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Honorable City Council Council Chamber City Hall Sacramento, California 95814

RE: CITY-COUNTY CATV COMMITTEE

Dear Council Members:

#### Summary

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors has made recommendations concerning meetings of the City-County CATV Committee.

### Background Information

The County Board of Supervisors proposed today that meetings of the City-County CATV Committee commence on Wednesday, July 15, 1981 and continue on every Wednesday and Thursday thereafter as necessary. It is proposed that the meetings be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms adjacent to the Board of Supervisors' Chambers. The meetings would be held in a round table type setting for better discussion between Committee members and staff.

The Board of Supervisors recommends that the meetings be held in public session. For your information, I also attach a copy of my statement on this issue.

## Recommendation

I recommend that the Council agree with the Board of Supervisors' recommendations.

Very truly yours,

JAMES P. JACKSON City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:

WALTER J. SLIPE, City Manager

JPJ:GD
attachment

# STATEMENT REGARDING MEETINGS OF CITY-COUNTY CATV COMMITTEE

I think that meetings of the joint City-County Cable Television Committee are probably required to be held in public. Actually, the elected officials of the City and County have never considered nor discussed whether the meetings would be in private or public. The City and County staff had merely assumed that the meetings would be in private, because we thought the law permitted it. However, after reviewing the State law, I am of the opinion that the Brown Act probably requires public meetings in this situation. The State law allows private meetings if a committee of less than a quorum of the Council or Board of Supervisors meets alone. However, if committees of the Council and Board meet together, the Brown Act appears to require that the meetings be in public.

The statements that meetings would be in private were made only by the staff and not by any elected official, since neither the City Council nor Board had even considered whether the meetings would be in public or private. It is very possible that the Council and Board would have held public committee meetings even if the law allowed the meetings to be held in private.

JAMES P. JACKSON City Attorney

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#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

CITY COUNCIL CABLE TELEVISION COMMITTEE APPOINTEES

FROM:

LORRAINE MAGANA, CITY CLERK

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL TO ITEM NO. 40, AGENDA OF JULY 7, 1981

DATE:

JULY 7, 1981

Pursuant to Council action, the following subject matter is referred to your committee for hearing, report and recommendation:

Mayor Isenberg, Councilperson Pope and Connelly were appointed to a Committee to discuss the Cable Television Committee schedule with the County Board of Supervisors.

LM:sj

cc: Jim Jackson

Councilperson Pope

Connelly

Mayor

Isenberg