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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7786	Agenda Number	100.
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Meeting Date:	7/28/2011	Department:	Telecommunications and Reg Affairs
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Austin Community College for the use of one educational access channel.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing
Language:

Prior Council
Action:

For More
Information:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

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Additional Backup Information

On August 20, 1996 the City Council approved the current Interlocal Agreement with Austin Community College (ACC) that authorizes the use and management of one educational access television channel. This agreement expires on August 12, 2011, in conjunction with the expiration of Time Warner Cable's municipal franchise.

Time Warner Cable will convert to a State-Issued Certificate of Franchise Authority (SICFA) to continue providing cable service within the City as authorized by Chapter 66 of the Texas Utilities Code. State law governing the SICFAs issued for the City's three cable television and video providers (Time Warner Cable, Grande Communications, and AT&T) requires their SICFA to continue providing seven access television channels to the City for public, educational, and governmental programming.

The purpose, terms, rights and duties are as follows: The purpose of the agreement is to allocate to ACC one of the City's access channels for educational programming. Under the agreement the City will designate one access channel

to ACC. ACC agrees to operate and program the channel as an educational channel for no less than eight hours per day, at least 20% being non-repeat programming. The agreement runs with the state franchise issued to each cable television or video provider under Chapter 66 of the Texas Utilities Code, and may be terminated by mutual agreement, with the access channel rights reverting to the City.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement will update and replace the current agreement and reauthorize the use of one of the City's seven access television channels.