

September 3, 2002

Honorable Mayor and Members of  
The Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of  
September 10, 2002

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FORMING AN OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO REPRESENT FRANCHISING AUTHORITIES DURING  
ADELPHIA'S BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS**

**Recommendation**

The City Attorney and staff recommend that Council adopt Resolution #\_\_\_\_\_ to support the formation of a coalition of local government entities to protect the interests of the City during Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings for Adelphia.

**Background**

On June 25, 2002, Adelphia filed its Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. As such, proceedings are now underway.

The National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) as well as the California and Nevada Chapters of NATOA (SCAN/NATOA) are urging that a coalition of local governments be formed for the purpose of persuading the Bankruptcy Court that an official committee comprised of local government entities be formed to protect the interests of local franchising authorities.

**Analysis**

To that end, a motion has recently been filed in the Adelphia bankruptcy proceedings on behalf of the County of St. Port Lucie, Florida, requesting the creation of an official committee. A hearing on this motion is scheduled for October 9, 2002. Our bankruptcy counsel, Sulmeyer, Kupetz, Baumann & Rothman is preparing to file a "joinder motion" in support of the St. Port Lucie filing on behalf of the County of Los Angeles and local franchising authorities.

With the adoption of the attached resolution, Hermosa Beach will join the County of Los Angeles and other local cities in supporting the formation of this important committee.

**FISCAL IMPACT: Cost of filing shared between County of Los Angeles and cities projected not to exceed \$600 for Hermosa Beach.**

Attachment: Resolution No. 02-

Respectfully submitted,

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City Attorney

Concur:

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Stephen R. Burrell  
City Manager

Noted for Fiscal Impact:

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Viki Copeland  
Finance Director