**Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council**

**Resolution**

# PROTECT THE AVAILABILITY OF LANDLINE SERVICE

Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council ("GTLNC") opposes efforts to eliminate or weaken the availability of landline telephone service and the regulatory obligations that protect that availability.

For purposes of this resolution, "landline service" includes the traditional fixed telephone service described in regulatory proceedings as "legacy voice service," "basic telephone service," "wireline service," or Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS). The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) expressly describes AT&T's current federal applications as proposals to discontinue "legacy voice service (i.e., landlines)."

## OUR POSITION

GTLNC supports technological modernization while preserving the public obligation to provide basic telephone service, California's Carrier of Last Resort protections, and meaningful regulatory oversight.

## WE THEREFORE REQUEST:

1. That the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") grant the pending Applications for Review and Petition for Reconsideration challenging AT&T's grants of authority to discontinue residential and business legacy voice service in WC Docket Nos. 26-120 and 26-121.
2. That the FCC deny AT&T's petitions in WC Docket Nos. 26-123 and 26-125 seeking federal forbearance and preemption of California Carrier of Last Resort and related requirements.
3. That the CPUC preserve and enforce California's Carrier of Last Resort obligation and continue its review of what basic telephone service must provide.
4. That the California Legislature reject legislation that would eliminate or materially weaken the protections that ensure continued access to basic telephone service.
5. That the City of Los Angeles, our congressional delegation, and other appropriate public officials support these positions and communicate them to the FCC and CPUC.

**WHAT GTLNC WANTS PRESERVED:**

- An enforceable obligation to provide basic telephone service.
- California's Carrier of Last Resort protections.
- Meaningful regulatory review before service obligations are reduced or eliminated.
- Reliable access to emergency calling and essential communications.
- Protection for customers who cannot reasonably rely on another communications service.

GTLNC requests that the City of Los Angeles, our congressional delegation, the California State Legislature, the CPUC, and the FCC take appropriate action consistent with the positions stated in this resolution.

dated: Tuesday, August 18th, 2026

The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council
City of Los Angeles

By: _____
Tess Taylor
President

Note: The City of Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system arises under Los Angeles City Charter, §§900–901 (1999). The Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council's (GTLNC) position may not reflect the official determination of the City of Los Angeles.

**EXHIBIT A**
**Regulatory Context**

## LANDLINE TERMINOLOGY

"Landline service" is the plain-language term for the traditional fixed telephone service involved in the current AT&T proceedings. Regulatory documents may call it "legacy voice service," "basic telephone service," "wireline service," or Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS). The CPUC itself identifies AT&T's federal applications as proposals to discontinue "legacy voice service (i.e., landlines)."

## THE FOUR FCC PROCEEDINGS

**WC Docket Nos. 26-120 and 26-121:** AT&T's Section 63.71 applications seek authority to discontinue domestic legacy voice service as part of a technology transition. WC 26-120 concerns business service; WC 26-121 concerns residential service. The FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau allowed the applications to be deemed granted on June 29, 2026, with discontinuance authorized no earlier than June 1st, 2027. California, the CPUC, and other parties have challenged those grants.

**WC Docket No. 26-123:** AT&T's petition seeks federal forbearance from specified Eligible Telecommunications Carrier obligations under 47 U.S.C. §§160(c) and 214(e), including obligations affecting universal service and Lifeline.

**WC Docket No. 26-125:** AT&T's petition seeks federal preemption and a declaratory ruling concerning California's Carrier of Last Resort and related requirements.

## THE PRINCIPLE

**Replace the technology, not the obligation to serve.** Government should preserve the underlying public-service obligation and its protections as telephone technology evolves.

## BACKGROUND

- California Public Utilities Commission — Carrier of Last Resort Rulemaking (R.24-06-012) CPUC Carrier of Last Resort Rulemaking
- California Public Utilities Commission — "What is Basic Service?" CPUC — What is Basic Service?
- California Legislature — AB 470, Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort AB 470 — California Legislature
- California Public Utilities Commission — Decision D.24-06-024 rejecting AT&T's request to withdraw as Carrier of Last Resort CPUC Decision D.24-06-024

**Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC)**
**Preliminary Distribution List**

Preliminary list of recipients, subject to confirmation and possible supplementation. This list is for information purposes only and is not part of the subject resolution itself.

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Adrin Nazarian, Councilmember, Los Angeles City Council District 2
Denise Schall, Senior Field Deputy, Toluca Lake / Studio City, Council District 2
Karen Bass, Mayor of Los Angeles
Los Angeles City Councilmembers
Hydee Feldstein Soto, Los Angeles City Attorney
**PRIMARY ACTION:** Request that Council District 2 introduce a parallel Los Angeles City Council resolution and communicate the City's position to the FCC and CPUC.

## CALIFORNIA STATE GOVERNMENT

Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
Rob Bonta, Attorney General of California
Nick Schultz, California State Assemblymember, District 44
Henry Stern, California State Senator, District 27
California State Legislature, appropriate committees and legislative leadership

## CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Karen Douglas, Commissioner
Matthew Baker, Commissioner
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## UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Luz Rivas, U.S. Representative
Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator
Adam Schiff, U.S. Senator

## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

The Honorable Brendan Carr, Chairman
The Honorable Anna M. Gomez, Commissioner
The Honorable Olivia Trusty, Commissioner
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

**Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council (GTLNC)**
**Filing and Action Targets**

Administrative working material. This section is for information purposes only and is not part of the subject resolution itself.

## 1. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC)

File the adopted resolution through the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in all four proceedings.

- WC Docket No. 26-120 — AT&T Section 63.71 Application concerning business legacy voice service.
- WC Docket No. 26-121 — AT&T Section 63.71 Application concerning residential legacy voice service.
- WC Docket No. 26-123 — AT&T Petition for Forbearance under 47 U.S.C. §160(c).
- WC Docket No. 26-125 — AT&T Petition for Preemption and Declaratory Ruling Regarding California's Carrier of Last Resort and Related Requirements.

GTLNC will use ECFS, including written ex parte presentations where permitted, to place its position and supporting information directly into the FCC record. Retain the filing confirmation and a PDF of each submission.

## 2. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC)

Submit the resolution in Rulemaking R.24-06-012, the CPUC Carrier of Last Resort rulemaking, and request that it be included in the public record. Consider service-list participation if GTLNC intends to remain actively involved in the proceeding.

## 3. CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

Transmit the resolution through the Legislature's position-letter process and directly to the Assemblymember and State Senator. Keep the filing applicable to AB 470 or any successor legislation affecting Carrier of Last Resort or basic telephone service protections.

## 4. CITY OF LOS ANGELES

Transmit the adopted resolution to Council District 2 and request that the Councilmember introduce a parallel City Council resolution and communicate the City's position to the FCC and CPUC.

## 5. UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Transmit the adopted resolution to U.S. Representative Luz Rivas and U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Adam Schiff. Request that they communicate directly with the FCC concerning the four proceedings and the preservation of basic telephone service protections.

## 6. RECORD KEEPING

- Retain ECFS confirmation numbers and filed PDFs.
- Retain CPUC submission confirmations and copies of correspondence.
- Retain California Legislature position-letter confirmation.
- Retain City filing/submission confirmation.
- Maintain a GTLNC log of dates, recipients, filings, and responses.