

## SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

August 29, 1983

For Cable Commission meeting of:  
September 7, 1983

To: Members, Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission

From: Bob, Smith, Executive Director

Subject: RESOLUTION REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO SB 54

Senate Bill 54, authored by Senator Joseph Montoya, prohibits the prepayment of franchise fees to a municipality for any period of operation which occurs more than 12 months following the date upon which payment is made. It affects all cable franchises awarded after January 1, 1984, including Sacramento.

If this Bill is enacted, it would invalidate the requirements of our Ordinance which allows the cable operator to pro-rate the total franchise fee due over the life of the franchise and distribute them to the Commission in equal annual installments. This ensures the Commission has adequate operating revenue in the first years of the franchise when few subscribers are connected.

The Bill is pending action on the Assembly floor. The County of Sacramento, through its Legislative Advocate, is working with Senator Montoya's office to include an amendment that would grandfather those cable franchises awarded after January 1, 1984, pursuant to an RFP issued prior to January 1, 1984.

Chairman Bill Bryan has alerted Assemblymen Lloyd Connelly and Phil Isenberg and requested their assistance when the Bill comes to a vote on the Assembly floor.

Attached is a Resolution opposing SB 54 in its current form and requesting the grandfathering amendment. Staff recommends that you approve this Resolution and authorize staff to distribute it to the appropriate Assembly and Senate members.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Smith".

BOB SMITH, Executive Director  
Sacramento Metropolitan Cable  
Television Commission

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Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. CATV \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN CABLE  
TELEVISION COMMISSION REQUESTING AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 54

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission represents the Cities of Sacramento, Folsom and Galt and the County of Sacramento in matters regarding cable television; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission desires to ensure the citizens represented by the Commission receive the best possible cable television services; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission does not wish to burden the general taxpayers with the cost of monitoring the construction and operation of the cable television system; and

WHEREAS, the subscribers of cable television pay for the cost of operation of the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission through a franchise fee; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City and County Ordinance provides for the prepayment of franchise fees by the cable operator to ensure adequate operational support for the Cable Commission; and

WHEREAS, such prepayment never increases the total amount of fees owed by the cable operator to the Cities and County, but provides for revenue in the early years of the cable system's operation; and

WHEREAS, SB 54, authored by Senator Joseph Montoya, would limit the amount of franchise fees prepaid to the Cities and County of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, such limitations would seriously reduce the operation of the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission in the first years of cable construction, which require the most supervision by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, representing the Cities and County of Sacramento sees no need for legislation like SB 54 which interferes with local franchise proceedings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission opposes SB 54 in its current form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission requests an amendment to SB 54 which grandfathers those cable systems awarded after January 1, 1984, pursuant to an RFP issued prior to January 1, 1984.

On a motion by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors,

NOES: Directors,

ABSENT: Directors,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Sacramento Metropolitan  
Cable Television Commission

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cable Television Commission

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MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE  
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August 24, 1983

Honorable Bill Bryan  
Member, Sacramento County  
Board of Supervisors  
700 H Street  
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Dear Bill:

Just a brief note to indicate that I received your letter regarding Senate Bill 54.

I am in touch with Baxter Culver regularly on this matter and am at your service to do whatever is necessary.

Thank you for bringing it to my attention.

Cordially,

LLOYD G. CONNELLY  
Member of the Assembly

LGC:pts  
cc: Bob Smith

P.S. Your neutron bomb quote was a classic!