

To Members of the City Council/Town Council/County Board of Supervisors

For the last 9 years volunteers and the local communities including Turlock, Ceres, Hughson, Waterford, Hickman, Riverbank and Salida, have utilized the local access channel 15 via Charter cable TV's (office in Turlock CA) to cablecast the local community meetings and events over channel 15.

On June 1st Charter cable blocked local public access to the cable system.. We believe that said actions constitute a violation of their obligation to serve the community.

In the common public interest the city council, municipal advisory council, and/or board of supervisors resolves that a formal request is hereby made that this channel be reestablished as and for the sole use of the public as a public access channel.

We further request that the city of Turlock and County Council review the 'franchise contract' between Charter and the community regarding a public access channel, proper use of the franchise-tax for public access support and request improved local public access be part of all new contracts. Central Valley Media Center, Inc., aka mytv26, the Modesto area Public Access station on the Comcast cable system stands ready to provide content and studio facilities for the use of public access producers throughout the county.

This simulcast on the two different cable networks does not present either a technical or legal barrier, and precedent for such has been established by the current cablecast of the Comcast government channel onto the Charter communications system.

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