

I would like to submit these comments to the FCC's "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on "video franchising". Local franchising is important to our local cities and communities. They ensure that WE, the people, can have a voice on television, and that telecommunications companies are accountable to the needs of consumers. Take away the local franchises and we will be left with ONLY COMMERCIAL TV. We will have no way to make sure companies charge reasonable rates, respond to customer complaints, or that they provide equal opportunity service.

Local franchises are also cornerstone in the operation of Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) TV. PEG TV is where our youth, local artists and entrepreneurs can exercise their rights as Americans to freedom of Speech through the TV medium. As a supporter of Public Access TV in Sacramento, I strongly urge the FCC to rule for the maintenance of local franchises.

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