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**APPEAL OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade**

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Appeal of Categorical Exemption for AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade
HEARING DATE: April 26, 2011
ATTACHMENTS: A – Letter of Appeal (March 14, 2011; Exhibit A of Letter of Appeal is the February 22, 2011, Certificate of Exemption from Environmental Review)

PROJECT SPONSOR: Michael Edwards, AT&T California, (415) 644-7043

APPELLANT: Milo Hanke, San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association of the Richmond

INTRODUCTION:

This memorandum and the attached documents are a response to the letter of appeal to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") regarding the Planning Department's (the "Department") issuance of a Categorical Exemption Certificate under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA Determination") for the AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade project (the "project").

The Department, pursuant to Title 14 of the CEQA Guidelines, issued a Categorical Exemption Certificate for the project on February 22, 2011, finding that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment.¹

¹ California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303: Class 3 Exemption.

The decision before the Board is whether to uphold the Department's decision to issue a Categorical Exemption and deny the appeal, or to overturn the Department's decision to issue a Categorical Exemption and return the project to the Department staff for additional environmental review.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AT&T proposes to upgrade its residential communications network to a high-speed data transmission technology referred to as "Lightspeed," which would enable new services, including internet protocol television. To provide these new services, AT&T would expand its fiber-optic network throughout the City by placing additional fiber through its existing copper conduit currently used for telephone lines. Specifically, AT&T would install up to 726 metal, either tan or light green, 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified; however, all new cabinets would be located within 300 feet of an existing AT&T Serving Area Interface (SAI) cabinet, also located within the public right-of-way throughout the City.

Each new installation would involve the following work: pairing a Lightspeed cabinet within close proximity to an existing AT&T SAI cabinet (the copper cross-connect box which is already located in the public right-of-way) to make the necessary fiber/copper connections; excavation of up to 48 inches deep would be required for the installation of an approximately 4-foot by 6-foot concrete foundation pad that would support each Lightspeed cabinet; construction of a 3-foot-deep and approximately 10- to 300-foot-long trench run to install conduit from the Lightspeed cabinet to the existing SAI; construction of a 4-foot-deep and approximately 50- to 150-foot-long trench run to connect the new Lightspeed cabinet to an existing power source such as a pole or underground vault; and an additional 3-foot-deep trench may be required if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit to accommodate new fiber placement.

In addition, some of the existing SAI cabinets would be enlarged and "re-skinned" with new wiring and room for additional capacity in their existing locations by up to 18 inches in width, 14 inches in diameter, and 16 inches in height, and some would be removed from utility poles, enlarged by up to 7 inches in width, 8 inches in depth, and 39 inches in height, and placed on the ground. The majority of these cabinets would be deployed over a three-year period. Also, in a few locations, SAIs are clustered such that AT&T may be able to further reduce the number of cabinets to less than 726 if appropriate space is available to accommodate a double capacity cabinet. This double capacity cabinet is 50 inches wide by 56.5 inches deep by 48 inches high. A number of existing cabinets would also be enlarged by approximately 6 inches, by adding a bolt to the end panel on the existing cabinet.

AT&T's proposed Lightspeed cabinets would hold the electronics needed to convert the fiber-optic signal to a broadband signal that can be transmitted over its existing copper distribution network. The Lightspeed cabinets would not contain transmitters or wireless devices, and would

not emit radio frequency radiation. The Lightspeed cabinets would be equipped with a cooling fan and a back-up battery that would run for up to eight hours during commercial outages. For prolonged outages in residential neighborhoods, generators that are part of AT&T's service vehicles would be used and would run off the power of the vehicle. Diesel generators are also used but are not the preferred method in residential neighborhoods. Another method of providing back up power is to replace the cabinet batteries to extend the power during repair of the power supply. The electronics in these cabinets require that they be placed above ground as a technical matter, as the electronic equipment must be free from moisture and corrosion.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T would locate the proposed new cabinets such that cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts, and are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within designated historic or conservation districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned," relocated, or have a bolt added. The only proposed Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching to install conduit from the proposed cabinet to the existing cabinet, and if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit.

The proposed project is subject to the requirements for excavation permits in Article 24 of the Public Works Code and the requirements of Department of Public Works (DPW) Order No. 175,566 concerning placement of surface-mounted facilities (SMF) in the public right-of-way.² DPW reviews each application on an individual basis and evaluates the potential for the proposed facilities to impede travel on public streets, inconvenience property owners, or otherwise disturb the use of the public right-of-way by the public. DPW will ensure that persons affected by the installation have an opportunity to be heard before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Director of DPW. The hearing officer will summarize the evidence and testimony and will make recommendations to the Director, who will make the final determination. In addition, AT&T will provide notice to all residents within 300 feet of the work 48 hours prior to the commencement of work.

BACKGROUND:

In July 2008, the Planning Department issued a categorical exemption for AT&T's 2007 "Lightspeed" upgrade proposal (Planning Department Case No. 2007.1350E). The categorical exemption was appealed, and during the appeal hearing before the Board of Supervisors, AT&T withdrew their environmental application.³ To address feedback from the City and the public, AT&T submitted a new project (the current proposal) with the following project changes: (1) reduced the number of new cabinets by 124 (from 850 to 726); (2) integrated the power supply meter into the new cabinets, negating the need for an attached power panel; (3) doubled the needed "pairing" distance from new cabinets to existing cabinets (from 150 feet to 300 feet); and (4) removed all proposed new cabinets that would have been located within the boundaries of

² Regulations for Issuing Excavation Permits for the Installation of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-Of-Way, DPW Order No. 175,566. This document is available for review at the Planning Department, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case No. 2010.0944E.

³ AT&T also withdrew all of their pending permit applications (nearly 350) with DPW.

designated historic or conservation districts. The revised project was addressed in the categorical exemption issued on February 22, 2011 which is the subject of this appeal.

CEQA GUIDELINES:

Categorical Exemptions

Section 21084 of the California Public Resources Code⁴ requires that the CEQA Guidelines identify a list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and are exempt from further environmental review.

In response to that mandate, the State Secretary of Resources found that certain classes of projects, which are listed in CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 through 15333,⁵ do not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore are categorically exempt from the requirement for the preparation of further environmental review.

CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303, or Class 3, provides for an exemption from environmental review for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in Section 15303 are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303(d) specifically applies to utility extensions. The proposed Lightspeed cabinets are smaller and less noticeable than many of the examples of structures given in Section 15303 as being categorically exempt, such as single-family homes and multi-family dwellings, and are smaller than many structures where the Planning Department issued this same exemption. Thus, the Lightspeed installations are covered by the range of activities properly exempted pursuant to Class 3.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 lists exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. The exceptions include that an exemption shall not be used where the project would result in a significant cumulative environmental impact (Section 15300.2(b)), where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (Section 15300.2(c)), where the project would damage scenic resources within highway officially designated as a state scenic highway (Section 15300.2(d)), where the project would be located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Section 15300.2(e)), where the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource (Section 15300.2(f)). As described in the February 2011 Categorical Exemption, there are no conditions associated with the Lightspeed facilities that would suggest the possibility of a significant environmental effect under these exceptions. Therefore, under the above-cited classification, the proposed project is appropriately exempt from environmental review.

⁴ 21084: Guidelines shall list classes of projects exempt from this Act.

⁵ California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3.

APPELLANT ISSUES AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT RESPONSES:

The issues raised in the March 14, 2011 Appeal Letter are cited below in the order in which they appear in the Appeal Letter and are followed by the Department's responses.

Issue #1: "On behalf of more than fifteen hundred members of San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association for the Richmond, I respectfully appeal the Planning Department Exemption from Environmental Review (2010.0944E) issued February 22, 2011, in light of the significant environmental impacts of the project that warrant in-depth review in an Environmental Impact Report."

Response #1: As analyzed in the Categorical Exemption and in this appeal response, the Department has determined that this project does not result in significant environmental effects, and that none of the exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption are triggered. These exceptions are listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, and were listed on page 4. As described in the Categorical Exemption, there are no conditions associated with the proposed cabinets that would suggest the possibility of a significant environmental effect under these exceptions. In addition, the Appellant has not put forth any substantial evidence to the contrary. Therefore, the project was appropriately exempt from environmental review and an Environmental Impact Report is not warranted.

Issue #2: "Whereas, the Planning Department has given a categorical exemption from environmental review to AT&T for the installation of up to 726 large, above ground communications cabinets (51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high) in the public right of way;

"Whereas, they are installing them neighborhood by neighborhood so that many affected communities and individual property owners are unaware of AT&T's plans and the adverse impact it will have on their neighborhoods;"

Response #2: Pursuant to CEQA and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, notification is not required for the categorical exemption for this project; the project fits within a class of categorical exemptions that does not require notice. However, consistent with the customary notification practices of the Planning Department, the Department sent the categorical exemption to the Board of Supervisors, to our Historic Preservation List, and to other interested parties. In addition, the categorical exemption was posted at the Planning Department.

While the CEQA process evaluated the entirety of the proposed Lightspeed upgrade, the Department of Public Works (DPW) process is a specific review process for each new cabinet installation. According to the Surface-Mounted Facilities (SMF) Order, once the CEQA process is complete, DPW would undergo an extensive review and permitting process that would involve numerous opportunities for community members to review and comment on each individually proposed cabinet location. As part of the project description, AT&T would conduct outreach to

community, neighborhood organizations, and civic leaders before applying for any new permits. In addition, and as noted below, AT&T has voluntarily agreed to additional notices: mailing letters to residents and property owners to provide pre-application notification and placing door hangers to provide construction notification. Below is a summary of the specific review process that would take place for each cabinet:

- AT&T would contact three property owners per each new cabinet installation to determine if private property is available for cabinet placement and would investigate opportunities to co-locate cabinets.
- AT&T would conduct a pre-application site visit with DPW.
- AT&T would post a pre-application notification in conspicuous locations along either side of the proposed cabinet informing the public of its intent to file an application for a cabinet at that location. AT&T would ensure that notice is posted for 20 days. AT&T would send notice to any neighborhood association located within 300 feet of the proposed cabinet. The notices would include a picture of the proposed cabinet, any alternative locations under consideration, and explain that the recipient can inform DPW of any objection to the cabinet placement.
- In addition to the required posting, AT&T has voluntarily agreed to send letters to residents, property owners, and neighborhood associations within 300 feet of the proposed location.
- If objections are received within 20 days of the notice, AT&T would participate in a DPW hearing.
- After the hearing, if the Director approves the location, AT&T would provide notice to property owners and associations along 300 feet of either side of the fronting streets in either direction of the location selected by the Director after the hearing. Objections to the approved location can be filed within 7 days of the notice.
- Once DPW has approved a location and no objection is received or it is resolved through the pre-application process, AT&T would submit a permit.
- Once issued, the permit is appealable to the Board of Appeals.
- AT&T has also voluntarily agreed to provide notice to all residents within 300 feet of the work 48 hours prior to the commencement of work.

According to DPW, only one encroachment permit has been issued since the Categorical Exemption was issued on February 22, 2011, and that this permit followed the process as described above.⁶

The appellant states that the project would have an adverse effect on neighborhoods but does not include what physical impacts would result from implementation of cabinet installation. As stated in the Categorical Exemption on page 3, the Planning Department determined that the proposed project would not result in a significant impact to public views and aesthetics.

⁶ Email from John Kwong, San Francisco Department of Public Works, to Don Lewis, Planning, April 6, 2010. This email is available for review in Case No. 2010.0944E at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400.

Visual quality, by nature, is highly subjective and different viewers may have varying opinions as to whether a proposed utility cabinet contributes negatively to the visual landscape of the City and its neighborhoods. The Planning Department's Initial Study Checklist, which is based on Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, indicates that assessments of significant impacts on visual resources should consider whether the project would result in: (1) a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect; (2) a substantial degradation or obstruction of any scenic view or vista now observed from public areas; or (3) generation of obtrusive light or glare substantially impacting other properties. The proposed Lightspeed installations would not result in any of these conditions, as described below.

The project sponsor proposes to deploy up to 726 Lightspeed cabinets in a widely dispersed manner within the public right-of-way. The profile of these cabinets would be visible to passersby and observers from nearby buildings, but may not be noticed by the casual observer. The visual impacts of the cabinets would be confined to the immediate areas in which the cabinets are located. Utility-related facilities in the public right-of-way are common throughout the City's urbanized environment (e.g., traffic control cabinets and other utility cabinets). AT&T's cabinet installations would generally be viewed in the context of the existing urban background, and the incremental visual effect of the proposed cabinets would be minimal. In addition, the proposed cabinets would not generate any obtrusive light or glare. The Planning Department reviewed photos of existing cabinets in various locations and the photographs support the Department's conclusion that the cabinets would have a negligible effect on public views and aesthetics.

In reviewing aesthetics under CEQA generally, consideration of the existing context in which a project is proposed is required and evaluation must be based on the impact on the existing environment. That some people may not find the proposed Lightspeed cabinets attractive does not mean that they would create a significant aesthetic environmental impact; they must be judged in the context of the existing conditions. For the proposed Lightspeed project, the context is urban right-of-way that already support similar utility structures dispersed throughout the City. Lightspeed cabinets are thus consistent with the existing, developed environment. The aesthetics of Lightspeed cabinets are similar to other structures in public right-of-way and therefore cannot be deemed an "unusual circumstance." For those same reasons, the "unusual circumstance" exception to the categorical exemptions is not applicable to aesthetic impacts that are similar to existing or potential comparable structures. Lightspeed cabinets would not be unusual and would not create adverse aesthetic impacts on the environment.

In addition, the Planning Department's Initial Study Checklist, indicates that assessments of significant impacts on land use should consider whether the project would: (1) physically divide an established community due to the size; (2) conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect; and (3) have a substantial impact upon the existing character of the vicinity. Based on the size of the cabinets, the widely dispersed locations of these cabinets, and the requirement to comply with

DPW's SMF Order, the project would not physically divide an established community, would not conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation, and would not have a substantial impact upon the existing character of the vicinity.

For all the above reasons, installation of the proposed cabinets would not result in a significant effect on neighborhoods.

Issue #3: "Whereas, affected communities and individual property owners have not received complete, objective advice for housing the equipment underground or on private property;"

"Whereas, the boxes will be installed above ground, even when technology exists to underground them;"

Response #3: Pursuant to CEQA, the Department analyzed the project as proposed and determined that the project would not result in a significant impact on the environment. Since no significant impact would result with project implementation, no mitigation measures were needed, and thus no changes to the project were required. Although it could be desirable to underground these cabinets and to place them on private property, the Planning Department's role was to analyze the project as proposed in accordance with CEQA. In performing this analysis, the Department considered the most likely and potentially impactful project, which would be to have all the boxes aboveground and on the public right-of-way. The Department has no authority to require the suggested project revision.

For information, the proposed cabinets would hold the electronics needed to convert the fiber-optic signal to a broadband signal that can be transmitted over its existing copper distribution network. The electronics in these cabinets require that they be placed above ground as a technical matter, as the electronic equipment must be free from moisture and corrosion.

Issue #4: "Whereas, the large boxes will impede pedestrian traffic, inconvenience property owners, act as graffiti magnets, invite vandalism, attract trash around and on top of them and detract from our efforts attempts to create a more attractive and pleasant environment;"

Response #4: Pedestrian path of travel is a primary consideration at each site for AT&T. In selecting sites, AT&T prefers to install cabinets on the widest sidewalk segment available near the existing SAI cabinet, but must also consider the vicinity of doors and windows, driveways, existing utilities, murals, street trees, and other aesthetic considerations. Bus stops, and other areas where pedestrian congregate, are generally not considered acceptable for cabinet siting. As stated in the Categorical Exemption:

The proposed cabinets would be located in a manner that would not obstruct pedestrian access, would not intrude on pedestrian "clear zones" at street corners, and would not

obstruct the view of any traffic sign, way-finding sign or traffic signal.⁷ AT&T's cabinet placement considerations include setback distances from corners, fire hydrants, transit shelters, kiosks, certified street artist designated areas, and public art work under the jurisdiction of the Arts Commission, except for art on kiosks. If necessary, AT&T would conduct site visits with neighborhood groups to consider location options. Landscaping and screening are also available options for consideration in placing new cabinets.

The location and appearance of these cabinets would be in line with existing sidewalk furniture, and when placing cabinets in the public right-of-way, cabinet visibility is minimized by placing them near the curb. Each cabinet has a graffiti resistant coating applied to discourage graffiti and facilitate graffiti removal. During the course of normal network maintenance, AT&T technicians would proactively remove any graffiti found on their existing and new cabinets. Each new cabinet would have a sticker on the sidewalk-facing side offering a toll-free number so that citizens can phone to require cleaning or to report any other problems, such as damage or vandalism. AT&T would strive to remove any graffiti found on their equipment within 48 hours of being notified.

Given the above, it is not anticipated that project implementation would substantially inconvenience property owners or impede pedestrian traffic, and there is no substantial evidence that the project would cause neighborhoods to decline in such an extent that would result in a significant impact related to visual blight.

Issue #5: "Whereas, the large boxes will have negative effects on property values of adjoining properties and on assessed valuation and property tax revenue to the City;"

Response #5: Pursuant to CEQA, a "significant effect on the environment" means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in the environment. The environment means the physical conditions which exist within the area which will be affected by a proposed project, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, noise, objects of historic or aesthetic significance. Unsubstantiated assertions of effects on property values do not constitute a significant effect within the meaning of CEQA. Fluctuation of property values are considered socioeconomic changes and socioeconomic changes, pursuant to CEQA, and are not considered to be significant effects on the environment unless they result in secondary physical environmental impacts. That is not the case here.

