundzwanzig.space

Bitcoin Austria - Verein zur Förderung von Bitcoin in Österreich

ZVR-Zahl: 828542896

c/o STADLER PARTNER Rechtsanwälte GmbH

Seilerstätte 24, 1010 Vienna, Austria

To:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

New gTLD Program — Community Priority Evaluation

12025 Waterfront Drive, Suite 300

Los Angeles, CA 90094-2536, United States of America

Vienna, 10 August 2026

**Re: Statement of Support — Community Priority Application for the .bitcoin TLD by
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.**

Dear Members of the Panel,

We support the community priority application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain.

Bitcoin Austria is a nonprofit association under Austrian law, founded in Vienna in 2011 and, to our knowledge, the oldest Bitcoin organization in the world. We are funded solely by donations and accept no sponsors. Since our founding we have held over 200 public meetups and educational events, and we serve as an independent point of contact on Bitcoin for media and policymakers in Austria. We also develop open source software and operate public Bitcoin infrastructure, including a block explorer and full-node services. Bitcoin Austria has about 35 formal members and serves an active community of several hundred regular participants across Austria.

We know the applicant's work well. The open source Mempool project is the reference block explorer of the Bitcoin ecosystem. We run our own instance for the Austrian public and use mempool.space in our workshops to show newcomers how the network works, block by block. Reliable infrastructure, built in the open and without gatekeeping, is exactly the background we would want in a registry operator for this TLD.

The word "Bitcoin" names no company and no product. It names an open, decentralized network, and no single person or organization speaks for it as a whole. Neither do we. This letter is issued on behalf of Bitcoin Austria and its 30+ members only. The application respects this reality. It defines the community through verifiable contribution by the people and organizations who demonstrably keep the network running, which is the only honest way to define a community around a decentralized network. The alternative is an auction, in which the .bitcoin string belongs to whichever bidder pays the most, with no obligation to that community at all.

As an organization that develops open source software and educates the public about Bitcoin, we would ourselves seek to register a .bitcoin domain under the proposed policy.

We consider the application a legitimate representation of this community's interests and consent to its publication as part of the application.

Sincerely,

Daniel Pichler
President

Harald Schilly
Vice President

Letter of Support for .bitcoin TLD Application

August 10, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round
Evaluation Panel / Community Priority Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel:

I am writing on behalf of the Beefsteak community to express our full and unqualified support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

As the most important series of gatherings in the global Bitcoin ecosystem for operators and contributors, the Beefsteak community endorses Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. in its ICANN application to operate the .bitcoin TLD.

Since 2018, I have convened beefsteak meetups—communal, hands-on gatherings focused on the operational and contributor community: node operators, software contributors, infrastructure providers, miners, educators, and the builders who keep the network running. These events deliberately bring together the people who maintain and advance Bitcoin, rather than spectators or promoters of unrelated projects.

Beefsteak has organized dozens of these gatherings across multiple cities and countries since 2018, drawing thousands of attendees over the years. They have become a consistent grassroots gathering point for the same categories of participants the application identifies as the relevant community.

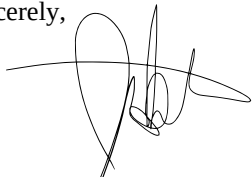
Bitcoin is not a product owned by any single entity. It is a decentralized, open-source network stewarded by a global community of operators and contributors. The question of who controls the .bitcoin namespace therefore matters deeply. A string this significant should be held by an applicant accountable to that community—one that understands its values and will operate the registry as a public good rather than for private capture or auction to the highest bidder.

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. Its long record of operating critical Bitcoin infrastructure, including mempool.space and DNS seeds, demonstrates sustained technical service to the community. The proposed registration policy is strictly Bitcoin-only, with verifiable eligibility for network operators, protocol contributors, infrastructure providers, educators, and conveners, and an explicit prohibition on altcoin projects, which can be misleading and harmful.

Accordingly, the Beefsteak community endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. I authorize the use, reproduction, and publication of this letter in connection with the application, any Community Priority Evaluation, and related proceedings.

I would be glad to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,



Awayslice / The Beefsteak Guy
Organizer of Bitcoin Beefsteak Meetups
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August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain,
submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel

I am writing to express my support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain
submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

In 2021, I published a book about Bitcoin history called “The Blocksize War”. This book was about a governance battle that occurred in Bitcoin in the 2015 to 2017 period. Bitcoin is not a company or a product owned by any single entity; it is a decentralized, permissionless and open-source network. For that reason, the question of who operates the .bitcoin namespace matters a great deal. A string this significant should be held by an applicant who understands Bitcoin and who will operate the registry as a public good rather than for private capture.

I believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is that applicant. They have a demonstrated history of positive participation in and contribution to Bitcoin over a long period of time, as well as technical competency and the proposed governance and eligibility model for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality, and community accountability that define Bitcoin itself. I am confident the namespace would be administered in a manner consistent with the interests of the community it is meant to serve.

