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Address to Long Beach City Council R/T Item 27 and Public Access:

From 2003—2008, I have been employed as a Technical Director and Production Assistant at Long Beach Community Television. I've also been an active member of the Long Beach Community Television Producers Association. My expertise was acquired through extensive college coursework in television production which included internships from 2001—2003. I worked closely with Ron Petke, Production Manager and Television Broadcasting Professor. The closure of our local studio located at 2935 Redondo Avenue has created a loss in my employment along with a loss in my ability to extend a great deal of contribution to our community as a whole.

In the past, I've worked as a registered nurse over a 20-year span, and many of the productions that I devoted my time to dealt with issues related to Education, Health and the Arts. I've produced several documentary-type programs that have been of interest to our community local cable viewers. Here are just a few examples of my recent projects: Tour Des Artistes Coverage 2005—2008 Hour length specials.

Methamphetamines: The Epidemic Use among the Gay Population held at St. Mary's Hospital of Long Beach in 2006 with a panel of Medical Specialists and the Community.

Diabetes and Childhood Obesity

Heart Disease and Gum Disease—The Link to preventive medicine within dentistry.

Literacy and Our Schools with author and publisher of Uncle Henry's Books and the students of the New City Schools with classroom coverage.

Special on Women in Drug and Alcohol Recovery Programs of LA and Orange County.

ArtPeace, an eight-month campaign for Non-violence in our Long Beach Unified School District, October 2008 Kick-off Celebration during Diversity Month held at Long Beach City Hall with Val Lerch and Antonio Ruiz, the Director of the Creativity Network .

From 2006—2008, Monthly In-Depth Interviews of several local artists with varying Art medium backgrounds including gallery exhibitions.

Coverage of the 2008 Grand Opening of East Village's Farmer's Market with ribbon cutting by Councilmember Suja Lowenthal of Long Beach's second district.

Long Beach Community Television 25th Anniversary Film Festival 08 in the Arts District

I must stress that without a local production studio and local telecasts, our community will suffer a great loss of programming that is extremely informative and useful on several diverse interest levels. Please consider our plea from community producers to place the resuming of local television production on the top of your priority list for 2009. Help keep our pride for Long Beach intact. We owe it to our viewers—
To allow members of our community a choice in vital programming that is directly related to the city in which all of us live.

Thank you,

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