

May 31, 2003

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Docket No. MB-02-235

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am Maria Elena Torralva-Alonso, Executive Director of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center and I am writing in regards to the Commission's review of the proposed merger between Univision Communications, Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC). As a member of the Hispanic community, I am confident that this merger will create a media organization better poised to serve our community and to compete against America's media conglomerate for the growing Hispanic audience.

The combined efforts of Univision and HBC should be viewed as a significant opportunity for Hispanics in the media and for the Hispanic community as a whole for the following reasons:

- 1.) The Merger will promote growth of Hispanic radio and television job opportunities for Hispanics. This is extremely important to the Hispanic Community. As a former television news anchor who started her career in San Antonio, TX in the early 1970's on Spanish television, I can attest to the fact that having an opportunity to explore the broadcast media as a viable career led to a long professional career for me in both Spanish and English media. This would not have happened had the Spanish television station had not given me the first opportunity. So it is for many young Hispanics who are looking for that first break to enter a broadcast career.

Continued growth of the radio and television businesses of Univision and HBC will inherently mean growth in media opportunities for Hispanics. In the case of each of Univision and HBC, I am aware that more than 80% of the work force is Hispanic and that is expected to continue after the proposed merger. Hispanics are employed across the entire field of employment opportunities at Univision.

- 2.) New capital investments will be attracted to Hispanic media resulting in increased Competition and greater management and ownership opportunities for Hispanics. Major investors are increasingly interested in supporting entrepreneurs already engaged or considering entering the Hispanic media business. The Merger will serve to increase the interest of investors and other capital suppliers, thus resulting in the development of new Hispanic radio and television stations and networks. Those stations and networks will need Hispanic leadership and talent to thrive.

The growth of Univision and its policies of training and promoting Hispanics have created a significant base of Hispanics who now have the expertise to own and operate a broadcast station or network. And, as a result of the pioneering work of Univision and companies like HBC to raise the visibility of Spanish-language media, the Hispanic broadcast talent base now has access to financing sources and advertising sources that would have been unimaginable only a few short years ago.

Regarding the growth of Spanish language media, I would like to make another point. I completely disagree with suggestions that this industry be segregated from other media. Over the past two decades, Spanish language media has grown by competing with English-language media and isolating this industry would be a huge step backward that would eventually eradicate the success already achieved. It is an affront to all Hispanics to suggest that the media serving this community could be considered substandard or different from its general market competitors.

- 3.) The combined Univision and HBC resources will provide enhanced services to the Hispanic community. I believe that combining the resources of Univision and HBC will result in a significant strengthening and growth of media services available to the Hispanic community. By adding radio to Univision's television offerings, it will only enhance and deepen the relationship the company has with our community.

I have personally worked with the local Univision affiliate, KWEX-TV on many occasions and truly appreciate that station's commitment to the betterment of our community. I am particularly grateful for the many public service announcements broadcast on their air as well as the indispensable information provided on their website.

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Our Center has a long history with the Univision Station, KWEX-TV, Channel 41 here in San Antonio. We are very proud of the type of programming they provide the community. And equally as proud of their Corporate citizenship. Univision has been an incredible partner with the Center in helping promote our events. Thus, in light of the substantial benefits arising to the Hispanic community from the proposed merger of Univision and HBC, I ask that his proposal transaction receive all due consideration as promptly as possible in order to make these benefits to the public a reality.

Sincerely,

Maria Elena Torralva-Alonso
Executive Director

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