Utility facilities in the public right-of-way are common throughout the City's urbanized environment, and the proposed cabinets would generally be viewed in the context of the existing urban background. AT&T proposes to deploy up to 726 Lightspeed cabinets in a widely dispersed manner within public right-of-way. Given the above, it is not anticipated that the

⁷ AT&T's Options for Consideration in Placing Lightspeed Cabinets in San Francisco. This document is available for public review in Case No. 2010.0944E at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400.

proposed cabinets would cause nearby buildings and/or areas to decline in attractiveness and/or utility, and therefore would not have substantial negative effects on property values.

Issue #6: "Whereas, these large above ground boxes are in direct contradiction to Order No. 175,566 "Regulations for Issuing Excavation Permits for the Installation of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way" issued by Edwin M. Lee on August 17, 2005, requiring that surface-mounted facilities "be installed on private property or be placed underground to the extent either of these options is technologically and economically feasible."

"Whereas, Order No. 175,566 requires the applicant to make a good faith effort to comply with each of the following requirements:

- present a plan showing all surface-mounted facilities anticipated to be installed in the next five years
- present plans showing sizes of cabinets
- survey the area to be serviced to identify at least three locations on private property that may be appropriate
- contact the owner to determine whether the owner will allow such installation
- attempt to enter into agreement with interested property owners
- attempt to place underground where technologically or economically feasible (at a minimum, demonstrate that it conducted a thorough search for adequate underground technology)
- notify of any special requirements that limit location
- explore reasonable opportunities to collocate
- notify if other surface mounted facilities can be removed as a result of installation of new facilities;"

Response #6: The appellant states that the proposed project does not comply with the requirements of the SMF Order. This assertion is incorrect. To date only one encroachment permit has been issued by DPW, and according to DPW, it complied with the SMF Order.⁸ Pursuant to the SMF Order, the CEQA process must first be completed before DPW undergoes their extensive review and permitting process for individual cabinet locations. There was some confusion over the processing of applications for Lightspeed cabinets because AT&T began applying for DPW encroachment permits prior to DPW raising the need for CEQA review of the entire upgrade. At that time, AT&T stopped applying for encroachment permits during the Planning Department's consideration of CEQA. To alleviate concern regarding the timing of permit processing, AT&T withdrew nearly 350 permits that were partially through the DPW review process. Nonetheless, this is not a CEQA issue. Whether a specific permit complies or not complies with the SMF Order is not a CEQA impact, as the Categorical Exemption provided a CEQA overview of the entire upgrade.

⁸ Email from John Kwong, San Francisco Department of Public Works, to Don Lewis, Planning, April 6, 2010. This email is available for review in Case No. 2010.0944E at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400.

Issue #7: "Resolved, that San Francisco Beautiful shall file an appeal to the Categorical Exemption, Exemption from Environmental Review, Case No. 2010.0944E, AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade and request the Planning Department to being the process of reviewing the cumulative environmental impact of 726 large metal communication boxes in its neighborhoods, thereby relinquishing the public right of way to the commercial advancement of one private company. Milo Hanke is authorized to file said appeal on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful."

Response #7: As discussed in the Categorical Exemption, CEQA State Guidelines Section 15300.2(b) provides that a categorical exemption shall not apply if significant impacts would result over time from successive projects of the same type in the same place. The proposed project involves the installation of 726 aboveground cabinets throughout the City. By their minimal nature and widely dispersed locations that do not create significant environmental impacts on pedestrian traffic or cultural and visual resources, the impacts of the cabinets would not aggregate under CEQA to a degree where the project, by itself, would have cumulative impacts.

There is at least one competing vendor providing a similar service to the proposed project, but that vendor's network has already been established, with the majority of their equipment located outside of the public right-of-way. Because all of these existing and proposed project locations have and would proceed separately at different locations, there would be no foreseeable cumulative impacts due to the proposed project. For the reasons set forth above, this project combined with other ongoing utility and infrastructure work on the public right-of-way would not contribute to cumulative impacts.

CONCLUSION

The Categorical Exemption that was issued on February 22, 2011 complies with the requirements of CEQA and the project is appropriately exempt from environmental review pursuant to the cited exemptions. The Categorical Exemption analyzed issues associated with the physical environmental impacts of the proposed project and determined that the proposed project would not result in significant environmental impacts. The Appeal Letter does not provide evidence to substantiate a finding that the project would result in significant environmental impacts. As such, the conclusions of the Categorical Exemption remain current and valid, the Planning Department appropriately has determined that the project does not have a significant effect on the environment, and an EIR is not required. The Department therefore recommends that the Board uphold the Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review and deny the appeal of the CEQA Determination.

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March 14, 2011

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Dear Madame Clerk,

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Attached are the copies of the exemption signed by the Planning Department, a neighborhood organization fee waiver request form and a check for \$500.

Please let me know if you require any additional information. I can be reached at 415-781-6300 or milohanke@aol.com.

Mrs. Friedel Klussmann
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**Resolution
Executive Committee
San Francisco Beautiful
March 2, 2011**

By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of San Francisco Beautiful, San Francisco Beautiful reaffirmed its policy of opposing the categorical exemption from environmental review that was issued by the Planning Department on February 22, 2011, and authorizes Milo Hanke to file an appeal thereto on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful:

Whereas, the Planning Department has given a categorical exemption from environmental review to AT&T for the installation of up to 726 large, above ground communications cabinets (51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high) in the public right of way;

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PAST PRESIDENT

Milo F. Hanke

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of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way" issued by Edwin M. Lee on August 17, 2005, requiring that surface-mounted facilities "be installed on private property or be placed underground to the extent either of these options is technologically and economically feasible."

Whereas, Order No. 175,566 requires the applicant to make a "good faith effort to comply with each of the following requirements:

- present a plan showing all surface-mounted facilities anticipated to be installed in the next five years
- present plans showing sizes of cabinets
- survey the area to be serviced to identify at least three locations on private property that may be appropriate
- contact the owner to determine whether the owner will allow such installation
- attempt to enter into agreement with interested property owners
- attempt to place underground where technologically or economically feasible (at a minimum, demonstrate that it conducted a thorough search for adequate underground technology)
- notify of any special requirements that limit location
- explore reasonable opportunities to collocate
- notify if other surface mounted facilities can be removed as a result of installation of new facilities;

Resolved, that San Francisco Beautiful shall file an appeal to the Certificate of Determination, Exemption from Environmental Review, Case No. 2010.0944E, AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade and request the Planning Department to begin the process of reviewing the cumulative environmental impact of 726 large metal communication boxes in its neighborhoods, thereby relinquishing the public right of way to the commercial advancement of one private company. Milo Hanke is authorized to file said appeal on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful.

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SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Certificate of Determination EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Case No.: 2010.0944E
Project Title: AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade
Block/Lot: Multiple Locations
Project Sponsor: Michael Edwards, AT&T California, (415) 644-7043
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AT&T proposes to upgrade its residential communications network to a high-speed data transmission technology referred to as "Lightspeed," which would enable new services, including internet protocol television. To provide these new services, AT&T would expand its fiber-optic network throughout the City by placing additional fiber through its existing copper conduit currently used for telephone lines. Specifically, AT&T would install up to 726 metal, either tan or light green, 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified; however, all new cabinets would be located within 300 feet of an existing AT&T Serving Area Interface (SAI) cabinet, also

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EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption, Class 3 [State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d)]

REMARKS:

See reverse side.

DETERMINATION:

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

BILL WYCKO
Environmental Review Officer

February 22, 2011
Date

cc: Michael Edwards, Project Contact
M.D.F.
Board of Supervisors
Distribution List

Bulletin Board
Dan McKenna, Department of Public Works
Historic Distribution List

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued):

located within the public right-of-way throughout the City.¹

Each new installation would involve the following work: pairing a Lightspeed cabinet within close proximity to an existing AT&T SAI cabinet (the copper cross-connect box which is already located in the public right-of-way) to make the necessary fiber/copper connections; excavation of up to 48 inches deep would be required for the installation of an approximately 4-foot by 6-foot concrete foundation pad that would support each Lightspeed cabinet; construction of a 3-foot-deep and approximately 10- to 300-foot-long trench run to install conduit from the Lightspeed cabinet to the existing SAI; construction of a 4-foot-deep and approximately 50- to 150-foot-long trench run to connect the new Lightspeed cabinet to an existing power source such as a pole or underground vault; and an additional 3-foot-deep trench may be required if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit to accommodate new fiber placement.

In addition, some of the existing SAI cabinets would be enlarged and "re-skinned" with new wiring and room for additional capacity in their existing locations by up to 18 inches in width, 14 inches in diameter, and 16 inches in height, and some would be removed from utility poles, enlarged by up to 7 inches in width, 8 inches in depth, and 39 inches in height, and placed on the ground. The majority of these cabinets would be deployed over a three-year period. Also, in a few locations, SAIs are clustered such that AT&T may be able to further reduce the number of cabinets to less than 726 if appropriate space is available to accommodate a double capacity cabinet. This double capacity cabinet is 50 inches wide by 56.5 inches deep by 48 inches high. A number of existing cabinets would also be enlarged by approximately 6 inches, by adding a bolt to the end panel on the existing cabinet.

AT&T's proposed Lightspeed cabinets would hold the electronics needed to convert the fiber-optic signal to a broadband signal that can be transmitted over its existing copper distribution network. The Lightspeed cabinets would not contain transmitters or wireless devices, and would not emit radio frequency radiation. The Lightspeed cabinets would be equipped with a cooling fan and a back-up battery that would run for up to eight hours during commercial outages. For prolonged outages in residential neighborhoods, generators that are part of AT&T's service vehicles would be used and would run off the power of the vehicle. Diesel generators are also used but are not the preferred method in residential neighborhoods. Another method of providing back up power is to replace the cabinet batteries to extend the power during repair of the power supply. The electronics in these cabinets require that they be placed above ground as a technical matter, as the electronic equipment must be free from moisture and corrosion.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T would locate the proposed new cabinets such that cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts, and are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within designated historic or conservation districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned," relocated, or

¹ Location maps of the existing SAI cabinets are available for review at the Planning Department, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case No. 2010.0944E.

have a bolt added. The only proposed Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching to install conduit from the proposed cabinet to the existing cabinet, and if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit.

The proposed project is subject to the requirements for excavation permits in Article 2.4 of the Public Works Code and the requirements of Department of Public Works (DPW) Order No. 175,566 concerning placement of surface-mounted facilities (SMF) in the public right-of-way.² DPW reviews each application on an individual basis and evaluates the potential for the proposed facilities to impede travel on public streets, inconvenience property owners, or otherwise disturb the use of the public right-of-way by the public. DPW will ensure that persons affected by the installation have an opportunity to be heard before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Director of DPW. The hearing officer will summarize the evidence and testimony and will make recommendations to the Director, who will make the final determination. In addition, AT&T will provide notice to all residents within 300 feet of the work 48 hours prior to the commencement of work.

In July 2008, the Planning Department issued a categorical exemption for AT&T's 2007 Lightspeed upgrade proposal (Planning Department Case No. 2007.1350E). The categorical exemption was appealed, and during the appeal hearing before the Board of Supervisors, AT&T withdrew their environmental application.³ To address feedback from the City and the public, AT&T submitted a new project (the current proposal) with the following project changes: (1) reduced the number of new cabinets by 124 (from 850 to 726); (2) integrated the power supply meter into the new cabinets, negating the need for an attached power panel; (3) doubled the needed "pairing" distance from new cabinets to existing cabinets (from 150 feet to 300 feet); and (4) removed all proposed new cabinets that would have been located within the boundaries of designated historic or conservation districts.

REMARKS (continued):

Public Views and Aesthetics

In evaluating whether the Lightspeed cabinets would be exempt from environmental review, the Planning Department determined that they would not result in a significant impact to public views and aesthetics. Visual quality, by nature, is highly subjective and different viewers may have varying opinions as to whether a proposed utility cabinet contributes negatively to the visual landscape of the City and its neighborhoods. The Planning Department's Initial Study Checklist, which is based on Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, indicates that assessments of significant impacts on visual resources should consider whether the project would result in: (1) a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect; (2) a substantial degradation or obstruction of any scenic view or vista now observed from public areas; or (3) generation of obtrusive light or glare substantially impacting other properties. The proposed Lightspeed installations would not result in any of these conditions, as described below.

² Regulations for Issuing Excavation Permits for the Installation of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-Of-Way, DPW Order No. 175,566. This document is available for review at the Planning Department, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case No. 2010.0944E.

³ AT&T also withdrew all of their pending permit applications (nearly 350) with DPW.

The project sponsor proposes to deploy up to 726 Lightspeed cabinets in a dispersed manner within public right-of-way. The profile of these cabinets would be visible to passersby and observers from nearby buildings, but may not be noticed by the casual observer. The visual impacts of the cabinets would be confined to the immediate areas in which the cabinets are located. Utility-related facilities in the public right-of-way are common throughout the City's urbanized environment (e.g., traffic control cabinets and other utility cabinets). AT&T's cabinet installations would generally be viewed in the context of the existing urban background, and the incremental visual effect of the proposed cabinets would be minimal. In addition, the proposed cabinets would not generate any obtrusive light or glare. The Planning Department reviewed photos of existing cabinets in various locations and the photographs support the Department's conclusion that the cabinets would have a negligible effect on public views and aesthetics.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, the proposed cabinets would be located in a manner that would not obstruct pedestrian access, would not intrude on pedestrian "clear zones" at street corners, and would not obstruct the view of any traffic sign, way-finding sign or traffic signal.⁴ AT&T's cabinet placement considerations include setback distances from corners, fire hydrants, transit shelters, kiosks, certified street artist designated areas, and public art work under the jurisdiction of the Arts Commission, except for art on kiosks. If necessary, AT&T would conduct site visits with neighborhood groups to consider location options. Landscaping and screening are also available options for consideration in placing new cabinets. The proposed Lightspeed cabinets would have a graffiti resistant finish and would display a sticker with a toll-free number so that AT&T could proactively remove graffiti. If required for safety, bollards would also be installed.

In reviewing aesthetics under CEQA generally, consideration of the existing context in which a project is proposed is required and evaluation must be based on the impact on the existing environment. That some people may not find the proposed Lightspeed cabinets attractive does not mean that they would create a significant aesthetic environmental impact; they must be judged in the context of the existing conditions. For the proposed Lightspeed project, the context is urban right-of-way that already support similar utility structures dispersed throughout the City. Lightspeed cabinets are thus consistent with the existing, developed environment. The aesthetics of Lightspeed cabinets are similar to other structures in public right-of-way and therefore cannot be deemed an "unusual circumstance." For those same reasons, the "unusual circumstance" exception to the categorical exemptions is not applicable to aesthetic impacts that are similar to existing or potential comparable structures. Lightspeed cabinets would not be unusual and would not create adverse aesthetic impacts on the environment.

For all the above reasons, installation of the proposed equipment cabinets would not result in a significant adverse effect on public views or aesthetics.

⁴ AT&T's Options for Consideration in Placing Lightspeed Cabinets in San Francisco. This document is attached.

Historic Resources

In evaluating whether the proposed project would be exempt from environmental review under CEQA, the Planning Department determined that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse effect to a historic resource as defined by CEQA. As described in the attached Historic Resource Evaluation Response (HRER) Memorandum, the proposed new cabinets would not result in a significant impact to historic resources.⁵ The analysis and conclusions of the HRER are summarized below.

The proposed 726 new cabinets would be located within public right-of-way, and would not be located on individual buildings. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified. While the new cabinets would be installed within 300 feet of an existing SAI cabinet, none of the proposed new cabinets would be within any designated historic or conservation district.

Based on mapped locations of existing SAI cabinets, the following districts currently contain existing SAI cabinets: Kearney/Market/Mason/Sutter Conservation District, South End Historic District, South of Market Extended Preservation District, Alamo Square Historic District, Buena Vista North Historic District (proposed), Liberty Hill Historic District, and the Dogpatch Historic District. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within these designated historic or conservation districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned," relocated, or have a bolt added as part of the proposed project. The only proposed Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching to install conduit from the proposed cabinet to the existing cabinet, and if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit.

Although the project sponsor has not precisely identified the locations of the new cabinets, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets would be located in close proximity to buildings and sites that have been individually designated as local, California, or National historic landmarks. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets would be located in close proximity to structures or sites that either have or have not yet been documented, but that may be individually eligible for the California Register.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T would locate the proposed new cabinets such that: (1) cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts, (2) cabinets are screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees) where possible, and (3) cabinets are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings.

Based on the size and the locations of the proposed cabinets, the Department has determined that the project would conform with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historical Properties (Secretary's Standards)* for any cabinet installations proposed within a potential historic district. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10. Cabinets proposed in potential historic

⁵ Historic Resource Evaluation Response Memorandum from Tina Tam, Senior Preservation Planner, to Don Lewis, Planner, Major Environmental Analysis, February 8, 2011. This document is attached.

districts that include character-defining street furniture would be clearly differentiated from historic street furniture, and would not destroy historic materials or spatial relationships that characterize the districts. The proposed new cabinets may be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic resource. The proposed project calls for the installation of the cabinets in a manner that would allow them to be completely removed without affecting the essential form or integrity of the historic district. The installation of the proposed cabinets would not destroy historic building fabric, and would be reversible. If the equipment is removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the district and its environment would be unimpaired.

