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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 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,

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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 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,



Ava Chow

Stephan Oeste
Berlin, Germany

August 10, 2026

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New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

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.

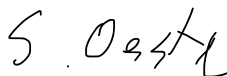
Wiz & Associates S.A. de C.V. and the people involved with this application have a demonstrated history of contributing useful public infrastructure to Bitcoin. In particular, services such as mempool.space and Bitcoin DNS seed infrastructure are familiar examples of resources operated for the benefit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

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".

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New gTLD Program: 2026 Round — Evaluation Panel

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



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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

