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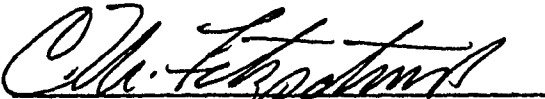
RESOLUTION NUMBER R-274644

ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 30, 1989

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that the resolution, attached hereto as Attachment A, entitled "Cable System Consumer Protection" be and it is hereby adopted.

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CABLE SYSTEM CONSUMER PROTECTION

WHEREAS, the Cable Communications Act of 1984 restricted states' and local governments' abilities to protect consumers in their dealings with the cable television industry; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout the nation, including this one, have been subjected to substantial rate increases, service reductions, and programming changes that do not reflect consumers' needs or the original intentions of their franchise agreements; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the nation's households, including 255,000 homes in the City of San Diego subscribe to cable, and cable television is increasingly becoming the main means of access to information and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, cable subscribers in this City have been subjected to rate increases of 83% over the past 5 years;

WHEREAS, cable television is rapidly being priced beyond the reach of lower-income people, including families with children and the elderly, who are particularly in need of information and other services that are available solely through cable television; and

WHEREAS, the diversity of information services promised by the 1984 Cable Communications Act has failed to materialize; and

WHEREAS, existing law provides this City no authority to control or question cable-TV rate increases imposed upon citizens whose rights-of-way have been placed at the companies' disposal by virtue of the grant of franchises; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities has adopted policies to increase local governments' consumer protection powers over cable television and to encourage competition; and

WHEREAS, legislation that is now pending in the Congress seeks comprehensive changes in the Cable Communications Act of 1984.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The San Diego City Council declares its support for the restoration of local regulatory and consumer protection authority over cable television systems.

**ATTACHMENT A**

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2. The Congress of the United States should rewrite the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, with particular focus on reregulation of subscriber rates, allowance of telephone company provisions of cable service under circumstances that respect local government authority; system ownership transfers, the impact of vertical integration in the cable industry, and other aspects of the Act that directly impact local regulation and consumers.

3. The San Diego City Council urges Congressional action for appropriate federal legislation to restore local authority over cable systems, to eliminate the barriers to competition, and to rectify other aspects of the 1984 Act that work to disfavor cable consumers.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of The City of San Diego on OCT 30 1989,  
 by the following vote:

Council Members	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Ineligible
Abbe Wolfsheimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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AUTHENTICATED BY:

MAUREEN O'CONNOR  
 Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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CHARLES G. ABDELNOUR  
 City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Blonda R. Barnes, Deputy.

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