



**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM SHERRI S. LIGHTNER
DISTRICT ONE**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2013
TO: Jan Goldsmith, City Attorney
FROM: Council President Pro Tem Sherri S. Lightner 
SUBJECT: San Diego Padres Coverage Missing on Time Warner Cable

With Padres opening day quickly approaching on April 5, many of my constituents are eagerly hoping that they will be able to watch their local team on television this year. Unfortunately, many District 1 residents—those customers of Time Warner Cable (TWC)—are unable to watch their home team on television.

Fox Sports San Diego (FSSD) has a 20-year rights contract to televise San Diego Padres baseball games. FSSD has reached agreements with and is broadcast on four of the five major television providers in San Diego: Cox, DirectTV, AT&T Uverse, and Dish. The fifth major television provider, TWC, has not to date reached an agreement with FSSD to carry Padres baseball. TWC is the only city cable television franchisee north of the San Diego River. Mayor Filner recently wrote TWC to ask them to reconsider their decision not to carry Padres baseball.

I respectfully request you prepare a report on our rights as a city and as a cable television franchisor for how we can deliver televised Padres baseball to all residents, for presentation to Rules Committee no later than March 20. I will also be inviting FSSD and TWC to appear at Rules Committee in order to discuss the obstacles to reaching a deal, as well as Mayor Filner's staff to discuss his efforts on behalf of Padres fans.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office at (619) 236-6611 if I can be of any assistance.

cc: Mayor Bob Filner
City Councilmembers

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