As noted above, the Department has considered the potential of the proposed new cabinets to impair the ability of historical resources, including historic buildings and historic districts, to convey their significance. Based on review of AT&T's submitted project information, the Department has determined that cabinets placed in the public right-of-way within potential historic districts would not impair the district's ability to convey its significance, as the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10. It is unlikely that the existence of the proposed cabinets within the public right-of-way would prevent undocumented historic districts or structures from conveying significance.

Pursuant to DPW Order No. 175,566, for any installation(s) on the property of, or adjacent to a designated local, State or National Historic Landmark, in a Local Historic District in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code, in a Conservation Districts designated in Article 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code, in a California Register Historic District, or a National Register Historic District, AT&T will be required to send notice to the Preservation Coordinator of the San Francisco Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission.

As noted above, any new cabinet installations that are located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts, would not significantly impact the character-defining features of the district, nor would the proposed new cabinets negatively impact the integrity of the potential historic districts. The Department's determination is that the impact of the proposed cabinets to the setting of existing and potential historic sites, structures, and districts is not significant, and would not impair the ability of historic resources to convey their significance.

For the reasons described above, the proposed project would not result in a significant impact to historic resources.

Exempt Status

CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303, or Class 3, provides for an exemption from environmental review for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in Section 15303 are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303(d) specifically applies to utility extensions. The proposed Lightspeed cabinets are smaller and less noticeable than many of the examples of structures given in Section 15303 as being

categorically exempt, such as single-family homes and multi-family dwellings, and are smaller than many structures where the Planning Department issued this same exemption. Thus, the Lightspeed installations are covered by the range of activities properly exempted pursuant to Class 3.

Exceptions to Exemptions/Exclusions from Environmental Review

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 lists exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. The exceptions include that an exemption shall not be used where the project would result in a significant cumulative environmental impact (Section 15300.2(b)), where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (Section 15300.2(c)), where the project would damage scenic resources within highway officially designated as a state scenic highway (Section 15300.2(d)), where the project would be located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Section 15300.2(e)), where the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource (Section 15300.2(f)). As described below, there are no conditions associated with the Lightspeed facilities that would suggest the possibility of a significant environmental effect under these exceptions.

No Cumulative Impacts

CEQA State Guidelines Section 15300.2(b) provides that a categorical exemption shall not apply if significant impacts would result over time from successive projects of the same type in the same place. The proposed project involves the installation of up to approximately 726 aboveground cabinets throughout the City. By their minimal nature and widely dispersed locations that do not create significant environmental impacts on historic, archeological, or visual resources, the impacts of the cabinets would not aggregate under CEQA to a degree where the project, by itself, would have cumulative impacts.

There is at least one competing vendor providing a similar service to the proposed project, but that vendor's network has already been established, with the majority of their equipment located outside of the public right-of-way. Since all of these existing and proposed project locations have and would proceed separately at different locations, there would be no foreseeable cumulative impacts due to the proposed project. For the reasons set forth above, this project combined with other ongoing utility and infrastructure work on the public right-of-way would not contribute to cumulative impacts.

Historical Resources

As described above, the Planning Department concluded that the proposed project would not cause a significant impact to a historic resource. Therefore, this issue would not trigger an exception to the use of a categorical exemption.

State Scenic Highways

Categorical exemptions may not be applied to projects that may result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. While there are eligible scenic highways in the City, there are no officially designated state highways. Therefore, the project would not impact an officially designated state highway.

Hazardous Waste

All Lightspeed facilities would be placed in public right-of-way within street and sidewalk areas. These locations are not listed as hazardous waste sites by the state pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Unusual Circumstances

The Planning Department did not find any unusual circumstances that would cause the Lightspeed installations to have a significant effect on the environment. These facilities are not unusual compared to similar utilities structures in the public-right-of way, including other structures also subject to the DPW's Surface-Mounted Guidelines. Therefore, this issue would not trigger an exception to the use of a categorical exemption.

Conclusion

Although the proposed project is not without opposition or controversy, opposition and controversy do not themselves constitute significant environmental impacts, nor do they constitute unusual circumstances that would render use of a categorical exemption inappropriate.

As described above, the proposed project would not have a significant effect on historic resources. Also, there are no cumulative impacts or unusual circumstances surrounding the current proposal that would trigger an exception to the application of an exemption. Therefore, the installations would be categorically exempt under Class 3. For all the above reasons, the proposed project is appropriately exempt from environmental review.

Options for Consideration in Placing Lightspeed Cabinets in San Francisco

Element	Recommended	Available Options		
Type of Cabinet	Reduced sized cabinet with power meter included	Standard cabinet with attached power panel	Larger, double capacity cabinet to combine two cabinets at one location	
Location	Public right-of-way up to 300 feet from SAI	Walk through with neighborhood group to consider location options		
Landscaping if appropriate for site	Replace existing landscaping with new	Street trees within 3 to 5 feet of the cabinets if water available	Planting shrubs adjacent to the cabinets, will extend existing irrigation system	Metal trellis with vines that would screen the street side and top of the cabinet
Screening if appropriate for site	Bollards as required for safety	Decorative bollards	Nearby Community signage	
Graffiti	Graffiti resistant finish and sticker with toll-free number	AT&T crews will proactively remove graffiti	Citizens or City can report graffiti via toll-free number or 3-1-1	
Other cabinet placement considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinets will not obstruct pedestrian access and a minimum of 4 feet of clearance will be maintained. • Cabinets will not intrude on pedestrian "clear zones" at street corners. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet at corners. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 18 inches from the face of the curb. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet from fire hydrants. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 40 inches from any other above ground structure. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 60 feet from an transit shelter and/or kiosk, unless coordinated with the shelter/kiosk. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet from any certified street artist designated area. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 60 feet from any public art work under the jurisdiction of the Arts Commission of San Francisco, except for art on kiosks. • Cabinets will not be placed over any stormdrain or other utility facility. • Cabinets will not obstruct the view of any traffic sign, wayfinding sign or traffic signal. 			



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Historic Resource Evaluation Response

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PROPOSED PROJECT Demolition Alteration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to install up to 726 new metal communications electronics cabinets, alter a number of existing cabinets, and insert new equipment into existing cabinets with no alterations in order to upgrade the AT&T network in order to provide fiber optic technology to San Francisco neighborhoods. The project, as proposed, includes:

- **New Cabinets:** The proposed new cabinets would be located on the ground, within public right-of-way. The new cabinets measure 51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high and are light tan or light green in color. The proposed new cabinets must be placed in close proximity to an existing Service Area Interface (SAI) cabinet in order to make the necessary fiber/copper connection.
- **Existing SAI Cabinets to be Enlarged in their Existing Locations:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets will be enlarged and "re-skinned" in their current locations. The size of the new SAI "shell" would depend on the size of the existing cabinet in each location. The most common sizes for the new shells are 58" wide by 26" deep by 65" high or 58" wide by 18" deep by 65" high. Existing cabinets could increase up to 18" in width, up to 14" in diameter, and up to 16" in height.
- **Existing Cabinets to be Enlarged and Relocated:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets will be removed from utility poles, enlarged, and placed on the sidewalk within public right-of-way. The existing cabinets measure approximately 33" wide by 12" deep, and range from 30" to 57" in high. New, enlarged cabinets would be located on the sidewalk and measure approximately 51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high.
- **Existing Cabinets to Remain In-Place with Minor Alterations:** A number of existing cabinets will be enlarged by approximately 6", by adding a bolt to the end panel on the existing cabinet.
- **No Changes to the Existing Cabinets:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets can accommodate the new equipment with no exterior changes.

PRE-EXISTING HISTORIC RATING / SURVEY

AT&T has provided a map that illustrates the location of all existing SAI cabinets (up to 900 in total) within the City and County of San Francisco. The proposed 726 new cabinets will be located in close proximity to the existing SAI cabinets. There are a number of existing SAI cabinets located within designated historic and conservation districts (see below). However, pursuant to AT&T's submitted project proposal, none of the proposed new cabinets would be located within the boundaries of any designated historic or conservation district.

HISTORIC DISTRICT / NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The proposed new cabinets will be located within public right-of-way, and will not be located on individual buildings. None of the proposed 726 new cabinets would be located within a designated historic or conservation district. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified. While the new cabinets would be installed within 300 feet of an existing SAI cabinet, none of the proposed new cabinets will be within any designated district.

1. **California Register Criteria of Significance:** Note, a building may be an historical resource if it meets any of the California Register criteria listed below. If more information is needed to make such a determination please specify what information is needed. (This determination for California Register Eligibility is made based on existing data and research provided to the Planning Department by the above named preparer / consultant and other parties. Key pages of report and a photograph of the subject building are attached.)

Event: or Yes No Unable to determine

Persons: or Yes No Unable to determine

Architecture: or Yes No Unable to determine

Information Potential: Further investigation recommended.

District or Context: Yes, may contribute to a potential district or significant context

If Yes; Period of significance:

Based on mapped locations of existing SAI cabinets, the following districts currently contain existing SAI cabinets. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within these districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned", relocated, or have a bolt added as part of Lightspeed. The only Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching.

- Kearney/Market/Mason/Sutter Conservation District
- South End Historic District
- South of Market Extended Preservation District
- Alamo Square Historic District
- Buena Vista North Historic District (proposed)
- Liberty Hill Historic District
- Dogpatch Historic District

Although the project sponsor have not precisely identified the locations of the new cabinets, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA. It is also possible that a number of the proposed

new cabinets will be located in close proximity to buildings and sites that have been individually designated as local, California, or National historic landmarks. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets will be located in close proximity to structures or sites that either have or have not yet been documented, but that may be individually eligible for the California Register.

2. **Integrity** is the ability of a property to convey its significance. To be a resource for the purposes of CEQA, a property must not only be shown to be significant under the California Register criteria, but it also must have integrity. To retain historic integrity a property will always possess several, and usually most, of the aspects. The subject property has retained or lacks integrity from the period of significance noted above:

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Although the project sponsor does not propose to install new cabinets within any designated historic or conservation districts, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA.

The Department has considered the potential of the proposed new cabinets to impair the ability of historical resources, including historic buildings and historic districts, to convey their significance. Based on review of AT&T's submitted project information, the Department has determined that cabinets placed in the public right-of-way within potential historic districts will not impair the district's ability to convey its significance, as the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10, as discussed in Section 4 below.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T will locate the proposed new cabinets such that:

- Cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts.
- Cabinets are screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees) where possible.
- Cabinets are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings.

3. **Determination of whether the property is an "historical resource" for purposes of CEQA**

No Resource Present (Go to 6. below) Historical Resource Present (Continue to 4.)

Although the project sponsor does not propose to install new cabinets within any designated historic or conservation districts, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA.

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4. If the property appears to be an historical resource, whether the proposed project would materially impair the resource (i.e. alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics which justify the property's inclusion in any registry to which it belongs).

The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the resource such that the significance of the resource would be materially impaired. (Continue to 5 if the project is an alteration.)

The project is a significant impact as proposed. (Continue to 5 if the project is an alteration.)

Based on information submitted by the project sponsor, it appears that AT&T will conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, as applicable, for any cabinet installations proposed within a potential historic district. The Department has determined that the proposed project is consistent with the *Standards*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*.

Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Cabinets proposed in potential historic districts that include character-defining street furniture will be clearly differentiated from historic street furniture, and will not destroy historic materials or spatial relationships that characterize the districts.

Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

The proposed new cabinets may be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic resource. The proposed project calls for the installation of the cabinets in a manner that will allow them to be completely removed without affecting the essential form or integrity of the historic district. The installation of the proposed cabinets will not destroy historic building fabric, and will be reversible. If the equipment is removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the district and its environment would be unimpaired.

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5. Character-defining features of the building to be retained or respected in order to avoid a significant adverse effect by the project, presently or cumulatively, as modifications to the project to reduce or avoid impacts. Please recommend conditions of approval that may be desirable to mitigate the project's adverse effects.

As proposed, the project will ensure compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. The cabinets will not be installed on any individual buildings and where possible, screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees).

6. Whether the proposed project may have an adverse effect on off-site historical resources, such as adjacent historic properties.

Yes No Unable to determine

As noted above, any new cabinet installations that are located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts, will not significantly impact the character-defining features of the district, nor will the proposed new cabinets negatively impact the integrity of the potential historic districts.

Visual quality, by nature, is highly subjective and different viewers may have varying opinions as to whether a proposed wireless facility makes for a negative impact to the setting of the City and its neighborhoods. The Department's determination is that the impact of the proposed equipment to the setting of existing and potential historic sites, structures, and districts is not significant, and would not impair the ability of historic resources to convey their significance.

SENIOR PRESERVATION PLANNER REVIEW

Signature: Smca

Date: 2-8-2011

CC:

Linda Avery, *Commission Secretary*, Historic Preservation Commission
Vimaliza Byrd, *Historic Resource Impact Review File*

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

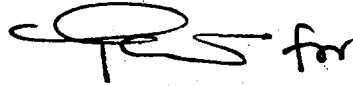
- Date:** Tuesday, April 26, 2011
- Time:** 4:00 p.m.
- Location:** Legislative Chamber, Room 250 located at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102
- Subject:** File No. 110344. Hearing of persons interested in or objecting to the decision of the Planning Department dated February 22, 2011, Case No. 2010.0944E, that a project located on La Playa Street between Cabrillo and Fulton Streets, is exempt from environmental review under Categorical Exemption, Class 3 (State CEQA Guidelines Section 1503). The proposed project involves placing additional fiber through AT&T's existing copper conduit currently used for telephone lines, and the installation of metal, either tan or light green, 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. (Appellant: San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association for the Richmond)

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, notice is hereby given, if you challenge, in court, the matter described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In accordance with Section 67.7-1 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on these matters may submit written

comments to the City prior to the time the hearing begins. These comments will be made a part of the official public records in these matters, and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Room 244, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102. Information relating to this matter is available in the Office of the Clerk of the Board and agenda information will be available for public review on Thursday, April 21, 2011.

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

DATED: April 14, 2011

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March 22, 2011

Milo F. Hanke
San Francisco Beautiful
Planning Association for the Richmond
100 Bush Street, Ste. 1580
San Francisco, CA 94104

**Subject: Appeal of Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review for AT&T
"Lightspeed" Network Upgrade Project**

Dear Mr. Hanke:

The Office of the Clerk of the Board is in receipt of a memorandum dated March 21, 2011, (copy attached) from the City Attorney's office regarding the timely filing of an appeal of Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review for the AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade Project.

The City Attorney has determined that the appeal was filed in a timely manner.

A hearing date has been scheduled on **Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 4:00 P.M.**, at the Board of Supervisors meeting to be held in City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco.

Pursuant to the Interim Procedures 7 and 9, please provide to the Clerk's Office by:

- 8 days prior to the hearing:** any documentation which you may want available to the Board members prior to the hearing;
- 11 days prior to the hearing:** names of interested parties to be notified of the hearing.

Please provide 18 copies of the documentation for distribution, and, if possible, names of interested parties to be notified in label format.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Caldeira at (415) 554-7711 or Andrea Ausberry at (415) 554-4442.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Calvillo".

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

c:
Cheryl Adams, Deputy City Attorney
Kate Stacy, Deputy City Attorney
Marlena Byrne, Deputy City Attorney
Scott Sanchez, Acting Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, Planning Department
AnMarie Rodgers, Planning Department

Tina Tam, Historic Preservation, Planning Department
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Marlena G. Byrne *MGB*
Deputy City Attorney

DATE: March 21, 2011

RE: Appeal of Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review for AT&T
"Lightspeed" Network Upgrade Project Located on La Playa Street, between
Cabrillo and Fulton Streets

You have asked for our advice on the timeliness of an appeal to the Board of Supervisors by Milo F. Hanke, on behalf of the San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association for the Richmond, received by the Clerk's Office on March 14, 2011, of the Planning Department's determination that the AT&T Network "Lightspeed" Upgrade project, Department of Public Works excavation permit, File No. 11EXC-1050, located on La Playa Street between Cabrillo and Fulton Streets, is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The proposed work involves placing additional fiber through AT&T's existing copper conduit currently used for telephone lines, and, as described in the Certificate of Determination Exemption from Environmental Review, the installation of metal, either tan or light green, 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. The Appellants provided a copy a Certificate of Determination Exemption from Environmental Review, issued by the Planning Department on February 22, 2010, finding the project exempt under Class 3 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal.Code Reg. §15000 *et seq.*).

We are informed that an excavation permit was issued for the proposed work on La Playa Street, between Cabrillo and Fulton Streets, on March 14, 2011, by the Department of Public Works (File No. 11EXC-1050). The time for appealing the issuance of this permit to the Board of Appeals has not yet run. Accordingly, it is our view that the appeal of this categorical exemption determination is timely. Therefore, the appeal should be calendared before the Board of Supervisors. We recommend that you so advise the Appellant.

Please let us know if we may be of further assistance.