Accordingly, I endorse this application without. I would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely

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Jonathan Bier

THE SPACE

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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August 7, 2026

Jason Maurice (Wiz)
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
wiz@mempool.space

RE: Statement of Support for the .bitcoin gTLD Community Priority Application

Dear Wiz,

On behalf of The Space Education Foundation (TSEF), I am writing to express our full support for the community priority application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin generic top-level domain (gTLD) in the current ICANN new gTLD round.

TSEF is a Bitcoin-focused education and community nonprofit based in Denver, Colorado. Since our founding in April 2024, we have served as a hub for Bitcoin education, hosting over 80 public educational events and building a community of approximately 60 active members and 130 public newsletter subscribers. Our programming is dedicated exclusively to Bitcoin literacy, covering topics such as self-custody, node operation, privacy, and the broader economic principles that underpin the Bitcoin network. Consistent with the proposed registration policy, TSEF maintains a strict Bitcoin-only approach across all of our educational content and community programming, with no promotion of altcoins or alternative cryptocurrency protocols.

As an organization that operates its own Bitcoin full node and its own instance of the mempool.space block explorer (mempool.denver.space) on in-house infrastructure, we have a direct and practical relationship with the tools and services maintained by your team. We rely on mempool.space as a critical educational resource in our programming, and we have seen firsthand the commitment your team brings to providing high-quality, Bitcoin-only infrastructure for the community.

We believe strongly that the .bitcoin top-level domain should remain in the hands of the Bitcoin community and be governed by a strict Bitcoin-only registration policy. The alternative, allowing .bitcoin to be auctioned to the highest bidder with no community oversight, poses a real risk of the domain being used in ways that misrepresent Bitcoin or harm the interests of the people who build, operate, and educate around this network.

TSEF falls within the "Network operators," "Documentation, education, and publication," and "Conveners" categories outlined in the proposed registration policy. As an organization that fits squarely within the community this application seeks to represent, we affirm that the community priority approach is the right path forward. This letter may be published as part of the application to ICANN.

Sincerely,



Joel Kuhns
Executive Director, The Space Education Foundation
contact@denver.space



Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

New gTLD Program — Community Priority Evaluation
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CC: Jason Maurice (wiz)

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
wiz@mempool.space

Statement of Support for the .bitcoin Community Priority Application

To ICANN and the Community Priority Evaluation Panel,

Blocktrainer GmbH hereby expresses its strong and unequivocal support for the community priority application by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** for the **.bitcoin** top-level domain.

Blocktrainer is the largest Bitcoin-specific news and educational media platform in Germany and across the wider German-speaking DACH region. Unlike many other media outlets covering digital assets, *Blocktrainer* follows a strict Bitcoin-only approach. Our editorial, educational, and community activities are exclusively focused on Bitcoin and do not promote the broader cryptocurrency or altcoin sector.

Through our website, video content, podcasts, educational publications, and live events, we provide reliable Bitcoin information and education to a substantial German-speaking audience. Our work includes:

- Daily Bitcoin news coverage and educational articles reaching hundreds of thousands of readers;
- More than a million website page views per month;
- A YouTube channel with approximately 250,000 followers;
- Regular podcasts covering current developments, technical topics, economic questions, and important debates within the Bitcoin ecosystem;
- Educational content for both newcomers and experienced Bitcoin users;
- Regular conferences and community events for the German-speaking Bitcoin community, with most events attended by more than 1,000 participants.

Through these activities, *Blocktrainer* reaches approximately between 500.000 and 600.000 German-speaking Bitcoin enthusiasts and represents and serves a broad community of users, educators, developers, entrepreneurs, infrastructure providers, and other participants throughout Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the wider German-speaking region.



We strongly believe that the **.bitcoin** top-level domain should be operated in the interests of the Bitcoin community and should not be awarded solely on the basis of the highest financial bid. An unrestricted auction could result in the namespace being controlled by an entity that does not represent Bitcoin's values, contributors, users, or technical ecosystem.

We therefore strongly support the proposal by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the **.bitcoin** registry under a transparent and enforceable Bitcoin-only registration policy. In particular, we support the intention to make registrations available to verifiable Bitcoin network operators, software and protocol contributors, infrastructure and service providers, educators, publishers, event organizers, and other legitimate participants in the Bitcoin ecosystem.

We also support the explicit exclusion of projects primarily associated with altcoins or unrelated cryptocurrency protocols from registering names within the **.bitcoin** namespace. This restriction is essential to preserve the clarity, credibility, and integrity of the domain.

The proposed oversight by a Registration Policy Committee composed of qualified members from different areas of the Bitcoin community represents a reasonable and responsible mechanism for protecting the namespace. While no governance structure is perfect, community-based oversight under published criteria is clearly preferable to allowing the domain to be controlled by the highest bidder without meaningful accountability to the Bitcoin community.

We further welcome the commitment to allocate 21 percent of the registry's annual revenue to supporting the open-source developers who maintain, secure, and improve the Bitcoin network. For the avoidance of doubt, our support relates exclusively to the operation and governance of the **.bitcoin** top-level domain within the traditional DNS system. It does not imply any authority over the Bitcoin protocol, its consensus rules, its peer-to-peer network, its implementations, or its standards processes.

