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August 8, 2006

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 EXTENSIONS FOR THREE (3) CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF CLAREMONT, KAGEL CANYON, AND SAUGUS GRANTED TO SUBSIDIARIES OF COMCAST CORPORATION

(5th District) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve three (3) ordinance amendments to extend the term of the cable television franchises through March 31, 2007 in the unincorporated areas of Claremont, Kagel Canyon and Saugus.

2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinances that implement the above recommendations.

3. Find these franchise extensions 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 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Comcast Corporation and/or their subsidiaries have three (3) cable television franchises with the County that expire on September 30, 2006. Extension of the current franchise terms through March 31, 2007 allows the County sufficient time to amend Title 16,

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Division 4 of the County Code (Cable Television System Franchises) and negotiate the renewal of these franchises.

Term extensions are requested for the following franchises:

Claremont, Ordinance No. 88-0032F, as amended, granted to Comcast of California I, LLC;

Kagel Canyon, Ordinance No. 89-0161F, as amended, granted to Comcast of California VII, Inc., a Washington Profit Corporation; and

Saugus, Ordinance No. 87-0169F, as amended, granted to Comcast of Newhall, Inc.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of these recommendations will assist in implementing the Countywide Strategic Plan goal of fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the County. These cable television franchises generate revenue 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 these cable television franchises will allow continued collection of these franchise fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 7, 2006, your Board approved and adopted a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement consenting to a Change of Control of the cable television franchises held by Comcast Corporation and/or their subsidiaries to Time Warner Cable, Inc. The Claremont, Kagel Canyon and Saugus cable franchises were included in that action. However, until the sale affecting this Change of Control is consummated later this year, Comcast will retain ownership of these franchises.

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinances and approved them as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The term extension of these cable television franchises 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 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Mr. Perry C. Parks, III, Vice President, Government Affairs, Comcast Cable Communications, Inc., 550 North Continental Blvd., Suite 250, El Segundo, CA 90245, Chief Administrative Officer, Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, Department of Public Works, and Department of Consumer Affairs of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr.
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Enclosures: (3) Ordinances

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

ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through March 31, 2007, a franchise held by Comcast of California I, LLC, to operate a cable television system in the unincorporated area of Claremont, granted by Ordinance No. 88-0032F, as amended.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance extending through March 31, 2007, a franchise to operate a cable television system to provide cable television service in the Claremont unincorporated area, granted to Comcast of California I, LLC.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 88-0032F, as amended, is 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 Comcast of California I, LLC ("Franchisee"), through ~~September 30, 2006~~March 31, 2007, to construct, reconstruct, 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. This grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all terms and conditions herein.

[ComcastClaremontExtGCCC]

ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through March 31, 2007, a franchise held by Comcast of California VII, Inc., a California corporation, to operate a cable television system in the unincorporated area of Kagel Canyon, granted by Ordinance No. 89-0161F, as amended.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance extending through March 31, 2007, a franchise to operate a cable television system to provide cable television service in the Kagel Canyon unincorporated area, granted to Comcast of California VII, Inc.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 89-0161F, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to ~~S~~section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Comcast of California VII, Inc., a ~~Washington Profit Corporation~~California corporation ("Franchisee"), through ~~September 30, 2006~~March 31, 2007, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and to operate a Cable Television System ("System") in the unincorporated Service Area of the County of Los Angeles, described in Section 2 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in this Service Area, 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. This grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

[ComcastKagelCynGCCC]

ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through March 31, 2007, a franchise held by Comcast of Newhall, Inc., to operate a cable television system in the unincorporated area of Saugus, granted by Ordinance 87-0169F, as amended. This ordinance also reflects a change in the name of the franchisee to Comcast of Newhall, LLC, a California limited liability company.

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5/2/06 (revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance extending through March 31, 2007, a franchise to operate a cable television system to provide cable television service in the Saugus unincorporated area, and reflecting a change in the name of the franchisee to Comcast of Newhall, LLC.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 87-0169F, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Pursuant to section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Comcast of Newhall, ~~Inc.~~LLC, a California limited liability company ("Franchisee"), through ~~September 30, 2006~~March 31, 2007, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and to operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System") in an unincorporated Service Area of the County of Los Angeles described in Section 4 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in the Service Area, 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. This grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

[ComcastSaugusExtGCCC]