

MOTION

The Los Angeles Cable Television Access Corporation (LACTAC) is a non-profit entity that manages an educational access channel. LACTAC is currently the sole provider of Public Access programming in the City of Los Angeles. LACTAC airs programming content on "LA36" that includes topics such as arts and culture, education, politics, and sports.

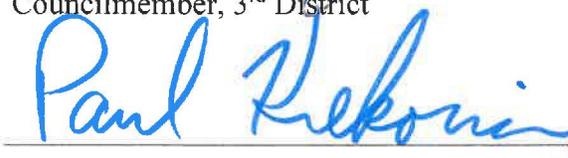
LACTAC was established in 1998 for the purpose of operating a citywide interconnected educational access channel, pursuant to the City's cable television franchise ordinances. Currently, LACTAC provides educational access programming on Channel 36 on every cable system operating in the City, with the exception of cable satellite providers. With the increasing popularity of YouTube and other internet based outlets, the reliance on LACTAC by the public for current affairs programming may have changed.

The City has maintained a grant agreement with LACTAC since its inception and provides funding on an annual basis. The funds provided by the City are used by LACTAC for programming and operations. Under the terms of the grant agreement, LACTAC is required to provide the City with financial and performance data necessary for compliance monitoring on a periodic basis.

The past several budgets proposed by the mayor have not included funding for LACTAC. The City Council has added the funds for it over the past years. This year, the council only approved funding for six months and directed ITA to report back on LACTAC. The City and LACTAC have had a longstanding relationship. The City should review the existing grant agreement with LACTAC, including their services and programming as well as information on viewership.

I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council instruct the Information Technology Agency to report on the existing grant agreement between the Los Angeles Cable Television Access Corporation (LACTAC), including an overview of the services they provide, their budget and use of City funds, the type of programming offered on Channel 36, and information on viewership.

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