Blocktrainer GmbH has no objection to this statement being published or submitted as part of the ICANN application and Community Priority Evaluation process.

We respectfully urge ICANN to recognize the substantial community interest in protecting the **.bitcoin** namespace and to give full consideration to the community priority application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Sincerely,
Blocktrainer GmbH
[Roman Reher / CEO]

12 August 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I write to express my full support for the community-based application for the **.bitcoin** top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V., and to recommend that the string be awarded to that application.

I am an economist and author, and the founder of The Saif House, an independent publishing house. My book *The Bitcoin Standard* has sold more than [X] copies and has been translated into [X] languages; across all my titles my books have sold in excess of [X] copies worldwide. Through The Saif House I also publish *The Fiat Standard* and *Principles of Economics*, run an online economics course with [X] enrolled students, and produce a podcast and lecture programme that has reached a large international audience. A substantial part of the world's lay understanding of what Bitcoin is has been formed by educational material of this kind, and it is from that vantage point — as an educator and publisher whose work depends on the word "Bitcoin" continuing to mean one specific thing — that I offer this endorsement.

Bitcoin is an open-source monetary network. It has no owner, chief executive, trademark holder, or organisation entitled to speak on its behalf. Its credibility rests precisely on the fact that participation is voluntary and that no individual or corporation controls it. A globally visible internet namespace bearing the Bitcoin name should, so far as is practicable, reflect those same characteristics.

Wiz & Associates' application does so. The applicant is the operator of mempool.space, an open-source Bitcoin block explorer and mempool visualiser that has been run as free public infrastructure for years and is used daily by a very large share of the network's participants. That is a decade of unpaid service to the community rather than a commercial claim upon it. The application commits the registry to a **Bitcoin-only** registration policy and to a governance model designed to prevent the namespace from becoming the private property or branding vehicle of any one individual or corporation. Those commitments are consistent with how the applicant has conducted himself over many years of contribution to Bitcoin infrastructure.

The registration policy matters more here than it would for most strings. To an ordinary internet user, a name ending in **.bitcoin** will carry an implicit assurance about what lies behind it. A registry operator whose own commercial platform spans Bitcoin Cash and numerous other cryptocurrencies would, through registration policy and branding alone and without any deception being intended, determine which assets and projects the public encounters under the Bitcoin name. That is a genuine risk of user confusion in a field where confusion has repeatedly proved costly to ordinary people. A Bitcoin-only eligibility policy, published in advance and administered under transparent and neutral rules, is the direct remedy. This is not about excluding disagreement within the Bitcoin community; it is that because Bitcoin has no central authority capable of deciding who may use its name, the string should be administered under neutral, community-oriented rules.

Accordingly, I endorse this application without reservation, and I recognise Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. Bitcoin belongs to no one, and the namespace should be held by people who understand that their role is one of stewardship rather than ownership. I would be glad to provide any further information the Panel may find useful, and can be reached at saifedean@saifedean.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Saifedean Ammous', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Saifedean Ammous

Economist and author, *The Bitcoin Standard*
Founder, The Saif House · saifedean.com



LETTER OF SUPPORT

.bitcoin

August 7, 2026

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

Antpool Technologies (BVI) Limited ("ANTPOOL") is pleased to express its support for the Community Application by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** to operate the **.bitcoin** top-level domain.

ANTPOOL is one of the world's leading Bitcoin mining pools and accounts for approximately **18.5%** of the global Bitcoin network hashrate. The miners using ANTPOOL contribute computing power to the security and operation of the Bitcoin network.

We believe that a namespace as important as **.bitcoin** should be operated in a manner that serves the Bitcoin community and protects the string from use unrelated to Bitcoin. Jason Maurice ("wiz"), who is leading the application, operates mempool.space and a Bitcoin DNS seed and has demonstrated a sustained commitment to Bitcoin infrastructure.

Accordingly, ANTPOOL supports the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the **.bitcoin** top-level domain and believes that its proposed Bitcoin-only approach is aligned with the interests of the broader Bitcoin community.

ANTPOOL consents to this letter being submitted to ICANN and published as part of the application and evaluation process.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Andy Chow

Chief Executive Officer

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August 6, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Foundry to express our support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Founded in October 2019 in Rochester, New York, Foundry's mission is to build institutional-grade infrastructure for the bitcoin mining industry. Foundry has established itself as the operator of the world's largest and premier US-based, institutional-grade Bitcoin mining pool. Foundry USA Pool™ is the #1 Bitcoin mining pool in the world by hashrate, with ~29% of all Bitcoin blocks mined in 2025. Being the trusted infrastructure of some of the largest Bitcoin mining companies globally, Foundry has a direct stake in how the infrastructure underlying the Bitcoin network is stewarded.

Bitcoin's value comes from the fact that no single company or entity controls it. It is a decentralized, permissionless network that depends on its infrastructure staying distributed rather than concentrated in any one set of hands. Foundry was built around that same principle, with a mission from day one of helping decentralize Bitcoin's mining infrastructure. We believe the .bitcoin namespace deserves the same protection: a string this important to the community should not be sold at an auction, but held by an applicant accountable to the community it serves.