MGB

cc: Rick Caldeira, Deputy Director, Clerk of the Board
Joy Lamug, Board Clerk's Office
Andrea Ausberry, Board Clerk's Office
Cheryl Adams, Deputy City Attorney
Kate Stacy, Deputy City Attorney
Scott Sanchez, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
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Memorandum

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

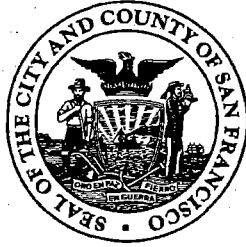
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RE: Appeal of Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review for AT&T
"Lightspeed" Network Upgrade Project Located on La Playa Street, between
Cabrillo and Fulton Streets

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March 15, 2011

To: Cheryl Adams
Deputy City Attorney

From: Rick Caldeira 
Deputy Director

Subject: Appeal of Categorical Exemption from Environmental Review for AT&T Lightspeed Network Upgrade, Multiple Locations

An appeal of categorical exemption from environmental review issued for AT&T Lightspeed Network Upgrade, Multiple Locations, was filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Board on March 14, 2011, by Milo Hanke, on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association of the Richmond.

Pursuant to the Interim Procedures of Appeals for Negative Declaration and Categorical Exemptions No. 5, I am forwarding this appeal, with attached documents, to the City Attorney's office to determine if the appeal has been filed in a timely manner. The City Attorney's determination should be made within 3 working days of receipt of this request.

If you have any questions, you may contact me on (415) 554-7711.

c: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Kate Stacy, Deputy City Attorney
Marlena Byrne, Deputy City Attorney
Scott Sanchez, Zoning Administrator, Planning Department
Bill Wycko, Chief, Major Environmental Analysis, Planning Department
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March 14, 2011

Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carleton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Madame Clerk,

On behalf of more than fifteen hundred members of San Francisco Beautiful and the Planning Association for the Richmond, I respectfully appeal the Planning Department Exemption from Environmental Review (2010.0944E) issued February 22, 2011, in light of the significant environmental impacts of the project that warrant in-depth review in an Environmental Impact Report.

Attached are the copies of the exemption signed by the Planning Department, a neighborhood organization fee waiver request form and a check for \$500.

Please let me know if you require any additional information. I can be reached at 415-781-6300 or milohanke@aol.com.

Mrs. Friedel Klussmann
Founder

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Milo F. Hanke

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Milo F. Hanke", written over a horizontal line.

Milo F. Hanke,
Immediate Past President

cc: Susan Brandt-Hawley, Brandt-Hawley Law Group
cc: Raymond Holland, Planning Association for the Richmond

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**Resolution
Executive Committee
San Francisco Beautiful
March 2, 2011**

By unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of San Francisco Beautiful, San Francisco Beautiful reaffirmed its policy of opposing the categorical exemption from environmental review that was issued by the Planning Department on February 22, 2011, and authorizes Milo Hanke to file an appeal thereto on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful:

Whereas, the Planning Department has given a categorical exemption from environmental review to AT&T for the installation of up to 726 large, above ground communications cabinets (51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high) in the public right of way;

Whereas, they are installing them neighborhood by neighborhood so that many affected communities and individual property owners are unaware of AT&T's plans and the adverse impact it will have on their neighborhoods;

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Whereas, affected communities and individual property owners have not received complete, objective advice for housing the equipment underground or on private property;

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Whereas, the boxes will be installed above ground, even when technology exists to underground them;

Whereas, the large boxes will impede pedestrian traffic, inconvenience property owners, act as graffiti magnets, invite vandalism, attract trash around and on top of them and detract from our efforts attempts to create a more attractive and pleasant environment;

PAST PRESIDENT

Milo F. Hanke

Whereas, the large boxes will have negative effects on property values of adjoining properties and on assessed valuation and property tax revenues to the City;

Whereas, these large above ground boxes are in direct contradiction to Order No. 175,566 "Regulations for Issuing Excavation Permits for the Installation

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of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way” issued by Edwin M. Lee on August 17, 2005, requiring that surface-mounted facilities “be installed on private property or be placed underground to the extent either of these options is technologically and economically feasible.”

Whereas, Order No. 175,566 requires the applicant to make a “good faith effort to comply with each of the following requirements:

- present a plan showing all surface-mounted facilities anticipated to be installed in the next five years
- present plans showing sizes of cabinets
- survey the area to be serviced to identify at least three locations on private property that may be appropriate
- contact the owner to determine whether the owner will allow such installation
- attempt to enter into agreement with interested property owners
- attempt to place underground where technologically or economically feasible (at a minimum, demonstrate that it conducted a thorough search for adequate underground technology)
- notify of any special requirements that limit location
- explore reasonable opportunities to collocate
- notify if other surface mounted facilities can be removed as a result of installation of new facilities;

Resolved, that San Francisco Beautiful shall file an appeal to the Certificate of Determination, Exemption from Environmental Review, Case No. 2010.0944E, AT&T “Lightspeed” Network Upgrade and request the Planning Department to begin the process of reviewing the cumulative environmental impact of 726 large metal communication boxes in its neighborhoods, thereby relinquishing the public right of way to the commercial advancement of one private company. Milo Hanke is authorized to file said appeal on behalf of San Francisco Beautiful.



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Certificate of Determination EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Case No.: 2010.0944E
Project Title: AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade
Block/Lot: Multiple Locations
Project Sponsor: Michael Edwards, AT&T California, (415) 644-7043
Staff Contact: Don Lewis, (415) 575-9095, don.lewis@sfgov.org

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

AT&T proposes to upgrade its residential communications network to a high-speed data transmission technology referred to as "Lightspeed," which would enable new services, including internet protocol television. To provide these new services, AT&T would expand its fiber-optic network throughout the City by placing additional fiber through its existing copper conduit currently used for telephone lines. Specifically, AT&T would install up to 726 metal, either tan or light green, 51.7-inches-wide by 26-inches-deep by 48-inches-high communications cabinets in the public right-of-way to house the Lightspeed electronics. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified; however, all new cabinets would be located within 300 feet of an existing AT&T Serving Area Interface (SAI) cabinet, also

(Continued on next page.)

EXEMPT STATUS:

Categorical Exemption, Class 3 [State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d)]

REMARKS:

See reverse side.

DETERMINATION:

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.

BILL WYCKO
Environmental Review Officer

Date

cc: Michael Edwards, Project Contact
M.D.F.
Board of Supervisors
Distribution List

Bulletin Board
Dan McKenna, Department of Public Works
Historic Distribution List

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued):

located within the public right-of-way throughout the City.¹

Each new installation would involve the following work: pairing a Lightspeed cabinet within close proximity to an existing AT&T SAI cabinet (the copper cross-connect box which is already located in the public right-of-way) to make the necessary fiber/copper connections; excavation of up to 48 inches deep would be required for the installation of an approximately 4-foot by 6-foot concrete foundation pad that would support each Lightspeed cabinet; construction of a 3-foot-deep and approximately 10- to 300-foot-long trench run to install conduit from the Lightspeed cabinet to the existing SAI; construction of a 4-foot-deep and approximately 50- to 150-foot-long trench run to connect the new Lightspeed cabinet to an existing power source such as a pole or underground vault; and an additional 3-foot-deep trench may be required if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit to accommodate new fiber placement.

In addition, some of the existing SAI cabinets would be enlarged and "re-skinned" with new wiring and room for additional capacity in their existing locations by up to 18 inches in width, 14 inches in diameter, and 16 inches in height, and some would be removed from utility poles, enlarged by up to 7 inches in width, 8 inches in depth, and 39 inches in height, and placed on the ground. The majority of these cabinets would be deployed over a three-year period. Also, in a few locations, SAIs are clustered such that AT&T may be able to further reduce the number of cabinets to less than 726 if appropriate space is available to accommodate a double capacity cabinet. This double capacity cabinet is 50 inches wide by 56.5 inches deep by 48 inches high. A number of existing cabinets would also be enlarged by approximately 6 inches, by adding a bolt to the end panel on the existing cabinet.

AT&T's proposed Lightspeed cabinets would hold the electronics needed to convert the fiber-optic signal to a broadband signal that can be transmitted over its existing copper distribution network. The Lightspeed cabinets would not contain transmitters or wireless devices, and would not emit radio frequency radiation. The Lightspeed cabinets would be equipped with a cooling fan and a back-up battery that would run for up to eight hours during commercial outages. For prolonged outages in residential neighborhoods, generators that are part of AT&T's service vehicles would be used and would run off the power of the vehicle. Diesel generators are also used but are not the preferred method in residential neighborhoods. Another method of providing back up power is to replace the cabinet batteries to extend the power during repair of the power supply. The electronics in these cabinets require that they be placed above ground as a technical matter, as the electronic equipment must be free from moisture and corrosion.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T would locate the proposed new cabinets such that cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts, and are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within designated historic or conservation districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned," relocated, or

¹ Location maps of the existing SAI cabinets are available for review at the Planning Department, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case No. 2010.0944E

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have a bolt added. The only proposed Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching to install conduit from the proposed cabinet to the existing cabinet, and if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit.

The proposed project is subject to the requirements for excavation permits in Article 2.4 of the Public Works Code and the requirements of Department of Public Works (DPW) Order No. 175,566 concerning placement of surface-mounted facilities (SMF) in the public right-of-way.² DPW reviews each application on an individual basis and evaluates the potential for the proposed facilities to impede travel on public streets, inconvenience property owners, or otherwise disturb the use of the public right-of-way by the public. DPW will ensure that persons affected by the installation have an opportunity to be heard before an impartial hearing officer appointed by the Director of DPW. The hearing officer will summarize the evidence and testimony and will make recommendations to the Director, who will make the final determination. In addition, AT&T will provide notice to all residents within 300 feet of the work 48 hours prior to the commencement of work.

In July 2008, the Planning Department issued a categorical exemption for AT&T's 2007 Lightspeed upgrade proposal (Planning Department Case No. 2007.1350E). The categorical exemption was appealed, and during the appeal hearing before the Board of Supervisors, AT&T withdrew their environmental application.³ To address feedback from the City and the public, AT&T submitted a new project (the current proposal) with the following project changes: (1) reduced the number of new cabinets by 124 (from 850 to 726); (2) integrated the power supply meter into the new cabinets, negating the need for an attached power panel; (3) doubled the needed "pairing" distance from new cabinets to existing cabinets (from 150 feet to 300 feet); and (4) removed all proposed new cabinets that would have been located within the boundaries of designated historic or conservation districts.

REMARKS (continued):

Public Views and Aesthetics

In evaluating whether the Lightspeed cabinets would be exempt from environmental review, the Planning Department determined that they would not result in a significant impact to public views and aesthetics. Visual quality, by nature, is highly subjective and different viewers may have varying opinions as to whether a proposed utility cabinet contributes negatively to the visual landscape of the City and its neighborhoods. The Planning Department's Initial Study Checklist, which is based on Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, indicates that assessments of significant impacts on visual resources should consider whether the project would result in: (1) a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect; (2) a substantial degradation or obstruction of any scenic view or vista now observed from public areas; or (3) generation of obtrusive light or glare substantially impacting other properties. The proposed Lightspeed installations would not result in any of these conditions, as described below.

² Regulations for Issuing Excavation Permits for the Installation of Surface-Mounted Facilities in the Public Right-Of-Way, DPW Order No. 175,566. This document is available for review at the Planning Department, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case No. 2010.0944E.

³ AT&T also withdrew all of their pending permit applications (nearly 350) with DPW.

The project sponsor proposes to deploy up to 726 Lightspeed cabinets in a dispersed manner within public right-of-way. The profile of these cabinets would be visible to passersby and observers from nearby buildings, but may not be noticed by the casual observer. The visual impacts of the cabinets would be confined to the immediate areas in which the cabinets are located. Utility-related facilities in the public right-of-way are common throughout the City's urbanized environment (e.g., traffic control cabinets and other utility cabinets). AT&T's cabinet installations would generally be viewed in the context of the existing urban background, and the incremental visual effect of the proposed cabinets would be minimal. In addition, the proposed cabinets would not generate any obtrusive light or glare. The Planning Department reviewed photos of existing cabinets in various locations and the photographs support the Department's conclusion that the cabinets would have a negligible effect on public views and aesthetics.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, the proposed cabinets would be located in a manner that would not obstruct pedestrian access, would not intrude on pedestrian "clear zones" at street corners, and would not obstruct the view of any traffic sign, way-finding sign or traffic signal.⁴ AT&T's cabinet placement considerations include setback distances from corners, fire hydrants, transit shelters, kiosks, certified street artist designated areas, and public art work under the jurisdiction of the Arts Commission, except for art on kiosks. If necessary, AT&T would conduct site visits with neighborhood groups to consider location options. Landscaping and screening are also available options for consideration in placing new cabinets. The proposed Lightspeed cabinets would have a graffiti resistant finish and would display a sticker with a toll-free number so that AT&T could proactively remove graffiti. If required for safety, bollards would also be installed.

In reviewing aesthetics under CEQA generally, consideration of the existing context in which a project is proposed is required and evaluation must be based on the impact on the existing environment. That some people may not find the proposed Lightspeed cabinets attractive does not mean that they would create a significant aesthetic environmental impact; they must be judged in the context of the existing conditions. For the proposed Lightspeed project, the context is urban right-of-way that already support similar utility structures dispersed throughout the City. Lightspeed cabinets are thus consistent with the existing, developed environment. The aesthetics of Lightspeed cabinets are similar to other structures in public right-of-way and therefore cannot be deemed an "unusual circumstance." For those same reasons, the "unusual circumstance" exception to the categorical exemptions is not applicable to aesthetic impacts that are similar to existing or potential comparable structures. Lightspeed cabinets would not be unusual and would not create adverse aesthetic impacts on the environment.

For all the above reasons, installation of the proposed equipment cabinets would not result in a significant adverse effect on public views or aesthetics.

⁴ AT&T's Options for Consideration in Placing Lightspeed Cabinets in San Francisco. This document is attached

Historic Resources

In evaluating whether the proposed project would be exempt from environmental review under CEQA, the Planning Department determined that the proposed project would not result in a significant adverse effect to a historic resource as defined by CEQA. As described in the attached Historic Resource Evaluation Response (HRER) Memorandum, the proposed new cabinets would not result in a significant impact to historic resources.⁵ The analysis and conclusions of the HRER are summarized below.

The proposed 726 new cabinets would be located within public right-of-way, and would not be located on individual buildings. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified. While the new cabinets would be installed within 300 feet of an existing SAI cabinet, none of the proposed new cabinets would be within any designated historic or conservation district.

Based on mapped locations of existing SAI cabinets, the following districts currently contain existing SAI cabinets: Kearney/Market/Mason/Sutter Conservation District, South End Historic District, South of Market Extended Preservation District, Alamo Square Historic District, Buena Vista North Historic District (proposed), Liberty Hill Historic District, and the Dogpatch Historic District. None of the existing SAI cabinets located within these designated historic or conservation districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned," relocated, or have a bolt added as part of the proposed project. The only proposed Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching to install conduit from the proposed cabinet to the existing cabinet, and if AT&T needs to replace or repair existing underground telephone conduit.

Although the project sponsor has not precisely identified the locations of the new cabinets, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets would be located in close proximity to buildings and sites that have been individually designated as local, California, or National historic landmarks. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets would be located in close proximity to structures or sites that either have or have not yet been documented, but that may be individually eligible for the California Register.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T would locate the proposed new cabinets such that: (1) cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts, (2) cabinets are screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees) where possible, and (3) cabinets are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings.

Based on the size and the locations of the proposed cabinets, the Department has determined that the project would conform with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historical Properties (Secretary's Standards)* for any cabinet installations proposed within a potential historic district. The proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10. Cabinets proposed in potential historic

⁵ Historic Resource Evaluation Response Memorandum from Tina Tam, Senior Preservation Planner, to Don Lewis, Planner, Major Environmental Analysis, February 8, 2011. This document is attached

districts that include character-defining street furniture would be clearly differentiated from historic street furniture, and would not destroy historic materials or spatial relationships that characterize the districts. The proposed new cabinets may be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic resource. The proposed project calls for the installation of the cabinets in a manner that would allow them to be completely removed without affecting the essential form or integrity of the historic district. The installation of the proposed cabinets would not destroy historic building fabric, and would be reversible. If the equipment is removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the district and its environment would be unimpaired.

As noted above, the Department has considered the potential of the proposed new cabinets to impair the ability of historical resources, including historic buildings and historic districts, to convey their significance. Based on review of AT&T's submitted project information, the Department has determined that cabinets placed in the public right-of-way within potential historic districts would not impair the district's ability to convey its significance, as the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10. It is unlikely that the existence of the proposed cabinets within the public right-of-way would prevent undocumented historic districts or structures from conveying significance.

Pursuant to DPW Order No. 175,566, for any installation(s) on the property of, or adjacent to a designated local, State or National Historic Landmark, in a Local Historic District in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code, in a Conservation Districts designated in Article 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code, in a California Register Historic District, or a National Register Historic District, AT&T will be required to send notice to the Preservation Coordinator of the San Francisco Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission.

As noted above, any new cabinet installations that are located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts, would not significantly impact the character-defining features of the district, nor would the proposed new cabinets negatively impact the integrity of the potential historic districts. The Department's determination is that the impact of the proposed cabinets to the setting of existing and potential historic sites, structures, and districts is not significant, and would not impair the ability of historic resources to convey their significance.

For the reasons described above, the proposed project would not result in a significant impact to historic resources.

