

1 [Public Access Television.]

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3 **Resolution renewing designation of the San Francisco Community Television**
4 **Corporation (SFCTC) as the non-profit responsible for the management and operation**
5 **of the City's public access cable television channel, Access San Francisco,**
6 **coterminous with the public access grant awarded to SFCTC by the Department of**
7 **Telecommunications and Information Services (DTIS) on October 28, 2002.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 1997, DTIS negotiated an amendment to the San Francisco Cable
10 Television Franchise that allowed the transfer of the operation and management of the City's
11 Public Access channel, Access San Francisco, from Television Signal Corporation (TSC) to a
12 non-profit corporation designated by the City; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Board of Supervisors, based on the recommendation of the
14 Telecommunications Commission, designated the SFCTC as the non-profit corporation to
15 operate and manage the City's Public Access channel; and,

16 WHEREAS, DTIS negotiated and awarded a grant to the designated non-profit
17 corporation, SFCTC, to build a new access facility and to operate and manage the City's
18 Public Access channel; and,

19 WHEREAS, The initial Grant Agreement for the management and operation of the
20 City's Public Access channel and facility, with the SFCTC, expired on June 30, 2002; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Commission, as prescribed by the San
22 Francisco Administrative Code, Section 11.88.d (3), is charged with the oversight of the City's
23 Public, Education, and Government Access channels; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Commission sought a public and competitive
2 application process for the awarding of a new grant for the management and operation of the
3 City's Public Access channel and facility, in November of 2001; and,

4 WHEREAS, DTIS issued a Request for Grant Applications in February 2002 and
5 administered a competitive public application process that included public hearings before the
6 Telecommunications Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, The Request for Grant Applications review panel, after examining the
8 SFCTC's grant application and conducting interviews, found the SFCTC's application to be
9 compliant with the minimum requirements of the Request for Grant Applications and
10 commenced grant negotiations; and

11 WHEREAS, The Telecommunications Commission, at its regular meeting on October
12 28, 2002, did pass Resolution # 02-027 advising DTIS to award a Grant Agreement for the
13 management and operation of the City's Public Access channel and facility to the SFCTC; and

14 WHEREAS, Resolution #02-027 also respectfully requests that the Board of
15 Supervisors renew its designation of the SFCTC as the management and operator of the
16 City's Public Access channel and facility, Access San Francisco, to reflect the terms of the
17 grant agreement; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
19 hereby renews its designation of the San Francisco Community Television Corporation as the
20 non-profit corporation responsible for the management and operation of the City's Public
21 Access cable television channel, Access San Francisco, coterminous with the Public Access
22 Grant awarded to the San Francisco Community Television Corporation by the Department of
23 Telecommunications and Information Services on October 28, 2002.