Foundry supports the community priority application for the .bitcoin TLD submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V., and believes its proposed Bitcoin Only registration policy and community oversight model are consistent with keeping this piece of Bitcoin's infrastructure out of private capture. This letter may be published as part of the application.

Sincerely,

Mike Colyer
Chief Executive Officer
Foundry Digital LLC

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

Spider Digital Technology Ltd. ("SPIDERPOOL") is pleased to express its support for the Community Application by **Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.** to operate the **.bitcoin** top-level domain.

SPIDERPOOL is an independent Bitcoin mining pool founded in 2018 and accounts for approximately **9%** of the global Bitcoin network hashrate, consistently ranking among the largest mining pools worldwide. The miners using SPIDERPOOL contribute computing power to the security and operation of the Bitcoin network.

We believe that a namespace as important as **.bitcoin** should be operated in a manner that serves the Bitcoin community and protects the string from use unrelated to Bitcoin. Jason Maurice ("wiz"), who is leading the application, operates mempool.space and a Bitcoin DNS seed and has demonstrated a sustained commitment to Bitcoin infrastructure.

Accordingly, SPIDERPOOL supports the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the **.bitcoin** top-level domain and believes that its proposed Bitcoin-only approach is aligned with the interests of the broader Bitcoin community.

SPIDERPOOL consents to this letter being submitted to ICANN and published as part of the application and evaluation process.

Sincerely,



Kenway Wang
Chief Technology Officer
SPIDER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY LTD.

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August 7, 2026

Jason Maurice ("Wiz")

Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

wiz@mempool.space

Re: Statement of Support — ICANN Community Priority Application for the .bitcoin Top-Level Domain

Dear Jason,

On behalf of the 256 Foundation, a 501(c)(3) public charity dedicated to dismantling centralization in Bitcoin's mining infrastructure, I am writing to express our full support for the community priority application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. with the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) for the .bitcoin generic top-level domain (gTLD).

The 256 Foundation funds and supports open-source infrastructure through four core grant programs — Mujina (open-source mining firmware), Hydrapool (open-source mining pool software), Ember One (open hash board reference design), and Libre Board (open control board hardware). Together with the communities we support and work alongside — including the Bitaxe project, the Hashrate Heatpunks community, and Open Source Miners United (OSMU) — the 256 Foundation represents upwards of 100,000 operators, maintainers, and contributors who build, run, and depend on open-source infrastructure across the Bitcoin mining ecosystem.

We share your concern that, absent a successful community priority application, the .bitcoin TLD could be sold at auction to a party with no accountability to the Bitcoin community it would purport to represent. We support the proposed Bitcoin-Only registration policy, the explicit exclusion of altcoin and non-Bitcoin cryptocurrency projects from eligibility, and the formation of a Registration Policy Committee to oversee registration decisions under transparent, published criteria. We further welcome the commitment to donate 21% of registry revenue each year to fund the open-source developers who maintain, secure, and grow the Bitcoin network — a mission closely aligned with our own.

I am writing in my capacity as President of the Board of the 256 Foundation, on behalf of the organization and the community of grant programs, maintainers, and mining operators it supports. The 256 Foundation may be identified as a supporting organization, and this letter may be published, in whole or in part, as part of the .bitcoin community priority application.

Please let us know if a signed hard copy, or any additional information about the 256 Foundation and the programs it funds, would be useful to the application.

Sincerely,

Tyler Stevens

President of the Board

256 Foundation

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August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

We are writing on behalf of Swan Bitcoin to support the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Swan is a Bitcoin financial services company headquartered in California. We provide clients with individually titled accounts at regulated third-party custodians, and we operate Swan Vault, a collaborative multisig custody product. Swan serves over a hundred thousand clients. Our business depends on the health of the Bitcoin ecosystem, and we have spent years working alongside the developers, researchers, and educators who maintain it.

Bitcoin is stewarded by a global community. Whoever operates the .bitcoin namespace will shape how millions of people find services, verify authenticity, and form their first impressions of this network. The string deserves an operator who answers to that community and treats the registry as a public good.

There is also a practical dimension we see daily as a financial services firm in Bitcoin. Impersonation and phishing remain among the most common attacks on Bitcoin holders. A .bitcoin registry governed with clear eligibility standards and community oversight would give users a stronger signal of authenticity and make these scams harder to run.

We believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is the right applicant. They have a demonstrated history of participation in the Bitcoin community, and their proposed governance and eligibility model keeps the registry open, neutral, and answerable to the people it serves.

Swan Bitcoin endorses this application without reservation and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We would welcome the opportunity to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

This letter may be published as part of the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory Klippsten'.

Cory Klippsten
Founder and CEO
Swan Bitcoin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yan Pritzker'.

Yan Pritzker
Cofounder and CTO
Swan Bitcoin

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brady Swenson'.

Brady Swenson
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August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin
(.BITCOIN) top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel:

I am writing on behalf of Unchained to express our support for the community-based application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain.

