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May 14, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSION FOR THE LA CRESCENTA AND
MONTROSE UNINCORPORATED AREAS CABLE TELEVISION
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDING,
LLC, ORDINANCE NO. 87-0069F, AS AMENDED**

(FIFTH DISTRICT - 3-VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 87-0069F, as amended, granting an extension of term for the Cable Television Franchise for the La Crescenta and Montrose unincorporated areas through December 31, 2002.
2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinance which implements the above recommendation.
3. Find this franchise extension is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Charter Communications Holding, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Franchisee") has requested a renewal of the subject cable television franchise which otherwise expires on July 1, 2002. The extension of the franchise term requested in this letter allows time for the negotiation of the long-term renewal of the franchise along with a number of other Charter franchises.

JUSTIFICATION:

The extension of the current franchise term through December 31, 2002 will allow Los Angeles County to negotiate the renewal of this franchise concurrently with other Charter franchises including those in the Altadena, Azusa, Kinneloa, South Monrovia, Norwalk, Long Beach, West Covina, Lost Hills and Malibu franchise areas. Negotiating these franchises concurrently will result in a more efficient process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation will assist in implementing the Department's Strategic Plan goals to place emphasis on service delivery and fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be no cost to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. §542 (b)), gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The extension of the cable television franchise will not affect the collection of the maximum allowable franchise fees.

FINANCING:

There will be no negative financial impact.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

There will be no impact on current services.

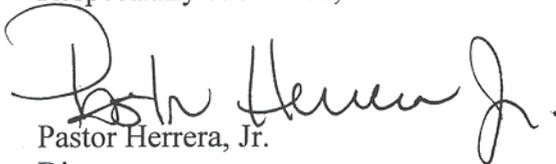
NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT:

The extension of this cable television franchise is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

CONCLUSION:

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Mr. Joseph Camicia, Vice President, Government and Public Relations, Western Division, Charter Communications, 4031 Via Oro Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90810, County Counsel, the Department of Public Works, the Auditor-Controller, and the Department of Consumer Affairs, Cable Television Franchising Division of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Pastor Herrera, Jr.
Director

PHJ:FT:GY

Attachment

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works
Internal Services Department

ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through December 31, 2002, a franchise to operate a cable television system or systems and to provide cable television service in the La Crescenta and Montrose unincorporated areas, granted by Ordinance No. 87-0069F, as amended, to Charter Communications Holding, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

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By 
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Requested 4/09/2002
Revised 4/18/2002

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance extending through December 31, 2002, a franchise to provide cable television service in the La Crescenta and Montrose unincorporated areas, granted to Charter Communications Holding, LLC, a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 87-0069F, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege and franchise is granted to Charter Communications Holding, LLC ("Franchisee"), ~~until July 1, 2002~~ through December 31, 2002, to construct, ~~from time to time,~~ reconstruct, ~~to maintain,~~ and to operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System") in the unincorporated Service Areas of the County of Los Angeles described in Section 2 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in these Service Areas, radio and television signal transmission lines and cables and all appurtenances and/or service connections (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Facilities") which are necessary or convenient for the provision of a System. Said grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all terms and conditions herein.

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