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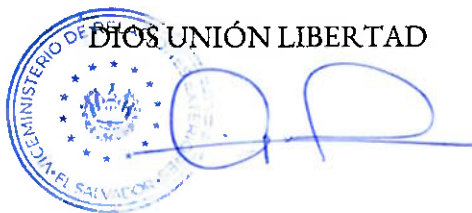
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The Republic of El Salvador recognises the global community of persons and organisations who operate, develop and maintain the infrastructure of the Bitcoin network — its node and seed operators, protocol contributors, and the providers of the services 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

DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION AND ROBOTICS

National Artificial Intelligence Agency



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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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.

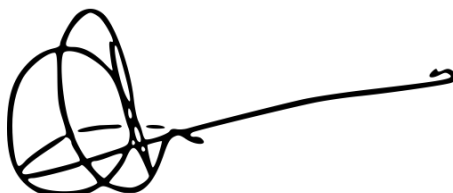
Sincerely,

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

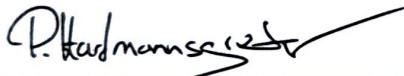
to represent it before public institutions. Having represented this community before our national parliament, we consider it consistent — indeed obligatory — to represent it before ICANN as well.

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
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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