I co-founded Unchained in 2016 with the conviction that bitcoin gives people a fundamentally better way to own and protect their wealth. Today, Unchained provides collaborative custody, lending, trading, and wealth-management services built specifically for long-term bitcoin holders. We have served more than 10,000 clients in the United States, help secure \$6 billion in client assets, and have originated more than \$1.2 billion in bitcoin-backed loans without a loan loss. Our businesses include a Wyoming-chartered trust company and a registered investment adviser.

This experience gives us a direct appreciation for the importance of trust, security, and clear standards within the Bitcoin ecosystem. Bitcoin is not a company, brand, or product controlled by any single institution. It is an open, decentralized monetary network supported by a global community of users, developers, miners, businesses, and educators. The .bitcoin namespace should reflect that reality.

The organization selected to operate this namespace will assume a meaningful responsibility. Domain names can shape how people discover services, assess legitimacy, and place trust online. In the context of bitcoin—where security failures, impersonation, and misleading claims can cause irreversible harm—the registry should be administered transparently and in the long-term interest of the broader community. It should not become a vehicle for the private capture of a shared and globally recognized name.

We believe the community-based application submitted by Wiz & Associates offers the appropriate framework for that responsibility. Its proposed governance and eligibility model reflects the principles of openness, neutrality, and community accountability that are essential to Bitcoin. Wiz & Associates has also demonstrated a history of participation in and contribution to the Bitcoin community, giving us



confidence that the namespace would be administered with an understanding of both its significance and the obligations that come with it.

Accordingly, Unchained endorses the application of Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain. We believe its community-based approach is aligned with the interests of the people and organizations the namespace is intended to serve.

I would be pleased to provide any additional information the Evaluation Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Kelly

Co-founder and CEO

Unchained Capital, Inc.

August 11, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)

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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I write on behalf of Open Sats Initiative, Inc. ("OpenSats") in support of the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

OpenSats is a 501(c)(3) public charity that funds free and open-source software in the Bitcoin ecosystem. We are funded entirely by donations, which we pass through to developers. To date, we have given 400+ grants totaling more than USD 35 million to contributors in over 40 countries — protocol developers, maintainers of the libraries and node implementations the network depends on, security researchers, and educators. Funding decisions are made by a nine-person volunteer board rather than by any single officer or donor, and our grant records, board minutes, and financial statements are published openly at <https://opensats.org/transparency>.

That work gives us a strong view of what Bitcoin is. It has no head office, no owner, and no one who can speak for it commercially. It runs because a widely distributed group of people maintain it in the open, most of them without an employer paying them to do so. The name "Bitcoin" is not a brand that belongs to any company; it belongs to that commons, and it carries the trust the commons has built.

A .bitcoin namespace inherits that trust. Users will reasonably read a .bitcoin address as carrying the authority of the ecosystem itself, which makes the operator's incentives and governance a matter of real consequence — not a commercial detail. Our concern, and the concern we would urge the Panel to weigh most heavily, is whether the registry will be run as infrastructure held on the community's behalf, with open and neutral eligibility rules and genuine accountability, or as an asset to be monetized by whoever secures it first.

On that measure, we believe Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. is a fitting steward. The applicant has a real and sustained record of contribution to the Bitcoin community, and the governance and eligibility framework proposed for .bitcoin reflects the openness, neutrality, and community accountability that characterize the ecosystem it would serve. We are satisfied that the namespace would be administered in the interest of that community rather than extracted from it.

OpenSats therefore endorses this application and recognizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. as a legitimate representative of the Bitcoin community for the purpose of operating the .bitcoin top-level domain. We are glad to provide any further information the Panel may find useful.

Sincerely,



Gigi D.

President & Executive Director

Open Sats Initiative, Inc.



August 11, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round - Evaluation Panel
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Re: Community stewardship of .bitcoin - support for the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the Evaluation Panel:

AnchorWatch supports the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain under a community-based model.

Our perspective comes from working where Bitcoin, custody, and insurance meet. In that setting, names and interfaces are not cosmetic. They shape expectations, signal legitimacy, and influence where people are willing to place trust. A .bitcoin domain will inevitably carry some of that signaling power, even though the registry itself has no authority over Bitcoin's software, consensus, or ownership.

That perspective is grounded in operating at scale. We have created hundreds of Trident Vaults to protect Bitcoin held by both enterprise institutions and individual retail customers, with insured limits of up to \$370 million available per customer. Our position as a regulated Lloyd's of London Coverholder is central to that work: under binding authority, AnchorWatch can issue policies in customers' names, pairing Bitcoin-native vault technology with access to A+ rated insurance capacity for commercial and retail policyholders.

That distinction is precisely why the governance model matters. The operator should not be able to treat .bitcoin as an ordinary piece of commercial inventory whose value is maximized by exclusivity, preferential access, or brand capture. The better model is one in which the registry is administered with explicit constraints, objective participation standards, and accountability to the broader Bitcoin ecosystem.

We view the proposal from Wiz & Associates as credible because it approaches the namespace as shared infrastructure rather than a proprietary claim on the word 'Bitcoin.' The proposed community oversight and neutral eligibility framework are directionally consistent with how durable Bitcoin infrastructure tends to earn trust: through transparent rules, limited discretion, and a record that can be evaluated in public.