Exempt Status

CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303, or Class 3, provides for an exemption from environmental review for construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in Section 15303 are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. CEQA State Guidelines Section 15303(d) specifically applies to utility extensions. The proposed Lightspeed cabinets are smaller and less noticeable than many of the examples of structures given in Section 15303 as being

categorically exempt, such as single-family homes and multi-family dwellings, and are smaller than many structures where the Planning Department issued this same exemption. Thus, the Lightspeed installations are covered by the range of activities properly exempted pursuant to Class 3.

Exceptions to Exemptions/Exclusions from Environmental Review

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 lists exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. The exceptions include that an exemption shall not be used where the project would result in a significant cumulative environmental impact (Section 15300.2(b)), where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances (Section 15300.2(c)), where the project would damage scenic resources within highway officially designated as a state scenic highway (Section 15300.2(d)), where the project would be located on a site listed as a hazardous waste site pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (Section 15300.2(e)), where the project would cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource (Section 15300.2(f)). As described below, there are no conditions associated with the Lightspeed facilities that would suggest the possibility of a significant environmental effect under these exceptions.

No Cumulative Impacts

CEQA State Guidelines Section 15300.2(b) provides that a categorical exemption shall not apply if significant impacts would result over time from successive projects of the same type in the same place. The proposed project involves the installation of up to approximately 726 aboveground cabinets throughout the City. By their minimal nature and widely dispersed locations that do not create significant environmental impacts on historic, archeological, or visual resources, the impacts of the cabinets would not aggregate under CEQA to a degree where the project, by itself, would have cumulative impacts.

There is at least one competing vendor providing a similar service to the proposed project, but that vendor's network has already been established, with the majority of their equipment located outside of the public right-of-way. Since all of these existing and proposed project locations have and would proceed separately at different locations, there would be no foreseeable cumulative impacts due to the proposed project. For the reasons set forth above, this project combined with other ongoing utility and infrastructure work on the public right-of-way would not contribute to cumulative impacts.

Historical Resources

As described above, the Planning Department concluded that the proposed project would not cause a significant impact to a historic resource. Therefore, this issue would not trigger an exception to the use of a categorical exemption.

State Scenic Highways

Categorical exemptions may not be applied to projects that may result in damage to scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. While there are eligible scenic highways in the City, there are no officially designated state highways. Therefore, the project would not impact an officially designated state highway.

Hazardous Waste

All Lightspeed facilities would be placed in public right-of-way within street and sidewalk areas. These locations are not listed as hazardous waste sites by the state pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Unusual Circumstances

The Planning Department did not find any unusual circumstances that would cause the Lightspeed installations to have a significant effect on the environment. These facilities are not unusual compared to similar utilities structures in the public-right-of-way, including other structures also subject to the DPW's Surface-Mounted Guidelines. Therefore, this issue would not trigger an exception to the use of a categorical exemption.

Conclusion

Although the proposed project is not without opposition or controversy, opposition and controversy do not themselves constitute significant environmental impacts, nor do they constitute unusual circumstances that would render use of a categorical exemption inappropriate.

As described above, the proposed project would not have a significant effect on historic resources. Also, there are no cumulative impacts or unusual circumstances surrounding the current proposal that would trigger an exception to the application of an exemption. Therefore, the installations would be categorically exempt under Class 3. For all the above reasons, the proposed project is appropriately exempt from environmental review.

Options for Consideration in Placing Lightspeed Cabinets in San Francisco

Element	Recommended	Available Options		
Type of Cabinet	Reduced sized cabinet with power meter included	Standard cabinet with attached power panel	Larger, double capacity cabinet to combine two cabinets at one location	
Location	Public right-of-way up to 300 feet from SAI	Walk through with neighborhood group to consider location options		
Landscaping if appropriate for site	Replace existing landscaping with new	Street trees within 3 to 5 feet of the cabinets if water available	Planting shrubs adjacent to the cabinets, will extend existing irrigation system	Metal trellis with vines that would screen the street side and top of the cabinet
Screening if appropriate for site	Bollards as required for safety	Decorative bollards	Nearby Community signage	
Graffiti	Graffiti resistant finish and sticker with toll-free number	AT&T crews will proactively remove graffiti	Citizens or City can report graffiti via toll-free number or 3-1-1	
Other cabinet placement considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinets will not obstruct pedestrian access and a minimum of 4 feet of clearance will be maintained. • Cabinets will not intrude on pedestrian "clear zones" at street corners. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet at corners. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 18 inches from the face of the curb. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet from fire hydrants. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 40 inches from any other above ground structure. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 60 feet from an transit shelter and/or kiosk, unless coordinated with the shelter/kiosk. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 5 feet from any certified street artist designated area. • Cabinets will be set back a minimum of 60 feet from any public art work under the jurisdiction of the Arts Commission of San Francisco, except for art on kiosks. • Cabinets will not be placed over any stormdrain or other utility facility. • Cabinets will not obstruct the view of any traffic sign, wayfinding sign or traffic signal. 			



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Historic Resource Evaluation Response

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MEA Planner: Don Lewis
Project Names: AT&T "Lightspeed" Upgrade
Block/Lot: Multiple Locations
Case No.: 2010.0944E
Date of Review: February 8, 2011
Planning Dept. Reviewer: Tina Tam
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PROPOSED PROJECT Demolition Alteration

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project proposes to install up to 726 new metal communications electronics cabinets, alter a number of existing cabinets, and insert new equipment into existing cabinets with no alterations in order to upgrade the AT&T network in order to provide fiber optic technology to San Francisco neighborhoods. The project, as proposed, includes:

- **New Cabinets:** The proposed new cabinets would be located on the ground, within public right-of-way. The new cabinets measure 51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high and are light tan or light green in color. The proposed new cabinets must be placed in close proximity to an existing Service Area Interface (SAI) cabinet in order to make the necessary fiber/copper connection.
- **Existing SAI Cabinets to be Enlarged in their Existing Locations:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets will be enlarged and "re-skinned" in their current locations. The size of the new SAI "shell" would depend on the size of the existing cabinet in each location. The most common sizes for the new shells are 58" wide by 26" deep by 65" high or 58" wide by 18" deep by 65" high. Existing cabinets could increase up to 18" in width, up to 14" in diameter, and up to 16" in height.
- **Existing Cabinets to be Enlarged and Relocated:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets will be removed from utility poles, enlarged, and placed on the sidewalk within public right-of-way. The existing cabinets measure approximately 33" wide by 12" deep, and range from 30" to 57" in high. New, enlarged cabinets would be located on the sidewalk and measure approximately 51.7" wide by 26" deep by 48" high.
- **Existing Cabinets to Remain In-Place with Minor Alterations:** A number of existing cabinets will be enlarged by approximately 6", by adding a bolt to the end panel on the existing cabinet.
- **No Changes to the Existing Cabinets:** A number of the existing SAI cabinets can accommodate the new equipment with no exterior changes.

PRE-EXISTING HISTORIC RATING / SURVEY

AT&T has provided a map that illustrates the location of all existing SAI cabinets (up to 900 in total) within the City and County of San Francisco. The proposed 726 new cabinets will be located in close proximity to the existing SAI cabinets. There are a number of existing SAI cabinets located within designated historic and conservation districts (see below). However, pursuant to AT&T's submitted project proposal, none of the proposed new cabinets would be located within the boundaries of any designated historic or conservation district.

HISTORIC DISTRICT / NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEXT

The proposed new cabinets will be located within public right-of-way, and will not be located on individual buildings. None of the proposed 726 new cabinets would be located within a designated historic or conservation district. The precise locations of the proposed new cabinets have not been identified. While the new cabinets would be installed within 300 feet of an existing SAI cabinet, none of the proposed new cabinets will be within any designated district.

1. **California Register Criteria of Significance:** Note, a building may be an historical resource if it meets any of the California Register criteria listed below. If more information is needed to make such a determination please specify what information is needed. *(This determination for California Register Eligibility is made based on existing data and research provided to the Planning Department by the above named preparer / consultant and other parties. Key pages of report and a photograph of the subject building are attached.)*

- Event: or Yes No Unable to determine
Persons: or Yes No Unable to determine
Architecture: or Yes No Unable to determine
Information Potential: Further investigation recommended.
District or Context: Yes, may contribute to a potential district or significant context

If Yes; Period of significance:

Based on mapped locations of existing SAI cabinets, the following districts currently contain existing SAI cabinets: None of the existing SAI cabinets located within these districts would be enlarged, "re-skinned", relocated, or have a bolt added as part of Lightspeed. The only Lightspeed work in these districts is potential trenching.

- Kearney/Market/Mason/Sutter Conservation District
- South End Historic District
- South of Market Extended Preservation District
- Alamo Square Historic District
- Buena Vista North Historic District (proposed)
- Liberty Hill Historic District
- Dogpatch Historic District

Although the project sponsor have not precisely identified the locations of the new cabinets, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA. It is also possible that a number of the proposed

new cabinets will be located in close proximity to buildings and sites that have been individually designated as local, California, or National historic landmarks. It is also possible that a number of the proposed new cabinets will be located in close proximity to structures or sites that either have or have not yet been documented, but that may be individually eligible for the California Register.

2. **Integrity** is the ability of a property to convey its significance. To be a resource for the purposes of CEQA, a property must not only be shown to be significant under the California Register criteria, but it also must have integrity. To retain historic integrity a property will always possess several, and usually most, of the aspects. The subject property has retained or lacks integrity from the period of significance noted above:

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Although the project sponsor does not propose to install new cabinets within any designated historic or conservation districts, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA.

The Department has considered the potential of the proposed new cabinets to impair the ability of historical resources, including historic buildings and historic districts, to convey their significance. Based on review of AT&T's submitted project information, the Department has determined that cabinets placed in the public right-of-way within potential historic districts will not impair the district's ability to convey its significance, as the proposed project would be consistent with the applicable *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10, as discussed in Section 4 below.

Pursuant to the submitted project proposal, AT&T will locate the proposed new cabinets such that:

- Cabinets are located outside of the boundaries of designated historic and conservation districts.
- Cabinets are screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees) where possible.
- Cabinets are located within the public right-of-way and not on individual buildings.

3. Determination of whether the property is an "historical resource" for purposes of CEQA

No Resource Present (*Go to 6. below*) Historical Resource Present (*Continue to 4.*)

Although the project sponsor does not propose to install new cabinets within any designated historic or conservation districts, it is possible that a number of new cabinets may be located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts for the purposes of CEQA.

4. If the property appears to be an historical resource, whether the proposed project would materially impair the resource (i.e. alter in an adverse manner those physical characteristics which justify the property's inclusion in any registry to which it belongs).

The project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of the resource such that the significance of the resource would be materially impaired. (*Continue to 5 if the project is an alteration.*)

The project is a significant impact as proposed. (*Continue to 5 if the project is an alteration.*)

Based on information submitted by the project sponsor, it appears that AT&T will conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, as applicable, for any cabinet installations proposed within a potential historic district. The Department has determined that the proposed project is consistent with the *Standards*, including but not limited to Standards 9 and 10 of the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for Rehabilitation*.

Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Cabinets proposed in potential historic districts that include character-defining street furniture will be clearly differentiated from historic street furniture, and will not destroy historic materials or spatial relationships that characterize the districts.

Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

The proposed new cabinets may be removed in the future without impairing the essential form and integrity of the historic resource. The proposed project calls for the installation of the cabinets in a manner that will allow them to be completely removed without affecting the essential form or integrity of the historic district. The installation of the proposed cabinets will not destroy historic building fabric, and will be reversible. If the equipment is removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the district and its environment would be unimpaired.

5. Character-defining features of the building to be retained or respected in order to avoid a significant adverse effect by the project, presently or cumulatively, as modifications to the project to reduce or avoid impacts. Please recommend conditions of approval that may be desirable to mitigate the project's adverse effects.

As proposed, the project will ensure compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards and Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties*. The cabinets will not be installed on any individual buildings and where possible, screened by landscaping (shrubs and trees).

6. Whether the proposed project may have an adverse effect on off-site historical resources, such as adjacent historic properties.

Yes No Unable to determine

As noted above, any new cabinet installations that are located within documented and undocumented potential historic districts, will not significantly impact the character-defining features of the district, nor will the proposed new cabinets negatively impact the integrity of the potential historic districts.

Visual quality, by nature, is highly subjective and different viewers may have varying opinions as to whether a proposed wireless facility makes for a negative impact to the setting of the City and its neighborhoods. The Department's determination is that the impact of the proposed equipment to the setting of existing and potential historic sites, structures, and districts is not significant, and would not impair the ability of historic resources to convey their significance.

SENIOR PRESERVATION PLANNER REVIEW

Signature: _____

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Date: _____

2-8-2011

CC:

Linda Avery, *Commission Secretary*, Historic Preservation Commission
Vimaliza Byrd, Historic Resource Impact Review File



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NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST FORM

Appeals to the Board of Supervisors

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This form is to be used by neighborhood organizations to request a fee waiver for CEQA and conditional use appeals to the Board of Supervisors.

Should a fee waiver be sought, an appellant must present this form to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or to Planning Information Counter (PIC) at the ground level of 1660 Mission Street along with relevant supporting materials identified below. Planning staff will review the form and may sign it 'over-the-counter' or may accept the form for further review.

Should a fee waiver be granted, the Planning Department would not deposit the check, which was required to file the appeal with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Department will return the check to the appellant.

TYPE OF APPEAL FOR WHICH FEE WAIVER IS SOUGHT

[Check only one and attach decision document to this form]

- Conditional Use Authorization Appeals to the Board of Supervisors
- Environmental Determination Appeals to the Board of Supervisors (including EIR's, NegDec's, and CatEx's, GREs)

REQUIRED CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OF WAIVER

[All criteria must be satisfied. Please check all that apply and attach supporting materials to this form]

- The appellant is a member of the stated neighborhood organization and is authorized to file the appeal on behalf of that organization. Authorization may take the form of a letter signed by the president or other officer of an organization.
- The appellant is appealing on behalf of a neighborhood organization which is registered with the Planning Department and which appears on the Department's current list of neighborhood organizations.
- The appellant is appealing on behalf of a neighborhood organization, which was in existence at least 24 months prior to the submittal of the fee waiver request. Existence may be established by evidence including that relating to the organization's activities at that time such as meeting minutes, resolutions, publications, and rosters.
- The appellant is appealing on behalf of a neighborhood organization, which is affected by the project, which is the subject of the appeal.

APPELLANT & PROJECT INFORMATION [to be completed by applicant]	
Name of Applicant: <i>Milo Hanke</i>	Address of Project: <i>Citywide</i>
Neighborhood Organization: <i>SPB and PAR*</i>	Planning Case No: <i>2010.0944E</i>
Applicant's Address: <i>100 BUSH ST, SUITE 1580</i>	Building Permit No:
Applicant's Daytime Phone No: <i>781-6300</i>	Date of Decision: <i>Feb 22nd, 2011</i>
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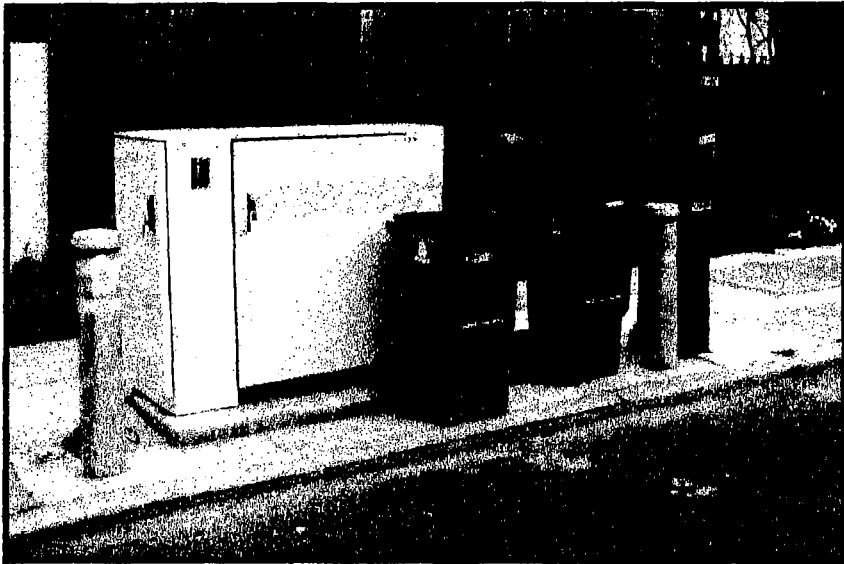
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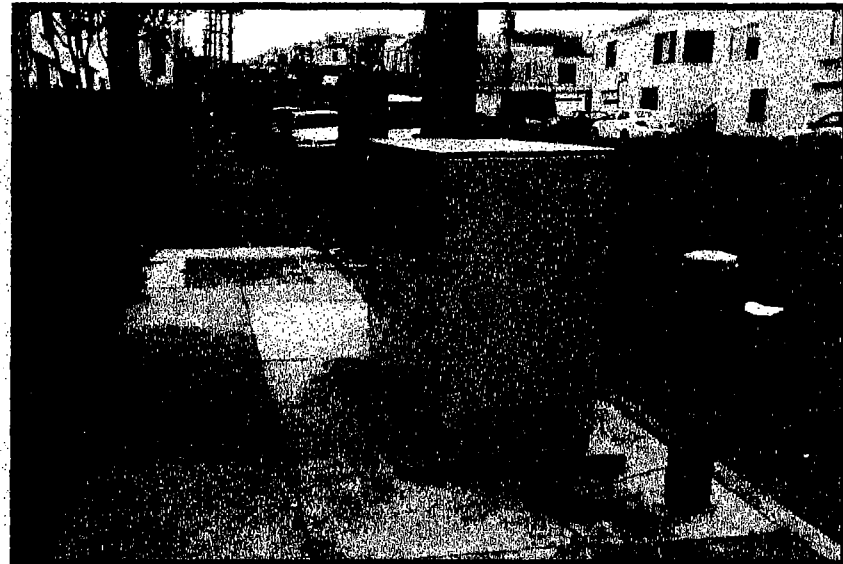
Bringing Fiber to the Neighborhoods: Sunset District

VRAD Cabinets in the Urban Environment



VRAD cabinets will be placed in existing public rights-of-way and utility easements. The VRAD cabinets have a factory-installed graffiti resistant coating and are available in 2 colors, beige and light green

VRAD Cabinet Side View



VRAD cabinets are placed to facilitate access by technicians, as well as to ensure compliance with sidewalk accessibility and visibility requirements.

