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August 16, 2005

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 and Updating of a Cable Television Franchise in the Unincorporated Areas of Palmdale Granted to Adelphia Communications of California, LLC

(5th District) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD

1. Approve an ordinance to amend the cable television franchise Ordinance 90-0118F, as amended, granting a franchise in the unincorporated area of Palmdale held by Harron Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., to extend the term through March 31, 2007, and reflect the Franchisee's name change.

2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinance that implements the above recommendation.

3. Find that this extension is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1 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 RECOMMENDATION

Harron Cablevision of Michigan, Inc. has a cable television franchise with the County that expires on October 28, 2005. Extension of the current franchise term through March 31, 2007, allows the County sufficient time to amend Title 16, Division 4 of the County Code (Cable Television System Franchises) and negotiate the renewal of this franchise.

This ordinance also amends the name of the franchise holder to reflect the name change from Harron Cablevision of Michigan, Inc., to Adelphia Communications of California, LLC.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation 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 fiscal impact or cost to the County. This cable television franchise generates revenue to the County. Section 622 of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C §542 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 franchise operator over a 12-month period. The extension of this cable television franchise will allow continued collection of these franchise fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form. The County has received notification of the Franchisee's intention to transfer this franchise to another entity. This transaction is currently under review. Denial or consent to this transfer request will be presented to the Board for its determination.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The term extension of this cable television franchise is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1 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. Thomas E. Carlock, Regional Vice President of Law and Public Policy, Adelphia Communications Corporation, 3100 Ocean Park Blvd., Ste. 300, Santa Monica, CA 90405, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Auditor-Controller, County Counsel, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Consumer Affairs of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr.
Director

c: Mr. Thomas E. Carlock, Adelphia
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works

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