There is also a practical reason to prefer this structure. As Bitcoin becomes more widely used by individuals, companies, and regulated institutions, a recognizable namespace can become part of the trust boundary around services they use. Good stewardship cannot eliminate fraud or poor judgment, but it can reduce ambiguity about what the namespace represents and make abuse harder to normalize.

For those reasons, AnchorWatch endorses the community-based application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. We believe .bitcoin should be administered by a steward whose incentives are bounded by the community the namespace describes, rather than by the economics of acquiring a scarce digital asset.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Robert Hamilton

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Robert Hamilton

Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder
AnchorWatch, Inc.

August 5, 2026
Calgary, Alberta

To: Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
Attn: Community Priority Evaluation Panel, New gTLD Program

Re: Statement of Support for the Community Priority Application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain

Dear Members of the Evaluation Panel,

My name is Francis Pouliot. I have been building technical and web infrastructure for the Bitcoin network since 2013. I submit this statement in the following capacities:

- Chief Executive Officer of Satoshi Portal Inc., a Canadian Bitcoin exchange and regulated money services business serving customers across Canada; and of Leonod SARL, a regulated European Bitcoin exchange incorporated in France, serving customers across the European Union, both operating under the brand "Bull Bitcoin" (bullbitcoin.com).
- Representative of the developers of BULL Wallet (wallet.bullbitcoin.com), an open-source, self-custodial Bitcoin wallet project.

Together, these organizations operate publicly accessible Bitcoin infrastructure in North America and Europe, including exchange services, payment processing, and open-source wallet software. We fall within the community definition set out in the application, in particular the categories of infrastructure and service providers (exchanges, wallets, payments) and protocol and software contributors (open-source wallet development).

Between 2013 and 2017 I was also Director of the Bitcoin Embassy, at the time the first and largest physical Bitcoin hub and an influential public advocacy organization whose mandate was to advance and defend the interests of Bitcoin users.

While I cannot claim to "represent" Bitcoin community members, I believe that this letter accurately reflects the opinion of its vast majority. Through my various projects, I serve hundreds of thousands of Bitcoin users.

I fully endorse the community priority application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain, and I support the proposed Bitcoin Only Registration Policy and the establishment of a Registration Policy Committee as described in the application.

Having operated Bitcoin exchange services for over a decade, I can attest that one of the most critical risks in our industry is the proliferation of scammers, fraudsters and impersonators who use Bitcoin-related domain names as part of their illegal activities. Our companies and our customers are routinely targeted by phishing sites and impersonation campaigns built on deceptive domain registrations.

Another form of fraud we regularly encounter is the investment scam in which perpetrators attempt to convince victims that they are investing in "the real Bitcoin" when they are in fact being sold counterfeit imitations. Deceptive Bitcoin-branded domain names are a principal tool of such schemes. The strictly Bitcoin Only registration policy proposed in the application, which explicitly prohibits projects promoting altcoins or other cryptocurrency protocols from registering .bitcoin domain names, directly addresses this harm.

We are convinced that the unrestricted proliferation of .bitcoin domain names, sold to the highest bidder without community oversight, would cause serious harm to Bitcoin users worldwide. A .bitcoin TLD operated under a verifiable, published registration policy, overseen by a committee drawn from the operators, developers and service providers of the Bitcoin network, is the only outcome that protects the interests of this community.

Jason Maurice is an extremely well-respected member of the Bitcoin community. His open-source projects, including mempool.space and one of the Bitcoin network's DNS seeds, provide critical infrastructure relied upon daily by node operators, developers and businesses, including our own. His long record of operating neutral, community-serving infrastructure demonstrates that he is undoubtedly the right person to establish the proposed Registration Policy Committee.

This statement is issued on behalf of two operating Bitcoin exchanges, Satoshi Portal Inc. in Canada and Leonod SARL in the European Union, together with the developers of the BULL Wallet open-source project. We are active participants in the broader ecosystem of Bitcoin exchanges, wallet developers and payment infrastructure operators described in the application's community definition.

I confirm that this statement may be published, in whole or in part, as part of the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain, and may be provided to ICANN and its evaluators.

Proof of the authenticity of this endorsement can be found here on Bull Bitcoin's blog: <https://www.bullbitcoin.com/blog/bitcoin-belongs-to-bitcoiners-our-endorsement-letter-to-icann>

Sincerely,

Francis Pouliot

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Chief Executive Officer, Bull Bitcoin
Representative, BULL Wallet open-source project



August 6, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of Zaprite, Inc. to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

Zaprite is a bitcoin-native payments platform serving thousands of individuals and businesses globally since 2022. We provide checkouts, invoicing, and accounting infrastructure to merchants and organizations accepting bitcoin payments.

Zaprite supports the community priority application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. for the .bitcoin top-level domain. We consider Zaprite part of the community the application identifies: infrastructure and service providers that build and operate payments services for the Bitcoin network.

