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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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*"To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service"*

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**Via Fax & Certified Mail**

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## **County Cable Systems - Interconnection and Return Capability**

Dear Mr. Leach:

The County is excited to report that the Board of Supervisors has decided to go forward with the start-up its first ever government-programming channel, commonly being referred to as "The County Channel". With your help, we can fulfill our goal to provide your subscribers and our residents with quality programming that highlights the County's many programs and services. The County intends to use this channel as a vehicle to support its mission, "To enrich lives through effective and caring service". We are pleased that your company and the County are partners in this important venture.

In order for us to accomplish this goal, your company is required to take the following initial steps:

- Interconnect your cable systems with other cable operators serving the County of Los Angeles, including systems currently held by Adelphia, Comcast, Time Warner, Charter and Cox (County Code 16.68.040).
- Provide return capability for use in connection with the exclusive county use channel (County Code 16.68.090).

While your company is taking these initial steps, the County is making preparations in structure and content to launch the channel. We will provide you will additional information, when it becomes available, regarding our anticipated launch date. At that time we will be requesting that you provide notification to your subscribers regarding any necessary channel line-up changes.

To assist you in implementing these initial steps, I will be holding a technology meeting to bring the project representatives together to develop an implementation plan. A meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 2:00p.m.** at 500 West Temple Street, Room B83, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Jonathan Kramer of Kramer.Firm Incorporated will be representing the County at this meeting. Please have your

technical project manager attend this meeting and bring any maps and documents necessary to discuss the specific aspects of implementation.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please give me a call at 213-974-2711 or ftaylor@co.la.ca.us. The County looks forward to working with your company on this project.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Telecommunications Franchising

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