

RESOLUTION
R 67-09

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ACCESS CHANNELS

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has opened a case on preserving public, educational and governmental (PEG) channels as they have always been provided; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard is concerned about the preservation of PEG access as a needed community resource and oppose attempts by AT&T, Comcast or others to prevent easy affordable access to a quality product; and

WHEREAS, programming offered on Lombard's local access channel is of unique local interest and needs to be readily accessible to viewers and not placed in a format which is inferior or less accessible than other channels; and

WHEREAS, if Lombard's channels are made less accessible than viewers have come to expect, many subscribers may not receive valuable information; and

WHEREAS, the Village finds it unacceptable that local residents would be deprived of easy access to government information, education of our children and emergency alerts; and

WHEREAS, the Village's goal is to foster localism and prevent inferior and discriminatory treatment of PEG channels to the detriment of the community, as PEG channels are a critical and irreplaceable resource for our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Village of Lombard supports the preservation of PEG channel access in an affordable and readily accessible format. Futhermore, the Village of Lombard strongly urges the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to take such reasonable and necessary steps to ensure that PEG access to the public is maintained and that such access is not marginalized or eliminated.

Adopted this 5th day of March, 2009.

Ayes: Trustees Gron, Tross, O'Brien, Moreau, Fitzpatrick and Soderstrom

Nayes: None

Absent: None

Approved this, 5th day of March, 2009.

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William J. Mueller, Village President

ATTEST:


Brigitte O'Brien, Village Clerk

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