



City of Long Beach
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Memorandum

Date: December 1, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor Garcia and Members of the City Council

From: Stacy Mungo, Councilwoman, Fifth District *SM*
Al Austin, Councilmember, Eighth District *AA*
Rex Richardson, Councilmember, Ninth District *RR*

Subject: **Agenda Item: Resolution in Support of New Charter Merger**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation to request City Attorney to draft a resolution in support of the June 25, 2015 joint applications by Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Advance/Newhouse Partnership to the Federal Communications Commission.

BACKGROUND

On June 25, 2015, Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership, the parent of Bright House Networks, filed a public interest statement seeking the Federal Communications Commission's consent to transfer control of various Commission licenses and other authorizations in order to merge as New Charter pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934.

This proposed merger would result in the creation of New Charter, an advanced, growth-oriented broadband cable company with the capacity to serve over 19 million customers around the country, including more than 3.5 million customers in California. As Long Beach continually strives to identify new opportunities for economic development, job growth and regional investment, broadband access and affordability is critical to this effort.

New Charter would have the potential to expand on existing and build new service areas with faster Internet speeds and cloud-based technology at lower costs supporting local communities, customers and workers. This aligns with the Long Beach Innovation Team's recently announced five key initiatives, one of which includes a High Tech Infrastructure Plan to support the development of high tech business and resident workforce.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: November 24, 2015
To: Maria de la Luz Garcia, City Clerk
From: Councilwoman Stacy Mungo, Fifth District
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of **December 1, 2015**

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
5	Stacy Mungo	Stacy Mungo
9	Rep Richards	Rep Richards
8	Al Austin	Al Austin

cc: Office of the Mayor