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November 2, 1995

Robert W. Healy
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Re: *Council Order #2, 9/19/94--Cable TV Issues*

Dear Mr. Healy:

As we discussed, I have contacted Peter Epstein, Esq. to arrange for him to provide us with legal advice regarding the federal telecommunications legislation which is currently in a congressional conference committee. Many complex issues relating to our current cable franchise with Continental and potential telecommunications services by NYNEX and others are raised by the pending legislation. Mr. Epstein's expertise in this area will be essential as the City addresses the many uncertainties being generated by the legislation, especially as it affects our existing cable license and renewal issues.

As you know, with Mr. Epstein's assistance, we have had some success in working with other communities to advocate the inclusion of measures protecting the interests of municipalities in the House and Senate bills. We will continue to monitor the progress of the legislation through conference committee seeking to preserve critical local authority. It is also my goal that with the assistance of Mr. Epstein we will be able to formulate and recommend specific policy initiatives in response to the fundamental changes contained in the federal legislation. We are currently at work on a report that will address these legal concerns and examine initiatives in other communities to illustrate possible responses.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald A. Drisdell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald A. Drisdell



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November 6, 1995

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 3, regarding cable issues,
received from Deputy City Solicitor Donald A. Drisdell.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #46

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item
Number Three, regarding cable issues.

*for original, original
see 1994 City Manager
Requests #299*

In City Council November 6, 1995

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