

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-11-024R

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION
TO OBTAIN AND ACTIVIAATE THE NECESSARY TV SATELLITE SYSTEM
TO ALLOW FOR THE BROADCAST OF REQUESTED
PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING ON UPTV**

WHEREAS, a request that Urbana Public Television (UPTV) begin broadcasting "Democracy Now!" was submitted to UPTV on May 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, there are 20 (twenty) additional outstanding requests from Urbana-resident members of UPTV to broadcast "Democracy Now!" which were submitted to UPTV Coordinator Chris Foster on August 9, 2004; and

WHEREAS, on July 12th, 2004 and September 13th, 2004 a total of over 1200 local resident petitions were submitted to the UPTV Commission in support of the live cablecast of "Democracy Now!" on UPTV from 7AM to 8AM each weekday; and

WHEREAS, on September 13th, 2004 the UPTV Commission voted unanimously in favor of updating UPTV's public access policy - changes which make possible live cablecast of "Democracy Now!" on UPTV each weekday from 7AM to 8AM; and

WHEREAS, no cost for broadcasting "Democracy Now!" will be incurred by the City of Urbana since such cost is being donated by public access member Randall Cotton; and

WHEREAS, programming time is readily available from 7AM to 8AM each weekday on UPTV and much of this time is devoted to "filler" bulletin board; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made clear in statements to the press (News Gazette, September 14th, 2004) as well as in recent conversations with UPTV Commission members that he wants city council discussion on this matter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS as follows:

Section 1: The City of Urbana shall sign, submit and execute the "Free Speech TV Non-Commercial Cable/Broadcast Affiliate Agreement" required for UPTV to become a "Free Speech TV Affiliate".

Section 2: The City of Urbana shall obtain, install and activate the necessary "Dish Network" digital satellite system receiving dish and receiver equipment required for "Democracy Now!" re-transmission via Free Speech TV, to be obtained from Free Speech Television, with any payment for such equipment and one year of associated programming to be provided as a donation by Randall Cotton of 508 E. Clark St. Apt. 404, Champaign, Illinois.

Section 3: The City of Urbana shall complete all equipment purchase, installation, configuration and any other tasks necessary to begin live 7AM-8AM weekday cablecasts of "Democracy Now!" via Free Speech TV on UPTV and shall commence these cablecasts no later than January 3, 2005.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
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Tod Satterthwaite, Mayor