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FCC's LOCALISM TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCALISM IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The Localism Task Force of the Federal Communications Commission announces that the second of six scheduled public hearings on the subject of broadcast localism will be held in San Antonio, Texas, on January 28, 2004. Chairman Michael K. Powell will preside and will be joined by Commissioners Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Michael J. Copps, and Jonathan S. Adelstein. The hearing is open to the public, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The hearing date, time, and location, are:

Date & Time:	Wednesday, January 28, 2004 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Location:	City Council Chamber
	Municipal Plaza Building
	103 Main Plaza
	San Antonio, Texas 78205

The purpose of the hearings is to gather information from consumers, industry, civic organizations, and others on broadcasters' service to their local communities. The San Antonio hearing will begin with a number of invited guests making brief introductory remarks and will be followed by presentations from a variety of panelists. The Commissioners will then have an opportunity to ask the panelists questions or comment on the subject of localism. Finally, the general public will be afforded time to register their views through an "open microphone" format. The Commission will release further details before the hearing. A prior announcement indicated that the San Antonio hearing would be held in December 2003, but scheduling conflicts necessitated moving the event to January 2004.

Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Please include a description of the accommodation needed, providing as much detail as you can, as well as contact information in case additional information is needed. Please make your request as early as possible, and allow at least five days advance notice. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible

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The hearing will be recorded, and the record will be made available to the public. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission. Filing instructions are provided at <u>http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-239578A1.doc</u>.

For additional information about the hearing or the Localism Task Force, please visit the Task Force's website at <u>http://www.fcc.gov/localism</u>, or contact the Task Force directly at 202-418-7777, or at <u>localism@fcc.gov</u>. Press inquiries should be directed to Michelle Russo, at 202-418-2358, or Meribeth McCarrick, at 202-418-0654.

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