

Why is it now required to have a: digital receiver, CableCARD or TV with digital QAM tuner required to view local government channels for COX TV north? The channels in question are: channel 16 - ITV/ Palomar College; channel 18 - Public Access/Cal Channel (M-F; times vary); and channel 19 Government Access. All other cable channels are viewable on an old analog TV with cable attached (channels 1-96) except for channels 16, 18 & 19 which now display this message: "Important Announcement: Effective Dec. 13, 2012, a digital receiver, or Cable CARD, or a digital TV with QAM tuning will be required to receive ITV on Ch. 16, Public Access/Cal on Ch. 18, or Government Access on Ch. 19." This to me is limiting public access, to publicly funded TV programming; requiring added expense for services already paid for: local COX cable services (basic TV), tax money paid for government services (government cable covering government public meetings, local Community College TV, etc.). This is more of the have's vs. the have nots! See: <http://ww2.cox.com/residential/sandiego/tv/channel-lineup.cox> COX TV Starter lineup.