



April 7, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I am writing to lend my support for AT&T's merger with DIRECTV. As the Mayor of San Francisco, a city where AT&T and DIRECTV have a substantial business presence, I am responsible for ensuring that the merger benefits San Francisco residents, consumers and our working families.

San Francisco is an epicenter for technology development and innovation, and our residents depend on connectivity for access to fundamental services and information, including educational and governmental resources. Our residents need and deserve affordable and high-quality Internet, television, phone and video products.

While I do support the merger of these two companies, there are certain commitments that I would like to see the two companies continue and expand:

Supplier Diversity. San Francisco is an incredibly diverse city and is a beacon for inclusivity and acceptance. As such, our City values companies that embrace diversity and share a commitment to it. Historically, AT&T has shown its commitment to diversity as a leader in corporate supplier diversity; targeting their procurement to be spent with certified minority, women, and disabled veteran-owned business enterprises. After the merger is completed, AT&T should commit to a goal of 25 percent of total procurement come from certified diverse businesses.

Union Labor. Additionally, the City and County of San Francisco has a rich tradition of supporting our labor workforce. AT&T employs the largest full-time union workforce in the United States. DIRECTV currently does not support a full-time unionized workforce. I would like to see DIRECTV transition to a fairly represented, unionized workforce once the merger is approved.

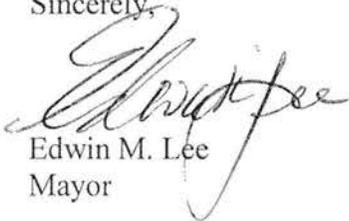
Consumer Choice. While bundling could help reduce cost, I value giving consumers a choice. In the initial phase of merger, AT&T and DIRECTV should offer their products to consumers as standalone products to ensure uninterrupted service for existing customers of both providers.

While these goals may be ambitious, I sincerely believe they are achievable. I believe that the residents of San Francisco and across the nation will benefit from this merger.

Like cities across the United States, San Francisco is facing a crisis of affordability and access. This includes access to affordable housing as well as access to information and essential digital services. However, we cannot tackle these critical challenges alone. AT&T and DIRECTV share my commitment to support our communities, and I look forward to continuing to partner with both of them to lift our residents up and make sure our working families share in the prosperity of our City.

The Federal Communications Commission has the ability to affect positive change for our residents in this transaction. I respectfully urge you to take the steps necessary to approve AT&T's merger with DIRECTV.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edwin M. Lee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right and then loops back down to the left, crossing under the name.

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor