October 23, 1990

Honorable Tom Bradley, Mayor
City Administrative Officer
Chief Legislative Analyst
Telecommunications Department
Bd. of Telecommunications Commissioners

Controller, Room 220
Accounting Division F&A
Disbursement Division
City Attorney ✓

RE: DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DTC) REQUEST FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF $60,000 TO FACILITATE A COMMITTEE OF CONVENERS TO CREATE A CITYWIDE ACCESS CORPORATION

At the meeting of the Council held October 17, 1990, the following action was taken:

Attached report adopted.......................... X
" motion " ( )..........................
" resolution " ( )..........................

Ordinance adopted..........................
Motion adopted to approve attached report..
" " " communication

To the Mayor FORTHWITH
Mayor concurred..........................
Appointment confirmed..........................
Findings adopted..........................
Negative Declaration adopted...........
Categorically exempt..........................
Generally exempt..........................
EIR certified..........................
Tract map approved for filing with the County Recorder
Parcel map approved for filing with the County Recorder
Bond approved is No. ______________ of Contract
Resolution of acceptance of future street to be known as adopted

Agreement mentioned therein is/are No. ______________ of Contracts

Attach a copy of follow-up Department Report to file
Special Instructions

City Clerk

Elis Martinez

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REPORT REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS (DTC) REQUEST FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF $60,000 TO FACILITATE A COMMITTEE OF CONVENERS TO CREATE A CITYWIDE ACCESS CORPORATION.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL ACTION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. APPROVE THE WORKPLAN FOR THE COMMITTEE OF CONVENERS FOR THE ACCESS CORPORATION.

2. AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF $60,000 FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT (DEPT. 92, FUND 342, ACCOUNT 0005) FOR AN ACCESS CORPORATION CONSULTANT, LEGAL COUNSEL, FILING FEES AND OPERATING EXPENSES.

3. AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS TO PROCURE THE SERVICES OF AN ACCESS CORPORATION CONSULTANT AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

SUMMARY

On September 5, 1990, the Administrative Services Committee considered a funding request from the Department of Telecommunications (DTC) for activities of the Committee of Conveners for Cable Television Citywide Access Corporation.

At said meeting, the General Manager of DTC explained that the expenditure of $60,000 from the Telecommunications Development Account (TDA) was required to facilitate a Committee of Conveners to create a Citywide Access Corporation. The Committee of Conveners consists of three members. Charles N. Winner was appointed by Council, Jack Valenti appointed by the Mayor and Geoffrey Cowen appointed by the Board of Telecommunications. It was further explained that City Council directed that this Committee be formed to present to the Mayor and Council a structure for the Citywide Access Corporation as specified by the cable television replacement franchises.
TO THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Your

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reports as follows:

The Access Corporation would be responsible for the operation of the City's interconnected public and educational access channels and the coordination of access services. It would be established as independent from local government to provide the City with a buffer against liability for programming on these channels and First Amendment violations. It would provide policy direction for the channels, serve as the coordinating body for multiple user groups and manage a local production grant program.

To facilitate the work of the Committee of Conveners, DTC requests that $60,000 be provided to cover staff support and expenses. An Access Corporation Consultant ($53,200) would have expertise in organizational structure of access corporations and know the steps required to create an access corporation. $5,000 would cover legal counsel services necessary for filing articles of incorporation, by-laws and other legal services related to the work of the Committee of Conveners. $1,800 would cover filing fees and operating expenses. The DTC would also provide assistance to the Committee.

After careful consideration of the testimony provided and a review of the reports in the file, your Council Committee concurred with the recommendations of the City Administrative Officer and approved the Department's request.

Respectfully submitted,

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

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