Subj: **PAR Support, Appeal of Categorical Exemption for AT&T/s "Lightspeed" Network**
Date: 3/8/2011 12:47:55 P.M. Pacific Standard Time
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Dear Mr. Hanke:

Last night, the Board of Directors of the Planning Association for the Richmond (PAR) unanimously reaffirmed its prior policy of opposing the "categorical exemption from environmental review" that was issued by the Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) Unit of the San Francisco Planning Department on February 22nd of this year.

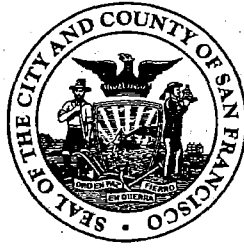
Please let me know what the next steps are and what additional support, if any, you will need from PAR.

Thanks.

Ray

Raymond Holland, President
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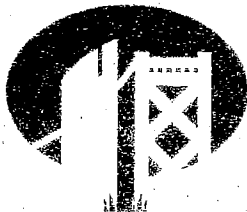
Received from the Clerk's Office, Board of Supervisors, the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), representing filing fee for **AT&T "Lightspeed" Network Upgrade Project Appeal**, paid by **Milo Hanke** on behalf of **San Francisco Beautiful and Planning Association of the Richmond**.

Planning Department

By:

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April 18, 2011

Angela Calvillo
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Dear San Francisco Supervisors:

The Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association fully supports San Francisco Beautiful's and the Planning Association for the Richmond's appeal of the Planning Department's Exemption from Environmental Review (2010.0944E) issued February 22, 2011 regarding above ground AT&T utility boxes.

Safe pedestrian passages should not be further impeded for the commercial benefit of AT&T or other corporations without a complete, in-depth Environmental Impact Report first being conducted. Please affirm the Appeal and require that a full EIR be completed for AT&T's utility boxes.

Sincerely,

Jamie Whitaker
President

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File II0344: IP-TV

Board of Supervisors to: Carmen Chu, David Campos, David Chiu,
Eric L Mar, John Avalos, Ross Mirkarimi,
Sean Elsbernd, Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener,

04/13/2011 11:13 AM

From: Calvin Chan <cal-vic@att.net>
To: Scott.Wiener@sfgov.org
Cc: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org
Date: 04/12/2011 06:16 PM
Subject: IP-TV

Scott,

I understand that unfortunately our progress in getting IP-TV in SF did not get resolved with City of San Francisco Planning Department. The Board of Supervisors will vote on whether or not to allow AT&T to invest in their infrastructure in San Francisco. I urge you to support the build and deny the appeal. IP-TV services are already available in more than 260 other California cities and counties. Please allow the city to move forward.

AT&T is willing to invest capital to give SF the most advanced technology, we don't need roadblocks. Please allow SF to get these improvements that San Jose and Oakland already have.

I know from family & friends that have the IP-TV service is far superior to what we now have available in the city. Additionally, when roll out starts jobs are created! The Board of Supervisors should do what they can to ensure companies

bring investments and upgrades to our city.

Calvin Vassallo Chan



Thomas G. Miller

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Re: A. T. & T. Broadband Network

As you know, AT&T is working to bring a new and improved broadband network to San Francisco. I had previously sent an e-mail to ask for your support to allow AT&T to continue their efforts. Their new network will offer a new choice for internet and video options that I hope to be able to take advantage of.

I write again to ask that you please vote on April 26th and allow AT&T to continue their upgrades as proposed. I thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Miller

C: Angela Calvillo,

City Clerk, Board of Supervisors

E-mail: tomgmiller@att.net



DOLORES HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT CLUB

April 13, 2011

To: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

From: Dolores Heights Improvement Club Board

The Dolores Heights Improvement Club Board has voted to ask the Board of Supervisors to deny the Categorical Exemption issued by the Planning Department, and rather to support the appeal filed by the Planning Association for the Richmond and by San Francisco Beautiful, requesting an EIR.

Supporting the appeal would mean that an Environmental Impact Report would be required for the AT&T plan to install 726 equipment cabinets on San Francisco sidewalks. The need for an EIR seems straightforward.

The possible solutions of undergrounding the equipment or paying to place it on private property seem like options that should be entertained. There clearly will be an environmental impact on San Francisco from placing these large boxes on our sidewalks. In our neighborhood we have had a problem with graffiti on equipment cabinets and they do obstruct the pedestrian spaces.

Respectfully,

Dolores Heights Improvement Club Board

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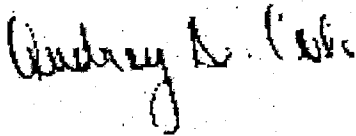
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association requests that the Board of Supervisors deny the Categorical Exemption issued by the Planning Department and sustain the Appeal filed by San Francisco Beautiful and Planning Association for the Richmond, and thereby require that an Environmental Impact Report be prepared for the plan by AT&T to install 726 equipment cabinets on San Francisco sidewalks.

Thank you,




Audrey Cole
President



EIR request for AT&T cabinets
Audrey Cole to: jonathan, Board.of.supervisors
Cc: Malia Cohen

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Sent by: Peggy Nevin

The Clerk's Office received the following 25 emails related to File 110344. A copy will be included in the file and cpage.

April 26th Appeal - Vote NO and lets get on with it

Thomas Master to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 11:31 AM

Ms. Calvillo,

I heard that you'll be hearing an appeal on AT&T's application to upgrade its network to bring state-of-the-art technology to San Francisco. I think San Francisco could use some healthy competition in the video market and I'd love to see what an IP network could do. So please oppose the appeal and let AT&T move forward with its plans to build out its next-gen networks.

Sincerely,

Thomas Master
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AT&T needs to continue with needed upgrades

Peter Loh to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 11:35 AM

Ms. Calvillo,

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Our everyday life depends on the technology infrastructure that surrounds us - the ability to talk to others, send information and watch important current events. San Francisco is known for its high tech image and savvy residents. To keep that image we must encourage a competitive choice to cable in San Francisco that will bring high speed internet, IP-TV service and advanced digital phone service.

On April 26th, you will have the opportunity to submit your vote and make technology infrastructure a priority here

in San Francisco!

Sincerely,

Peter Loh
1407 Oak St
San Francisco, CA 94117

Good news

Ryan Gelow to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 11:43 AM

Ms. Calvillo,

There's not that much good news out there these days so I was pleased to learn that AT&T is finally going to be able to start work on upgrading their phone network. And they're going to adhere to the City's environmental standards. That makes me feel better as well.

I'm all for bandwidth and it seems like we gobble up as much as there is available. If you can improve the service we get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

I have been waiting for AT&T to get implemented in my neighborhood for a long while now. I had Uverse down in LA and it was my preferred cable experience. It would be so refreshing to have it available in my area.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Ryan Gelow
1390 Pine St Apt 102
San Francisco, CA 94109

Please vote to deny the appeal

Roger Micone to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 11:46 AM

Ms. Calvillo,

I am encouraged by the possibility that AT&T Uverse might soon be available in my neighborhood. With only a few choices for video and Internet services, I'm always glad to see more providers enter the market.

With more choices, consumers benefit from competition. As providers work to bring more channels, and applications to San Franciscans, we will all be able to see the latest technological advances in these services.

I want San Francisco to enjoy choice, innovation and competition, and I encourage our leaders give AT&T the opportunity to upgrade its fiber infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Roger Micone
407 42nd Ave
San Francisco, CA 94121

April 26th Appeal - Vote NO and lets get on with it

Patrick Mullikin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 12:17 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

I heard that you'll be hearing an appeal on AT&T's application to upgrade its network to bring state-of-the-art technology to San Francisco. I think San Francisco could use some healthy competition in the video market and I'd love to see what an IP network could do. So please oppose the appeal and let AT&T move forward with its plans to build out its next-gen networks.

It would be great to understand why the board of supervisors would not support this. Please explain?

Sincerely,

Patrick Mullikin and Gail Campbell Mullikin
20 Nobles Aly
San Francisco, CA 94133

Bring better service to San Francisco

Joaquin Haskell to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 02:17 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

As San Francisco residents we rightfully pride ourselves on being technology-savvy - and we're often among the first in the country to welcome new technologies available in the marketplace. We need to continue this image and encourage today and tomorrow's technology.

I am writing today to ask you to support AT&T's plan to bring an IP-network in San Francisco. On April 26th, please vote to help bring new technologies to San Francisco.

Sincerely,

Joaquin Haskell
251 Dorantes Ave

San Francisco, CA 94116

AT&T needs to continue with needed upgrades

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zmuda to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 02:24 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

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Sincerely,

Joseph Zmuda
833 Joost Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

Enhancing Communications Services in San Francisco

Danny Udom to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 02:57 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

San Francisco is a city that values personal freedoms, and that should include a resident's right to choose a video provider. Many of your constituents just want a choice, an alternative to cable. We want faster broadband and the benefits of the latest technology. I am writing to ask you to allow AT&T to bring a viable alternative to cable to San Francisco. Please oppose the appeal when it comes to a vote on April 26th.

Sincerely,

Danny Udom
331 Stoneridge Ln
San Francisco, CA 94134

Vote to allow new technology in San Francisco

Susan Sumaylo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 03:00 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

On April 26th, the Board of Supervisors will be hearing an appeal challenging AT&T's petition to upgrade its network. I am writing to encourage you to allow these upgrades to continue. Not only will they allow for a faster and better network, but they will also give San Francisco citizens a viable option for their internet and cable needs.

On April 26th, let the city's citizens be the ones to choose, and vote to allow AT&T to update its network.

Sincerely,

Susan Sumaylo
1754 47th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

We need competition for Comcast (AT&T boxes--support w/ conditions)

Barbara Bagot-Lopez to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 03:06 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

On April 26th, the Board will be voting on whether or not to allow AT&T to continue working to upgrade its network. I think these new upgrades have a lot to offer consumers, and I hope the Board will consider what having this new technology and new competition could mean to investment and innovation in San Francisco's video and internet markets.

HOWEVER-- AT&T should work with neighborhoods to design attractive boxes --partnering with local schools and arts groups to paint/decorate them would be great; e.g. -Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center in Bernal/Mission!

Please vote in favor of competition for Comcast--I am so tired of their monopoly.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bagot-Lopez, Bernal Heights
1591 Treat Ave
San Francisco, CA 94110

Technology infrastructure is vital -

Rico Nappa to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 03:08 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

I just wanted to send you this quick note to thank you for any role you've played in bringing San Francisco an updated technology infrastructure. I'm glad the city planning folks did its analysis so we can all feel good about the overall goals of the city and how new technology access plays a role in most everyone's life. Let's face it, fast access to the Internet is vital to our local economy just like it's vital to a student doing research on a topic for a report or test. Let's keep SF linked in to the rest of the world and on a smart technology path for today and tomorrow. It's as important as ever in today's economy and competitive marketplace.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rico Nappa
734 2nd Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

I support improving communications services in San Francisco

Arthur Wehl to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 03:11 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

AT&T's plan to upgrade their fiber infrastructure is a major step in the right direction for communication services in San Francisco. This investment would bring faster broadband speeds and advanced television services to our area.

More choice, means more possibilities for our community to connect. This is an exciting opportunity, but we need your support. Please deny the appeal and vote in favor of AT&T's network upgrades on April 26.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Sincerely,

Arthur Wehl
355 Buena Vista Ave E # 204W
San Francisco, CA 94117

Vote to welcome new technologies

Gabriele Etlinger-Browne to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 03:52 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Please allow AT&T to continue their upgrades. I think having their upgraded network could be a positive addition to San Francisco. I thank you in advance for your vote in favor of AT&T!

The board of Supervisors will be voting in the upcoming weeks on whether AT&T can continue investing in fiber infrastructure. I believe voting in favor of this technology, and AT&T, is a giant step forward for San Francisco, and could be a very beneficial option for consumers.

I encourage the board to vote in favor of these changes and vote in favor of AT&T on April 26th.

Sincerely,

Gabriele Etlinger-Browne
1030 Bush St Apt 4
San Francisco, CA 94109

Bring better service to San Francisco

carla bruckner to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 04:00 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Up for consideration before the Board of Supervisors is whether or not to allow AT&T to invest in their networks here in San Francisco.

AT&T should be encouraged to invest freely in their networks. Doing so will bring the most advanced technological offerings to our city, such as faster broadband speeds and AT&T's U-verse TV service.

San Franciscans deserve the best possible communications services. The Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to bring better service to our city, and I urge them to support this network upgrade.

Sincerely,

carla bruckner
156 Arbor St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Choices mean a better experience for consumers in San Francisco

John Lee to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 04:00 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Soon, the Board of Supervisors will have the opportunity to allow AT&T to upgrade their networks here in San Francisco. It behooves the board to allow AT&T to invest as much money as they can into our city.

As one of the most technologically advanced cities in the nation, we should have the most advanced technological infrastructure possible. Allowing AT&T to invest freely in our city will bring higher quality service, benefitting all of our citizens.

What am I missing? This is a no brainer. Competition is Good .. don't let the cable companies monopolize and screw us.

Sincerely,

John Lee
2167 Funston Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

Deny the Appeal - Please!

Ed Bobo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 04:54 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Voting to allow AT&T to upgrade their networks is good for San Francisco. It will improve the quality of life for San Franciscans while solidifying our position as a technologically savvy community.

I am excited about AT&T's plans to upgrade their network in San Francisco. This improvement will bring faster speeds, more choice and innovative technologies to our area. Imagine even more options to select your Internet and video provider and a competitive marketplace that offers the latest technologies is what this city needs.

I hope that you will join me in support of AT&T's investment throughout San Francisco. With these new additions, we can expect benefits for several years to come.

Sincerely,

Ed Bobo
832 Duncan St
San Francisco, CA 94131

All San Franciscans deserve better broadband

Richard Jones to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 04:57 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Later this month, everyone will finally have the opportunity to declare to San Francisco they want the kind of broadband technology that they deserve. I urge you to deny the appeal and allow AT&T to upgrade their fiber infrastructure so that we can all enjoy the benefits of U-verse.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Richard Jones
832 Duncan St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Thanks

Christopher Jennings to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:02 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

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Sincerely,

Chris Jennings
165 Duboce Ave Apt 204
San Francisco, CA 94103

Please vote to deny the appeal of ATT's application

Keith Kojimoto to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:02 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

I was very pleased to learn that AT&T will be able to begin the process to upgrade its phone network to fiberoptic cables in SF. This is a service AT&T already provides to 260 other communities in California alone. It's difficult to seriously consider SF as a leader in adopting new technologies.

I'm very pleased that SF is taking the steps necessary to allow AT&T to bring SF's antiquated phone system into the 21st century. A new IP network based on fiberoptic cabling will be able to deliver the bandwidth the entire

community requires to use the technology available to improve our daily lives and hopefully the ability of our local government to serve its residents.

I've read AT&T's plans as they're described online and feel that the process they describe allows plenty of neighborhood input on where the necessary boxes are installed.

SF need choices and competition between our supplies and vendors. I count on you and the rest of the Supervisors to continue to support the Planning Dept who has already reviewed ATT's application and I strongly urge you to deny the appeal.

I look forward to the new services AT&T will be able to provide if it is ever able to implement their plans. SF could proudly retain its reputation as a progressive city with visionary leadership.

Sincerely,

Keith Kojimoto
1816 9th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

Bring us new technology

Kevin Sheppard to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:13 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

It just seems logical that as a representative of the city, you'll do what you can to bring vital technology infrastructure to those of us who are anxious to receive it. Can I count on you to make it so?

Thank you

Sincerely,

Kevin Sheppard
1716 Revere Ave
San Francisco, CA 94124

Please bring At&tt Uverse to San Francisco

matt mayotte to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:17 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

Please consider bringing At&tt Uverse to San Francisco. As a resident, I need an affordable option with quality products. I most excited about the quality of internet that fiber optics offer me and my home based business here in

San Francisco. Right now my options are mediocre and expensive. Also, as a motion picture director/producer, Uverse offers superior image and audio quality over comcast for a lot less money. Me and money others here in San Francisco deserve better and will do whatever it takes to make that happen!

Sincerely,

matt mayotte
1684 Washington St
San Francisco, CA 94109

The future - please support it.

Allen Lee to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:27 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

As a San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too.

One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing.