We support this application because community stewardship of the .bitcoin TLD aligns with the open, decentralized nature of the Bitcoin protocol and best serves the Bitcoin ecosystem. We support the principle of a published, community-overseen registration policy administered by a committee drawn from operators, contributors, and service providers within the industry.

This statement is an endorsement of the applicant and the TLD. Zaprite consents to publication of this statement as part of the application.

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John Magill
Founder + CEO

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August 5, 2026

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Re: Letter of Support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin (.BITCOIN) top-level domain, submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To the New gTLD Program Evaluation Panel,

I am writing on behalf of JAN3 Global Inc. to express our full support for the community-based application for the .bitcoin top-level domain submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

JAN3 was founded to nurture and accelerate Bitcoin adoption around the globe, and we pursue this mission from two directions: grassroots tools for individual users, and direct engagement with public institutions. Our growing team of over 30 professionals consists of veterans of the Bitcoin industry spread across four continents.

The grassroots efforts are anchored by our flagship product, AQUA, a non-custodial Bitcoin wallet launched in 2024. AQUA has surpassed 170,000 users across all platforms and has established itself as one of the most trusted and usable mobile Bitcoin wallets available today.

JAN3 is best known for its work with governments. We have engaged directly with El Salvador in support of its national Bitcoin adoption, addressed the German Bundestag and the Swedish Parliament, met with Japan's central bank, and held discussions with heads of state, ministers, governors, and members of legislatures across North America, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. Beyond direct engagement, we contribute to Bitcoin education and public understanding through our annual Nation-State Bitcoin Adoption Report and freely accessible financial charts tracking Bitcoin within broader economic trends.

It is from this experience, serving both everyday users and public institutions, that we understand how important it is for the .bitcoin namespace to retain the decentralized ethos of Bitcoin itself. If the .bitcoin string were simply auctioned to the highest bidder, it would serve the interests of whoever bought it. We believe it should instead be operated by someone answerable to the people who build, run, and maintain the network.



Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. has earned that trust. The applicant has operated mempool.space and one of Bitcoin's DNS seeds as free public infrastructure for many years. The proposed registration policy reserves .bitcoin domains for those doing verifiable work for the network, with oversight from a committee drawn from across the community rather than any single party. In our view, this is the right model for a namespace of this significance.

JAN3 is pleased to support this application, and we consider Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. a fitting steward of the .bitcoin top-level domain on behalf of the Bitcoin community. This letter may be published as part of the application materials, and we are glad to provide any further information the Panel may require.

Sincerely,

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Samson Mow
Founder & CEO
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To:

Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
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Subject: Statement of Support for Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.'s .bitcoin TLD Proposal

Dear ICANN Board of Directors and Evaluation Teams,

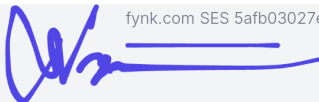
FIOR Digital GmbH is the operating company behind 21bitcoin (<https://21bitcoin.app/>), a Bitcoin wealth management platform serving approximately 100,000 users across 30 countries. We are MiCAR licensed and fully regulated in Austria and across the European Union.

We are writing to formally express our support for Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.'s (Wiz) proposal regarding the .bitcoin Top-Level Domain (TLD). Wiz's vision to establish .bitcoin as an open, community-driven space, rather than a proprietary namespace controlled by a single corporate entity, is vital for the future of digital infrastructure. As Bitcoin and decentralised financial systems become increasingly foundational to global technology and commerce, internet naming conventions must remain neutral, accessible, and competitive.

Operating as a regulated financial institution under MiCAR, we place high value on transparency, security, and open standards. A community-governed .bitcoin TLD aligns with these principles by creating a secure and predictable environment for builders and users worldwide.

We urge ICANN to accept Wiz's proposal and protect open access to this critical namespace and confirm this Statement of Support may be published as part of the application.

Sincerely,
Daniel Winklhammer
CEO, FIOR Digital GmbH (operator of 21bitcoin)
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Shock Network, Inc.
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August 5, 2026

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to extend my support for Wiz's community application for the .bitcoin top-level domain (TLD).

Shock Network operates public infrastructure across the Bitcoin ecosystem, including compressed block filters, fee-rate data, open exchange-rate APIs, Nostr relays, and other services used by tens of thousands of users each month.

We plan to expand this public infrastructure further, distinctly from our branded products, including tooling and testnet resources that support developers. These resources are particularly important in an era of AI-assisted development, where accessible, reliable infrastructure can materially reduce the friction of building and testing new Bitcoin applications.

Bitcoin has become a canonical part of the internet, and I can think of no more appropriate top-level domain than .bitcoin. I support the effort to establish it as community infrastructure for the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Respectfully,

Justin Hilton

Founder / CEO

Shock Network, Inc.

shock.network

Jason Maurice
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
via wiz@mempool.space

Re: Statement of support – .bitcoin community priority application

Dear Jason,

I am writing on behalf of SetLife Solutions to state our support for the community priority application filed by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. with ICANN for the .bitcoin top-level domain in the 2026 new gTLD round.

