

**CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

*Re: Amendment of the Television Table of Allotments to Delete Noncommercial Reservation of Channel *39, 620-626 MHz, Phoenix, Arizona, and to Add Noncommercial Reservation on Channel 11, 198-204 MHz, Holbrook, Arizona*

Dereserving a noncommercial station in a community should only be permitted in those rare circumstances where there is an extraordinary public interest showing that it would serve the local community. Based on the unique circumstances of this case, I concur in finding that the petitioners have met this high standard. Over the past few years, we have seen consolidation in Spanish-language media taken to new and threatening heights. Today's decision should promote at least somewhat greater diversity and competition for those who receive their news and entertainment in Spanish in one of the largest Hispanic markets in the country.