Sincerely,

Allen Lee
50 Rockaway Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

One cable company is like only having one bridge

Thomas Snead to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:38 PM

Ms. Calvillo,

We have 2 bridges in and out of SF, sure seems like we ought to have at least two choices for video TV/high speed Internet access. But we don't. And I think we should.

I understand that the city just went through the process of reviewing AT&T's plan to bring faster Internet access and video TV to SF. I'm glad the city makes big companies go through that kind of review. And I'm also glad that the city wants to try to encourage some new jobs and investment money coming in - we could sure use both.


In my neighborhood (Lakehore Park) we only have one choice for true broadband internet access and that is Comcast Cable. DSL in my neighborhood is limited to 256L upload / 512K download because of the distance to the AT&T switch and the fact that it is over copper wire. I think a 'wired' city like San Francisco should have more than one high speed broadband provider in all neighborhoods.

Seems like a good thing all around. I hope you'll support this going forward.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Thomas D Snead
159 Forest View Dr
San Francisco, CA 94132

 **Enhancing Communications Services in San Francisco**

1 Jeordan Legon to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:46 PM

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Jeordan Legon
311 Mangels Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

 **All San Franciscans deserve better broadband**

George Ferris to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

04/11/2011 05:48 PM

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Sincerely,

George Ferris
1130 Larkin St Apt 34
San Francisco, CA 94109



File 110344: Bring it on!

Angela Calvillo to: Carmen Chu, David Campos, David Chiu, Eric L.
Mar, John Avalos, Ross Mirkarimi, Sean Elsbernd,
Malia Cohen, Scott Wiener, Jane Kim, Mark
Sent by: Peggy Nevin

04/11/2011 06:15 PM

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Edmund Chiu to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

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Edmund Chiu
351 Lakeshore Dr
San Francisco, CA 94132



File H0344 emails
Angela Calvillo to: Andrea Ausberry
Sent by: Peggy Nevin

04/11/2011 06:28 PM

A letter from a constituent

Ed Bobo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a constituent of yours, I think it's important to weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance everything in my hectic life. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network.

Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Ed Bobo
832 Duncan St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Thanks

Susan Sumaylo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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1754 47th Ave
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Let's not fall behind

Rudy Reyes to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rudy Reyes
1407 Kansas St
San Francisco, CA 94107

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It is about time we have another option.

Sincerely,

encarnacion matta, jr
2314 26th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Pamela Bocci to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

One thing that seems to have fallen by the wayside is companies that actually can and want to invest in California and specifically in San Francisco. When a company comes along and wants to invest, please don't let them slip away. We have a phone network that is ready for a turbo boost. In other places that aren't even nearly as big or on the ball as SF, their phone company can also do cool things like deliver Internet TV through the phone line.

That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pamela Bocci
1249 16th Ave Apt 5
San Francisco, CA 94122

Bring us new technology

Scott Chandler to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you

Sincerely,

Scott Chandler
1611 Clay St Apt 7
San Francisco, CA 94109

Progress?

Michael Fury to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM


Ms. Cavillo

Progress? So my fingers are crossed that San Francisco actually welcomes and encourages companies like AT&T to invest, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here. Sounds like just about every city surrounding us already has IPTV. That's very odd since San Franciscans always want the latest/greatest gadgetry.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Fury
1123 Greenwich St
San Francisco, CA 94109

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Abigail De Kosnik to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Abigail De Kosnik
129 Fair Oaks St Apt 6
San Francisco, CA 94110

 **Supporting better Internet connectivity**

Michael Alderete to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Michael Alderete
569 Haight St
San Francisco, CA 94117

The future - please support it.

Calvin Chan to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a native San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too. It has been too long that SF residents have not been offered a choice that many across the country already have.

One of the joys of living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing. I know my co-workers who live in the suburbs have options that us city folks don't. Please help change that situation.

Sincerely,

Calvin Chan
85 Ora Way Unit E204
San Francisco, CA 94131

A letter from a constituent

Brenda Jones to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Brenda Jones
20 Redondo St
San Francisco, CA 94124

Competition soon?

Julie Lozano to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Julie G. Lozano
1830 43rd Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

Let's not fall behind

Kieran Lal to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kieran Lal
601 Minnesota St
San Francisco, CA 94107

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Richard May to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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2616 14th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

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554 Monterey Blvd Apt 2
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1277 15th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

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Sincerely,

John Floria III
1515 Greenwich St Apt 24
San Francisco, CA 94123

The future - please support it.

James Hawkins to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

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240 Kenwood Way
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ryan F Ulsh
125 Cambon Dr Apt 7M
San Francisco, CA 94132

Competition soon?

Spencer Thomas to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Spencer S. Thomas
1585 Turk St
San Francisco, CA 94115

Bring it on!

George Schroeder to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Bring it on! We've been waiting.

Sincerely,

George Schroeder
1179 Pine St Apt 5
San Francisco, CA 94109

One cable company is like only having one bridge

Vernon Bell to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Seems like a good thing all around. I hope you'll support this going forward.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Vernon Bell
275 Turk St Apt 207
San Francisco, CA 94102

 Bring it on!

mark chan to: Ms. Angela Calvillo


02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Sometimes the politics in this City hinder progress. I'm glad you listened to the residents and have allowed ATT to begin the process to bring true high speed broadband to San Francisco.

Sincerely,

mark chan
71 Lupine Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

 High tech service for SF

James Talley to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

When I stop and think about the America's Cup coming to SF, I worry that everything will come crashing down. I support our broadband access to the rest of the world along with cell phone service that works well. Please do what

you can keep encouraging private firms to fork over the investment money it takes to deliver high tech services that SF should be famous for. Also, I'm tired of the monopoly of Comcast and their high prices for internet and phone service. I would prefer a market of different vendors to offer me, the consumer, better prices and choices here in SF

Thanks

Sincerely,

James Talley
2139 O'Farrell St Unit 305
San Francisco, CA 94115

Technology infrastructure is vital

Thanh Nguyen to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thanh Nguyen
3030 Turk Blvd Apt 7
San Francisco, CA 94118

Progress?

Brad Azevedo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Progress? So my fingers are crossed that San Francisco actually welcomes and encourages companies like AT&T to invest, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here. Sounds like just about every city surrounding us already has IPTV. That's very odd since San Franciscans always want the latest/greatest gadgetry.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Brad Azevedo
160 Linda St # A
San Francisco, CA 94110

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Lloyd Indig to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Lloyd Indig
701 Minnesota St
San Francisco, CA 94107

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Mr. & Mrs. Charles McNiel to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I support authorizing AT&T to take the necessary action to provide additional access and competition for TV programs in the City. Your continued support is greatly appreciated
One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

Sincerely,

Charles & Carolyn McNiel
1042 Sanchez St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Bring it on!

Charles Colgate to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Word has it that the San Francisco Planning Department has completed its review so that AT&T is one step closer to being able to go head to head with Comcast for video TV. This is good news.

Bring it on! We've been waiting. Although not too patiently for a level playing field in advanced TV service. This will provide us with the opportunity to choose and for the service provider to compete for our business.

Sincerely,

Charles Colgate
389 Gaven St
San Francisco, CA 94134

Competition soon?

Tim Mayer to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Tim Mayer
1477 Sanchez St
San Francisco, CA 94131

Competition soon?

George Ferris to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM


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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

George Ferris
1130 Larkin St Apt 34
San Francisco, CA 94109

 Technology infrastructure is vital

Thomas Master to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM


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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Master
1026 Shotwell St
San Francisco, CA 94110

 Let's not fall behind technologically

Thomas Miller to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I feel like San Francisco may be falling behind when it comes to technology infrastructure. I know that most every other city in the Bay Area has a new broadband network that the phone company is building. I believe that

competition is good when it comes to Network and Television delivery. Hardly a day goes by that I don't need to access the Internet for one thing or another. Kids need to access the Internet for school projects and reports. The faster the better as far as I'm concerned and a choice of who I pay to deliver it seems fundamental. I hope you agree, and will support AT&T's efforts to build up our City's Network infrastructure.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Miller
266 21st Ave Apt 304
San Francisco, CA 94121

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Jeffrey Herrscher to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

One thing that seems to have fallen by the wayside is companies that actually can and want to invest in California and specifically in San Francisco. When a company comes along and wants to invest, please don't let them slip away. We have a phone network that is ready for a turbo boost. In other places that aren't even nearly as big or on the ball as SF, their phone company can also do cool things like deliver Internet TV through the phone line.

That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

jeff herrscher
737 Bush St Unit B1
San Francisco, CA 94108

One step closer?

Alan Villareal to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I understand that we're one major step closer to finally having what most other California cities already have - an alternative to the cable company for high speed Internet and TV. Finally! I feel like San Francisco is behind the curve on something as logical as a little healthy competition.

Sincerely,

Alan Villareal
21 Guerrero St
San Francisco, CA 94103

The future - please support it.

Jon Cain to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too.

One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing.

Sincerely,

Jon Cain
1506 24th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

Competition soon?

Joan Moore to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

We have been waiting patiently for real competition for Comcast. Maybe ATT will be no better, but it can't be worse. Also, ATT has a unionized workforce...that has to be better than Comcast. Please speed this along...we have waited long enough to have a choice in cable providers.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Moore
215 Justin Dr
San Francisco, CA 94112

A letter from a constituent

Kevin Arceo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a constituent of yours, I think it's important to weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance everything in my hectic life. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network.

Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Kevin Arceo
455 7th Ave Apt 5
San Francisco, CA 94118

Competition soon?

Robert Gaskins to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Robert Gaskins
2443 Fillmore St
San Francisco, CA 94115

One cable company is like only having one bridge

Hoc Nguyen to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Seems like a good thing all around. I hope you'll support this going forward.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Hoc Nguyen
750 La Playa St
San Francisco, CA 94121

A letter from a constituent

Gerald Melquist to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I hope you give your support to the ATT effort "to upgrade their phone network". There definitely needs to be more alternatives for the services that we need.

Thanks for your support

Sincerely,

Gerald T Melquist
22 Terra Vista Ave # G-16
San Francisco, CA 94115

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Steven Callow to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Callow
2838 Union St
San Francisco, CA 94123

 **Bring it on!**

Donato Cabrera to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM


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Sincerely,

Donato Cabrera
77 Seaman Ave Apt 3D
New York, NY 10034

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Mark Manz to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Mark A Manz
125 Cambon Dr Apt 7M
San Francisco, CA 94132

Technology infrastructure is vital

Christine Wilson to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christine Wilson
2409 Fillmore St
San Francisco, CA 94115

Thanks

Jeff Schwartz to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Thanks for any role you played in reviewing AT&T's request to build its Uverse network here in San Francisco and comply with City plans. I'm aware of the service and think it's pretty amazing what can now be done through a phone line that is already in place. Anyway, it's time SF had someone other than cable that offers TV and Internet access. I like the idea of having a choice for home entertainment and Internet access. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Jeff Schwartz
1755 28th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Edmund Chiu to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edmund Chiu
351 Lakeshore Dr
San Francisco, CA 94132

Please bring high speed access

Chandran Shanmugam to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I was pleased to learn that AT&T is finally going to be able to start work on upgrading their phone network while adhering to the City's environmental standards. That makes me feel better as well.

I'm all for bandwidth given that video services are streaming more often nowadays. If you can improve the service we get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Chandran Shanmugam, MD
125 Topaz Way
San Francisco, CA 94131

Bring us new technology

Santthosh Selvadurai to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

It just seems logical that as a representative of the city, you'll do what you can to bring vital technology infrastructure to those of us who are anxious to receive it. Can I count on you to make it so?

Thank you

Sincerely,

Santthosh Selvadurai
855 Burnett Ave Apt 5
San Francisco, CA 94131

Broadband access for SF residents

Tom McIntyre to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Please approve the ATT fiber optic infrastructure. It is important to extend broadband access to as many San Franciscans as possible. Competition and a backup system are both good things and each alone offers sufficient reason to support this improvement.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Support Camp Mather
285 States St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Technology infrastructure is vital

Jared Cluff to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jared Cluff & Rudy Guadron
3861 19th St
San Francisco, CA 94114

 Good news

Robert Daubin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo


There's not that much good news out there these days so I was pleased to learn that AT&T is finally going to be able to start work on upgrading their phone network. And they're going to adhere to the City's environmental standards. That makes me feel better as well.

I'm all for bandwidth and it seems like we gobble up as much as there is available. If you can improve the service we get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Rob Daubin
1180 Filbert St Apt 404
San Francisco, CA 94109

 Bring it on!

Prabha Milstein to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Prabha Milstein
791 Myra Way
San Francisco, CA 94127

One step closer?

Enrique Terrazas to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Sincerely,

Enrique Terrazas
3121 20th St Apt 1
San Francisco, CA 94110

Please encourage AT&T company's upgrade so I can drop COMCAST

Chris Fry to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher Elliott Fry
655 5th St Apt 4
San Francisco, CA 94107

SF Deserves a 2011 technology infrastructure upgrade - please let it come off hold

Lynn Bunim to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lynn B. Bunim
2017 Lyon St
San Francisco, CA 94115

The future - please support it.

Duke Hoffman to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too.

One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing.

Let's not allow our wonderful city to fall behind when it comes to technology. I'm all ready to sign up for this new service. I can't wait until it's available.

Sincerely,

Duke C Hoffman
1800 Bryant St Ste 214
San Francisco, CA 94110

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Patrick Marquis to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

In these tough economic times why is the city of San Francisco denying it's citizens higher quality telecommunications options? Get it together San Francisco, no wonder the city is in such bad shape.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Marquis
2 Terra Vista Ave
San Francisco, CA 94115

Let's not fall behind

William Holevoet to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

William
719 10th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94118

Technology infrastructure is vital

james duval to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

james duval
534 Hyde St Apt 7
San Francisco, CA 94109

Let's not fall behind

Willem Burgmans to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Willem Burgmans
661 Ashbury St
San Francisco, CA 94117

A letter from a constituent

Michael Hagerty to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a constituent of yours, I think it's important to weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance everything in my hectic life. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network.

Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Mike Hagerty
2037 Castro St Apt 2
San Francisco, CA 94131

Please support competition and improvement

Douglas Frantz to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

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One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. Currently the city only allows Comcast which has raised prices and delivered nothing new or decent since. It would be refreshing to make them earn their money instead of having it given on a silver platter.

Sincerely,

Douglas Frantz
43 Santa Ynez Ave
San Francisco, CA 94112

Support AT&T plans to install fiberoptic networks in SF

Keith Kojimoto to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I was very pleased to learn that AT&T will be able to begin the process to upgrade its phone network to fiberoptic

cables in SF. This is a service AT&T already provides to 260 other communities in California alone. It's difficult to view SF as a leader in adopting new technology and I'd argue that SF as a whole is slow to adapt and to change to new trends as a whole.

I've read AT&T's plans as they're described online and feel that the process they describe allows plenty of neighborhood input on where the necessary boxes are installed.

I'm very pleased that SF is taking the steps necessary to allow AT&T to bring SF's antiquated phone system into the 21st century. A new IP network based on fiberoptic cabling will be able to deliver the bandwidth the entire community requires to use the technology available to improve our daily lives and hopefully the ability of our local government to serve its residents.

SF could proudly retain its reputation as a progressive city with visionary leadership. I count on you to continue to support the Planning Dept and look forward to the new services AT&T will be able to provide once the review process is completed.

Sincerely,

Keith Kojimoto
1816 9th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Scott Hanks to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

One thing that seems to have fallen by the wayside is companies that actually can and want to invest in California and specifically in San Francisco. When a company comes along and wants to invest, please don't let them slip away. We have a phone network that is ready for a turbo boost. In other places that aren't even nearly as big or on the ball as SF, their phone company can also do cool things like deliver Internet TV through the phone line.

That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scott Hanks
460 Ellis St Apt 58
San Francisco, CA 94102

Good news

Allen Lee to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

There's not that much good news out there these days so I was pleased to learn that AT&T is finally going to be able to start work on upgrading their phone network. And they're going to adhere to the City's environmental standards. That makes me feel better as well.

I'm all for bandwidth and it seems like we gobble up as much as there is available. If you can improve the service we get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Allen Lee
50 Rockaway Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127

A letter from a constituent

Ian Micklewright to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

As a constituent of yours, I think it's important to weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance everything in my hectic life. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network.

Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Ian Micklewright
301 Hugo St Apt 3
San Francisco, CA 94122

Technology infrastructure is good for tourism and that's good for all of us

Doug Kzer to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

Just like San Francisco needs drinkable water, a sewage system that does what its supposed to, public transportation that is reliable and bridges that can accommodate people coming in and out of the city, so too do we need reliable technology infrastructure. One could argue that technology infrastructure is every bit as vital of all these. These days the ability to talk to others, send information, watch important current events, study the past and predict tomorrow is all linked by technology infrastructure. San Francisco prides itself on its high tech image and savvy residents. Please be sure to represent us well in encouraging today and tomorrow's technology finds San Francisco at the top of the list vs. the bottom. It's too important not to.

If nothing else, considering the fact that San Francisco is the one of the top tourist destination in the world, we need critical technology infrastructure that will keep people coming here and keep all of their gadgets and cell phones and computers and digital recorders all humming along. Let's make it a priority of the city please.

Sincerely,

Doug Kizer
4706 Fulton St
San Francisco, CA 94121

One cable company is like only having one bridge

Yat-Ping Tong to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

We have 2 bridges in and out of SF, sure seems like we ought to have at least two choices for video TV/high speed Internet access. But we don't. And I think we should.

