

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 20, 1983

The following letter, which had been received from Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, was presented for Council's information. No formal action was taken by the Council on the matter.

S.66 (GOLDWATER)
CABLE TELEVISION

"Dear Cable Television Officer:

2022
Pending federal legislation may threaten to erode the ability of your City Council to negotiate and enforce cable television franchises. The Board of Directors of the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission has authorized its staff to actively work with other cities to defeat S.66, the Goldwater Bill, which seeks to usurp local authority over cable television.

The Board of the National League of Cities recently approved compromise language for S.66. Many cities feel as we do, that this compromise is not in the best interest of cable subscribers. Member cities of the NLC were not consulted prior to the approval of this compromise.

In a hastily called meeting in Washington, D.C., over 25 cities met to discuss the NLC compromise. A second meeting of cities is scheduled for April 20th in Washington, D.C.

It is critical that cities join together in opposition to the NLC compromise. If, after conducting your own analysis, you wish to express your opposition, the following steps are recommended:

1. Adopt a Resolution similar to the attached sample opposing the NLC compromise and articulating your specific concerns with S.66 and the compromise language. Send copies of this Resolution to the NLC, the League of California Cities, the Senate and House Communication Sub-Committees, and your congressional delegation. Please forward copies of your approved Resolutions to my office.
2. Attend a meeting in Los Angeles on April 22nd to discuss developments in Washington and further action California cities and the League of California Cities could take. This meeting is being coordinated by Michael Stover, Assistant City Manager for Lakewood, and will take place in the City of El Segundo. Directions are attached.

The Board of the League of California Cities is meeting on April 29th and will be discussing S.66 and the NLC