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Mr. William F. Caton
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed please find nine copies of our comments concerning the *Redevelopment of Spectrum to Encourage Innovation in the use of New Telecommunications Technologies*, currently being considered by the Commission.

Sincerely,

John T. Distelrath
Chief of Police and Public Safety Division Manager
City of West Covina, California

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In the Matter of

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ET Docket No. 92-0

To: The Commission

REPLY COMMENTS OF
THE WEST COVINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The West Covina Police Department hereby submits these comments in support of the Petition for Reconsideration filed in the above captioned proceeding on May 25, 1994 by the Public Safety Microwave Committee, the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, Inc., the County of Los Angeles, and the Forestry Conservation Communications Association.

The West Covina Police Department is the primary law enforcement agency for the 100,000 residents of the City of West Covina, which is located in the East San Gabriel Valley area of the County of Los Angeles, California. The department maintains a close working relationship with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department coordinating both routine and emergent law enforcement matters on a daily basis. Essential to the success of those efforts is the radio communications system (including the numerous 2GHz microwave links which interconnect the system) which comprise the Mutual Aid radio network established and maintained by the County. We concur with the petitioners that a forced relocation from those 2 GHz facilities may cause serious disruption to that system, which in turn would have a devastating effect on the safety of the millions of County residents, including those 100,000 residents of West Covina.

From our view, the Commission's abrupt decision to require Public Safety licensees such as the County of Los Angeles to vacate their 2 GHz facilities jeopardizes the integrity of their communications system and poses as a threat to the safety of the millions of County residents, including the residents of West Covina. Furthermore, we believe the decision was made without the benefit of public debate, was not justified by any previous proceedings, and is quite contrary to the expressed intent of Congress.

Thus in conclusion, we join with the Los Angeles County Sheriff in requesting that the Commission reverse its latest decision concerning this issue and reinstate the Public Safety exemption.

Respectfully submitted,



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