I understand that the city just went through the process of reviewing AT&T's plan to bring faster Internet access and video TV to SF. I'm glad the city makes big companies go through that kind of review. And I'm also glad that the city wants to try to encourage some new jobs and investment money coming in - we could sure use both.

Seems like a good thing all around. I hope you'll support this going forward.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Yat-Ping Tong
1346 Lake St
San Francisco, CA 94118

High tech service for SF

Wells Whitney to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:25 AM

Ms. Cavillo

I support our broadband access to the rest of the world along with cell phone service that works well. Please do what you can to keep encouraging private firms to fork over the investment money it takes to deliver high tech services that SF should be famous for.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Wells Whitney
1308 Montgomery St
San Francisco, CA 94133

Technology infrastructure is vital

Bonnie Li Victorino to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:43 AM

Ms. Calvillo

I just wanted to send you this quick note to thank you for any role you've played in bringing San Francisco an updated technology infrastructure. I'm glad the city planning folks did its analysis so we can all feel good about the overall goals of the city and how new technology access plays a role in most everyone's life. Let's face it, fast access to the Internet is vital to our local economy just like it's vital to a student doing research on a topic for a report or test. Let's keep SF linked in to the rest of the world and on a smart technology path for today and tomorrow. It's as important as ever in today's economy and competitive marketplace.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Li Victorino
850 Le Conte Ave
San Francisco, CA 94124

Good news

drew lama to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:51 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

jl
580 McAllister St
San Francisco, CA 94102

High tech service for SF

Candice Lin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 08:57 AM

Ms. Calvillo

When I stop and think about the America's Cup coming to SF, I worry that everything will come crashing down. I support our broadband access to the rest of the world along with cell phone service that works well. Please do what you can to keep encouraging private firms to fork over the investment money it takes to deliver high tech services that SF should be famous for.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Candice Y. Lin
190 Precita Ave
San Francisco, CA 94110

Good news

Chad Partridge to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:01 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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I'm all for bandwidth and it seems like we gobble up as much as there is available. If you can improve the service we

get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Chad Partridge
4211 24th St
San Francisco, CA 94114

High tech service for SF

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Mullikin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:05 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Patrick and Gail Mullikin
20 Nobles Aly
San Francisco, CA 94133

Finally Please, A Comcast Competitor Other than Satellite

Walter Braden to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:09 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Word has it that the San Francisco Planning Department has completed its review so that AT&T is one step closer to being able to go head to head with Comcast for video TV. This is good news.

Bring it on! We've been waiting.

Sincerely,

Walter Braden
70 Marietta Dr
San Francisco, CA 94127

High tech service for SF

Jacqueline Serafin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:16 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Serafin
2744 Sacramento St Apt 206
San Francisco, CA 94115

Progress?

Yvonne Santos to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:19 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Progress? So my fingers are crossed that San Francisco actually welcomes and encourages companies like AT&T to invest, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here. Sounds like just about every city surrounding us already has IPTV. That's very odd since San Franciscans always want the latest/greatest gadgetry.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Santos
122 Ashton Ave
San Francisco, CA 94112

We need competition to Cable!

Sarah Klapac to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:20 AM

Ms. Calvillo

I am writing in hopes that we can have more competition against Cable than ever before! My understanding is that the City Planning Department is reviewing AT&T's application to build a big Internet network. I am hoping to take advantage of it soon. More choice for residents of San Francisco and having companies invest in better technology is key.

Appreciate your focus in moving San Francisco forward!

Sincerely,

Sarah A Klapac
312 Russia Ave
San Francisco, CA 94112

One step closer?

John Lee to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:22 AM

Ms. Calvillo

I understand that we're one major step closer to finally having what most other California cities already have - an alternative to the cable company for high speed Internet and TV. Finally! I feel like San Francisco is behind the curve on something as logical as a little healthy competition.

Sincerely,

John Lee
2167 Funston Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

High tech service for SF

Gabriele Etlinger-Browne to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:27 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Gabriele Etlinger-Browne
1030 Bush St Apt 4
San Francisco, CA 94109

Competition soon?

Mark Manasse to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:29 AM

Ms. Calvillo

If the City Planning Department has done what it needs to regarding AT&T's application to build a big Internet network, I am assuming that we'll start being able to take advantage of it soon? That would be nice to see. Especially when it seems like companies have all but dried up when it comes to investing. Let's encourage that technology investment right here where the technology people live: San Francisco!

Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Mark Manasse
1270 Monterey Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94127

One step closer?

Mark Manasse to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:33 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Mark Manasse
1270 Monterey Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94127

Bring it on!

Bill Hutchcroft to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:34 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Bring it on! We've been waiting.

Sincerely,

Bill Hutchcroft
169 Glenview Dr
San Francisco, CA 94131

Please allow more choice and competition for seniors, and family's

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Batres to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:35 AM

Ms. Calvillo

As a constituent and native of 62 years I think it's important that we have more choices for cable providers in the great city of San Francisco. Please weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance my check book, as Comcast charges 100.00 dollars a month just for CABLE. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network. Please make it happen.

Sincerely, Mr & Mrs Anthony Batres

Anthony Batres
490 33rd Ave Apt 105
San Francisco, CA 94121

Bring us new technology

Lynda D'Angelo to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:41 AM

Ms. Calvillo

It just seems logical that as a representative of the city, you'll do what you can to bring vital technology infrastructure to those of us who are anxious to receive it. Can I count on you to make it so?

Thank you

Sincerely,

Lynda D'Angelo
390 Elizabeth St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Technology infrastructure is good for tourism and that's good for all of us

Charles Wagner to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:44 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Charles Wagner
301 Hugo St Apt 3
San Francisco, CA 94122

High tech service for SF

Barbara Bagot-Lopez to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:44 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Please help facilitate competition for Comcast, which has a monopoly in San Francisco on this type of service. Of course, AT&T needs to work with the neighborhoods regarding the location and appearance of the boxes, and should invest creativity and funds into making them more attractive.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bagot-Lopez
1591 Treat Ave
San Francisco, CA 94110

Progress?

Allyn Beltran to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:51 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Progress? So my fingers are crossed that San Francisco actually welcomes and encourages companies like AT&T to invest, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here. Sounds like just about every city surrounding us already has IPTV. That's very odd since San Franciscans always want the latest/greatest gadgetry. I also feel that by having a company such as AT&T offer an alternative to Comcast, the added competition will only benefit the consumers.

I ask that you strongly consider moving forward with AT&T's plans to improve their network. This will only carry us as a city into the next phase of the technical revolution, where people continue to collaborate through video, chat, Twitter, Facebook or the next big Internet Social tool. This upgraded infrastructure will also help foster the new way of working by telecommuting for many Bay Area workers. Not only does this help employees become more productive workers, but will also help lessen highway traffic and most importantly, greenhouse gases. If we are truly serious about technical advances and green initiatives as a city, I feel that approving AT&T's bid to improve its infrastructure and that of any other companies' is a step in the right direction!

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Allyn Beltran
430 Fillmore St Apt B
San Francisco, CA 94117

A letter from a constituent

Christopher Jennings to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 09:55 AM

Ms. Calvillo

As a constituent of yours, I think it's important to weigh the pros and the cons when it comes to big ticket projects in San Francisco - I'm glad there is considerable thought given to what is both necessary and important. That said, I need technology to help me balance everything in my hectic life. So I'm glad to hear that the City Planning Department has completed a review of the AT&T initiative to upgrade their phone network.

Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Christopher Jennings
165 Duboce Ave Apt 204
San Francisco, CA 94103

Progress?

Michael Pavitt to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 10:12 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Please approve the AT&T request to invest in, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here in the city. Since relocating to San Francisco last October, the only thing I miss about Livermore is the IPTV service that I and my family enjoyed, after many years of simply awful service from COMCAST. I know that San Franciscans will be well served by this improvement.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Pavitt
1542 34th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

High tech service for SF/ Petition for Acceptance

Ed Nyquist to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 10:12 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Thanks

Sincerely,

Ed Nyquist
829 Folsom St Unit 418
San Francisco, CA 94107

A letter from a constituent

Allison DeGolier to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 10:15 AM

Ms. Calvillo

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Thanks for making it happen.

Sincerely,

Allison DeGolier
2041 Pierce St Apt 3
San Francisco, CA 94115

Please Encourage Phone Company's Upgrade!

Ben Lin to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 11:22 AM

Ms. Calvillo

One thing that seems to have fallen by the wayside is companies that actually can and want to invest in California and specifically in San Francisco. When a company comes along and wants to invest, please don't let them slip away. We have a phone network that is ready for a turbo boost. In other places that aren't even nearly as big or on the ball as SF, their phone company can also do cool things like deliver Internet TV through the phone line.

That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ben Lin
1010 Bush St # 206
San Francisco, CA 94109

High tech service for SF

Timothy Wickland to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 11:30 AM

Ms. Calvillo

I support the introduction of improved broadband access in San Francisco, and especially support increased competition in broadband and TV services within the City. Please do what you can to keep encouraging private firms to invest in these areas, to foster competition and improve services while reducing costs for consumers.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Timothy Wickland
1171 Oak St Apt 1
San Francisco, CA 94117

AT&T U-verse

Peter Reque to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 11:37 AM

Ms. Calvillo

I am glad to hear that progress is being made on AT&T U-verse. U-verse seems to be a good option for me, and I have been curious as to what might be causing the slow roll-out.

If the legal tasks have now been completed construction can begin.

Sincerely,

Peter A Reque
1073 Bush St
San Francisco, CA 94109

Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Martin Mast to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 12:13 PM

Ms. Calvillo

Comcast needs some serious competition. When a company wants to invest, please don't let them slip away. We have a phone network that is ready for a turbo boost. In other places that aren't even nearly as big or on the ball as SF, their phone company can also do cool things like deliver Internet TV through the phone line. (I saw this years ago in Paris at a reasonable monthly fee)

That sounds a lot like where the future is so let's do what San Franciscans do - out with the old and in with the new. I hope I can count on you to encourage, not discourage, a much needed upgrade.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Martin Mast
601 Corbett Ave
San Francisco, CA 94114

The future - please support it.

Danny Udom to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 12:20 PM

Ms. Calvillo

As a San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too.

One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing.

Sincerely,

Danny Udom
331 Stoneridge Ln
San Francisco, CA 94134

One step closer?

Karen Oakley to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 12:37 PM

Ms. Calvillo

I understand that we're one major step closer to finally having what most other California cities already have - an alternative to the cable company for high speed Internet and TV. Finally! I feel like San Francisco is ahead of the curve on something as logical as a little healthy competition. Thank you for making it possible for SF residents to have telecommunication and broadband options.

Sincerely,

Karen Oakley
5330 Diamond Heights Blvd # Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94131

Technology infrastructure is good for tourism and that's good for all of us

Johnson Wang to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 12:53 PM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Johnson C. Wang
2142 Santiago St
San Francisco, CA 94116

Bring it on!

Sascha Prueter to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 01:05 PM

Ms. Calvillo

Word has it that the San Francisco Planning Department has completed its review so that AT&T is one step closer to being able to go head to head with Comcast for video TV. This is good news.

Bring it on! We've been waiting. Can't wait to get more competitive offers for Premium TV in my area... stuck with Comcast for way too long!

Sincerely,

Sascha Prueter
1 Bluxome St Apt 416
San Francisco, CA 94107

One cable company is like only having one bridge

Mary Bond to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 01:06 PM

Ms. Calvillo

I have ill feelings toward Comcast (cable) and my alternative is... well, nothing. Except airwaves, which gives me PBS (usually), ABC, and FOX. There is no other cable provider available to me. I could have a satellite dish if I had a cooperative landlord. And that's it.

We have 2 bridges in and out of SF, sure seems like we ought to have at least two choices for video TV/high speed Internet access. But we don't. And I think we should.

I understand that the city just went through the process of reviewing AT&T's plan to bring faster Internet access and video TV to SF. I'm glad the city makes big companies go through that kind of review. And I'm also glad that the city wants to try to encourage some new jobs and investment money coming in - we could sure use both.

Seems like a good thing all around. I hope you'll support this going forward.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Mary E. Bond
1737 Chestnut St Apt 8
San Francisco, CA 94123

Bring us new technology

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zmuda to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 01:08 PM

Ms. Calvillo

It just seems logical that as a representative of the city, you'll do what you can to bring vital technology infrastructure to those of us who are anxious to receive it. Can I count on you to make it so?

I have seen the new AT&T technology at work in San Mateo. It is incredible. My mouth waters every time I see the

AT&T U-Verse commercials on TV, but as high-tech as I think of myself, this is still not something I can get. Why not? This is San Francisco! Why is San Mateo ahead of us in getting competing technology?
Thank you

Sincerely,

Joseph P Zmuda
833 Joost Ave
San Francisco, CA 94127



High tech competition for SF

James Uomini to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 02:10 PM

Ms. Calvillo

As Comcast has increasingly become an expensive monopoly source of television and broadband with poor customer service, I am very eager to have an alternative in San Francisco. I hope that it will be possible for me to have the option to consider U-Verse in the near future and for Comcast to face real competition. I hope that AT&T and the City and County can agree on a design that is acceptable to all and that they can proceed with construction soon.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

James M Uomini
493 21st Ave
San Francisco, CA 94121



Competition soon?

Arthur Wehl to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 02:42 PM

Ms. Calvillo

If the City Planning Department has done what it needs to regarding AT&T's application to build a big Internet network, I am assuming that we'll start being able to take advantage of it soon? That would be nice to see. Especially when it seems like companies have all but dried up when it comes to investing. Let's encourage that technology investment right here where the technology people live: San Francisco!

Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Arthur Wehl
355 Buena Vista Ave E # 204W
San Francisco, CA 94117

Technology infrastructure is good for tourism and that's good for all of us

irving rivera to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 03:10 PM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Irv Rivera
1857 San Jose Ave
San Francisco, CA 94112

One step closer?

Peter Babbidge to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 03:39 PM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Peter Babbidge
50 Short St
San Francisco, CA 94114

Competition soon?

Cygridh Rooney to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 05:04 PM

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Cygridh Rooney
810 Gonzalez Dr Apt 7L
San Francisco, CA 94132

Bring it on!

Jeff Fung to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/25/2011 07:15 PM

Ms. Calvillo

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Fung
100 Oshaughnessy Blvd
San Francisco, CA 94127

Competition soon?

Judy Foulkrod to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/26/2011 05:12 PM


Ms. Calvillo

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Appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Judy Foulkrod
64 Richland Ave
San Francisco, CA 94110

 Bring it on!

edward james to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

02/26/2011 05:58 PM


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Sincerely,

Edward James
1029 Girard Rd
San Francisco, CA 94129

 Hostage to Comcast

Paul Johnson to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/03/2011 08:13 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Word has it that the San Francisco Planning Department has completed its review so that AT&T is one step closer to being able to go head to head with Comcast for video TV. This is good news. We need a choice in The Castro!

Sincerely,

Paul R Johnson
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Good news

Holly Abbiss to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/06/2011 09:46 AM

Ms. Calvillo

There's not that much good news out there these days so I was pleased to learn that AT&T is finally going to be able to start work on upgrading their phone network. And they're going to adhere to the City's environmental standards. That makes me feel better as well.

I'm all for bandwidth and it seems like we gobble up as much as there is available. If you can improve the service we get today by getting a competitor to the cable company into the mix, I think you'll be doing a good thing.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Holly Abbiss
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The future - please support it.

Ryan Gelow to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/06/2011 09:49 AM

Ms. Calvillo

As a San Francisco resident and voting constituent, I want to weigh in that I welcome a healthy competitor to Comcast and trust that you do too.

One of the best things about living in San Francisco is that we all have this wonderful spirit of freedom - freedom of expression and tons of choices. It's why I choose to live here. What is bizarre to me is that this basic ability to choose doesn't apply to one of the biggest chunks of my monthly household budget: my cable tv bill.

I have to believe that if 2 or more big companies want my business, they'll each try harder to earn it. That would be refreshing.

Sincerely,

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Please encourage phone company's upgrade

Stuart Smith to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/06/2011 10:26 AM

Ms. Calvillo

Currently, customers in any given part of San Francisco have no *real* choice in television or broadband. In most cases, their only cable provider is Comcast, which unavailable at my home. Over-the-air broadcasting provides little program choice and is often impossible due to the topology of San Francisco. Satellite broadband is prohibitively expensive and offers slow upload speeds and very high latency, and fibre-to-the-home is unavailable.

Meanwhile, other countries gallop ahead of the US and in particular San Francisco in broadband speed and availability.

AT&T wants to improve our telephone system, provide high-speed, low-latency broadband and genuine competition to Comcast's de-facto monopoly. We should all welcome this, not stand in their way.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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One step closer?

Lori Van Tassell to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/07/2011 04:07 PM

Ms. Calvillo

I understand that we're one major step closer to finally having what most other California cities already have - an alternative to the cable company for high speed Internet and TV. Finally! I feel like San Francisco is behind the curve on something as logical as a little healthy competition.

Sincerely,

Lori Van Tassell
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Progress?

George Zemitis to: Ms. Angela Calvillo

03/07/2011 07:29 PM

Ms. Calvillo

Progress? So my fingers are crossed that San Francisco actually welcomes and encourages companies like AT&T to invest, upgrade and build a new technology infrastructure here. Sounds like just about every city surrounding us already has IPTV. That's very odd since San Franciscans always want the latest/greatest gadgetry.

Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

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