I am the founder of SetLife Solutions (setlife.solutions), a software solutions engineering firm that operates on a Bitcoin standard and has built Bitcoin and Lightning applications for clients and the open-source community. This statement represents one organization.

The .bitcoin string identifies our community and should remain accountable to it. We support the proposed Bitcoin Only registration policy, its oversight by a Registration Policy Committee drawn from the operators, contributors, and educators of the Bitcoin network, and the registry's pledge to fund open-source Bitcoin development. This structure is far preferable to the alternative of the .bitcoin top-level domain being auctioned to the highest bidder with no community oversight.

This statement may be published as part of the application.

Sincerely,

Oscar Lafarga
Founder, SetLife Solutions
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August 5, 2026

ICANN New gTLD Program
Community Priority Evaluation

Re: Statement of Support for the .bitcoin Community Priority Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as the Founder and Managing Member of Capital B Advisory LLC, a Charlotte-based advisory firm serving bitcoin-focused founders and businesses. This statement represents Capital B Advisory as one organization.

Capital B Advisory supports the application by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the **.bitcoin** top-level domain through ICANN's Community Priority Evaluation process.

We support the objective of keeping .bitcoin aligned with the Bitcoin community rather than allowing the string to be awarded solely through an auction to the highest bidder. We also support a Bitcoin-only registration policy administered under published, objective criteria with community oversight, as well as the proposed commitment to direct 21% of annual registry revenue toward open-source Bitcoin development.

Capital B Advisory authorizes Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to publish this letter and submit it as part of its ICANN application.

Sincerely,

Scott Marmoll

Founder and Managing Member
Capital B Advisory LLC



RIVER FINANCIAL INC.
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Via Electronic Mail
8/6/2026

TO ICANN Community Priority Evaluation PanelInternet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

FROM Alexander Leishman
River Financial Inc.
alex@river.com

RE Support for the .bitcoin application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am Alexander Leishman, the Founder & CEO of River Financial Inc. (“River”). River is a U.S.-based, Bitcoin-only financial services company founded in 2019. We provide Bitcoin-native banking solution for our clients. Our mission is to build the world’s most trusted financial institution with Bitcoin at its core.

In this capacity, I oversee operations, product, and strategy for a platform that serves individual and business clients who buy, hold, send, and use Bitcoin daily. River operates proprietary custody infrastructure, one of the largest Lightning Network nodes, and publishes monthly Proof of Reserves and public financials.

Our firm custodies over \$2 billion of bitcoin for clients across 48 U.S. states who actively participate in the Bitcoin ecosystem as users of critical Bitcoin infrastructure and services. On behalf of River Financial Inc., I confirm our support for the application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to operate the .bitcoin top-level domain.

Based on our experience within the Bitcoin community, we believe that .bitcoin is directly and meaningfully connected to the identity and activities of that community. We support the applicant’s community-based approach to the TLD—particularly the proposed strictly Bitcoin-only registration policy that prioritizes verifiable network operators, protocol contributors, infrastructure providers, and educators while excluding altcoin projects. We believe this approach will keep the .bitcoin TLD under community oversight rather than allowing it to be auctioned to the highest bidder, and that it will benefit the long-term integrity of Bitcoin-related digital identity and infrastructure.



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This letter is provided specifically as evidence of community support in connection with ICANN's Community Priority Evaluation of the .bitcoin application. I am authorized to provide this statement on behalf of River Financial Inc. River Financial Inc. consents to this letter being submitted to ICANN and published, in whole or in part, as part of the application or its supporting materials. I am available at the contact information below should ICANN wish to verify this statement.

Regards,

Alexander Leishman
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August 5, 2026

Jason Maurice (wiz)
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V.
wiz@mempool.space

Re: Statement of Support for the Community Priority Application for the .bitcoin TLD

Dear Mr. Maurice,

I am writing on behalf of Fourth Sol LLC, in my capacity as its Founder and Managing Member, to express our strong support for the community priority application submitted by Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. to ICANN for the .bitcoin top-level domain (the “.bitcoin” TLD string).

Fourth Sol LLC is a North Carolina limited liability company that operates Bitcoin-related infrastructure and services. This letter represents one (1) organization, which currently operates two (2) pieces of Bitcoin network infrastructure: a Bitcoin full node and a Lightning Network node, both run as part of our operations supporting the Bitcoin network. Our public websites are 4thsol.online and highermark.xyz. We are working on new Bitcoin and Lightning applications.

On a personal note, I am a former full-time employee of Umbrel (umbrel.com), Swan (swan.com) where I was offered equity in both companies previously, and Strike (strike.com) and I care deeply about this community. I continue to support and help others run their own Bitcoin full nodes, because self-hosted infrastructure is at the heart of what keeps Bitcoin decentralized and resilient.

I believe it is important that the .bitcoin TLD remain under the oversight of the Bitcoin community rather than being sold at auction to the highest bidder. We support the proposed Bitcoin-only registration policy and the creation of a Registration Policy Committee drawn from network operators, developers, infrastructure providers, and other relevant members of the community.

This letter may be published as part of the application materials submitted to ICANN. Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

James (Jim) Suleyman Brendlinger

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