



July 23, 2024

Dear PCTV Supporter—

It is with a heavy heart that I write to let you know that PCTV plans to close at the end of August 2024.

We have worked hard over the last several years to keep PCTV open but the continuing decline in cable subscribers and the changing media landscape has had a devastating impact on our funding and our viability. While we have increased our fees in recent years, we felt we couldn't keep increasing costs to the community. Without new sources of funding, we see no alternative but to cease operations.

Please understand that we do not blame the City of Pittsburgh for the closure of PCTV. The city has funded PCTV through the cable franchises for the last 38 years. Unfortunately, the city is being impacted by the death of cable TV as well, and we understand why they are no longer able to fund PCTV. You are welcome to contact your city council member and the Mayor to express your feelings, but please understand the tough position the city is in.

I'd like to express my sincere appreciation for your support and involvement with PCTV over the years. Along with thousands of others, your contributions have been a part of creating a unique media organization that provided a vital platform for the community. We celebrate your contributions and encourage you to use whatever tools are available to keep on creating. Thank you!

More details on PCTV's closure will be announced soon. In the meantime, you can reach us at 412-322-7570 with any questions

Sincerely,

John H. Patterson
Executive Director