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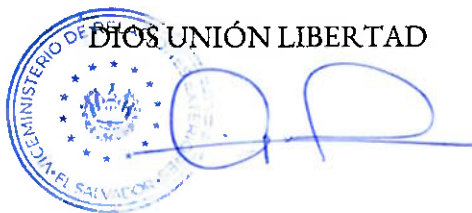
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New gTLD Program

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
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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

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cynthia M. Lummis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cynthia" being the most prominent.

Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator



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Via Electronic Submission

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,

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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