

**Resolution No. 2004-11-024R**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO OBTAIN AND  
ACTIVIAE 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Agreement" required for UPTV to broadcast Democracy Now!.

Section 2: The City of Urbana shall accept, 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 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