



KPFK 2015 LISTENER CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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LISTENER CANDIDATES

Aaron, Kenneth	Elizondo, Rose Mary	Medina, Diana
Aaron, Grace	Fox, Leslie	Mizell, Van
Anderson, Charles "Chuck"	Frantz, Stephen	Mora, Michael
Barnett, Douglas	Fredricks, Charles	Novick, Michael
Beck, Christian	Gladney, Aryana	Pour, Reza
Blair, Fred	Gomez, J. L.	Pour, Schyna
Blyth, John	Goodman, Jan	Reson, Myla
Boehm, John	Halle, Thomas	Reyes, Lawrence
Brazon, Lydia	Hebert, Marylin	Ryan, Will
Brown, Sharon	Jeffries, Clayton "Jeff"	Sabbagh, Mansoor
Caukin, Bruce L.	Kaiser, Steve	Salmeron, Rolando
Childs, Sandy	Lawrence, Nancy	Sochaczewski, Alise
Cho, Jaye	Lightfoot, Liberty	Spriestersbach, Ronald
Corral, Michael A.	Macias, Richard	Van, Jerry
Doneen, Ann	Macon, Rob	Vollbrecht, John
Eidman, Roberta	Marbach, Barbara	
Eisen, Bill	Medina, Brenda	

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KENNETH AARON

Hello voter, my name is Ken Aaron. Vote for me to return to the KPFK LSB and I'll continue to work for the improvement and advancement of the station. KPFK has to move into the future, improve its technology and increase the numbers and scope of its audience, ten times the current listenership. We need to service the 99% of radio audience who are currently NOT listening to any of our programs. We can't please everyone, but being content with less than 1 percent of the public is not viable. Quality has to be improved. Distribution has to be increased. That calls for talent and technology. Business operations are 10 years out of date, cumbersome and inadequate, leading to lost grant income and bad financial management. I spent 4 years on the KPFK local board and 2 years on the national board. I come from a technical background and have been president or board member on various local non-profits, including my own (www.SocialUplift.org), In Pacifica I've been on the KPFK LSB, Pacifica National Board, and various committees including Finance and Personnel. I established and chaired the Financial Audit and Recovery Task Force. More details at CandidateSlate.org

GRACE AARON

Hi! My name is Grace Aaron. I may be familiar to you as I served on the KPFK Local Station Board for 6 years, from 2003 to 2009. I was on the Pacifica National Board in 2008 and 2009, its Chair in 2009 and the Pacifica Executive Director that year. Needless to say, I know a lot about KPFK and Pacifica! I believe in: *Financial accountability, *Improved programming including more local news, *Increased community involvement and diversity, *Adherence to the Pacifica Mission. My Background: , *Treasurer, LA Branch of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (over 10 years). , *Vice President of the Social Uplift Foundation (www.SocialUplift.org). *Chair and unpaid coordinator (1984-1994) of 13 chapters of Peace Action of Southern California (20,000 members). *Co-Founder and Co-chair of the Peace Action Network of Southern California in the early '90s. *Member Lincoln Heights Preservation Association, Nuclear Free Asia Pacific Committee, etc. Just as a body needs a brain but also a heart, I cherish our music, literature and arts as well as our political programming. I promise to be honest and do my best. Please vote for me and my well qualified colleagues listed on www.CandidateSlate.org

CHARLES "CHUCK" ANDERSON

My name is Charles "Chuck Anderson, candidate for KPFK LSB. In high school, following the lynching of Emmett Till, I was influenced and befriended by the great poets Langston Hughes and Ray Durem. I immigrated to Mexico and lived there for 20 years where I was an English instructor and sub-director of the United Nations School in Puebla. I was the foreign correspondent for the LA/Detroit Herald Dispatch, under the management of Malcolm X and Pat Alexander. I have published poems, photographs and news articles in Robert Williams, The Crusader, Bohemia, La Habana, Workers World, Peoples Weekly World, El Don, West Seventeenth ST., The Fullerton Observer, Street Scene, Change-Links and Others. Vote # one Charles "Chuck" Anderson KPFK LSB

DOUGLAS BARNETT

Our radio signal covers 40,000 square miles and more than 12 million listeners. Fifty other radio stations and lots of electronic media compete by selling their listeners or subscribers to advertisers. Our listeners have proven themselves to be as peculiar as the legal structure of the Pacifica Foundation, as peculiar as our way of producing radio. OUR task is to be the voice of people that have no other voice, to give airtime to programmer's music and dialog not heard on PRI, not NPR, and not for-profit broadcasters. I live within a Gang Injunction, many neighbors have never had a telephone or cable, never owned a car or a drivers license. Radio works for people fixing our lawns and tires, paving our streets, pushing a market basket home and for fútbol mothers and swamped housewives. For KPFK a LARGE donor is \$500 a year, a small fraction of what is solicited by "real" non-profits. KUSC had its best fund drive ever and became NPR's biggest station in March of 2010 by shrinking it's smallest pledge to perhaps \$150. People who have lived their whole lives on \$250 a week are still living on \$250 a week.

CHRISTIAN BECK

For over twenty years I, Christian Beck, have been a listener/subscriber to KPFK and have grown to enjoy, participate, and celebrate this Pacifica station, its mission, programming, and personalities. I want to become involved in order to help insure that Pacifica and KPFK remain a beacon of diverse peoples, useful knowledge, and inspired creativity.

FRED BLAIR

My name is Fred Blair; I am running for re-election as a Listener Member of the KPFK 2015 Local Station Board (LSB). I am Computer Technologist and an Electronics Engineer by profession. You can find out more about me at the web site: www.CandidateSlate.org Pacifica has growing, significant debt and is in deep financial trouble, with Boards that are not doing much about it. The current KPFK crisis can be summed up by the statement made by the Pacifica PNB Finance Committee Chairman at the July 14 National Finance Committee meeting: "At the rate KPFK is bleeding, it could take the network down pretty soon." That is a remarkable statement and accomplished in only 15 months by this present board's majority. KPFK fund drive days have increased to the point of diminishing returns (135 days scheduled by September 30). We need change. I have been a member of the KPFK Finance Committee since I've been on the LSB as well as member and Chair of the Pacifica Audit Committee for four years. I see oversight of the finances as being a key function of the Pacifica governance, especially now given the financial crisis that KPFK and Pacifica find themselves in.

JOHN BLYTH

John Blyth Teacher, Academic, Debater, Blogger, Poet, Writer-- I used to be a popular blogger who went by the name blueskybigstar. My purpose is to make sure that the public is provided excellent journalism. I say used to because the rules for the Google search engine were changed to keep little guy truth tellers like me from informing the public. Tens of thousands of my posts have been taken down due to their truth and accuracy. I intend to fight to get them back up. Being a member of the board of KPFK will provide support for the cause of freedom of speech. I believe that the first amendment is the most important amendment for keeping this a functioning country. Anyone can Google me as blueskybigstar, westcoastsc, meesterclean, thrutheseasons, and babymonster. Issues of my concern are first amendment rights, justice, the environment, and human rights. My biggest concern for why I would like to be on the board is to ensure accuracy in reporting and that the original charter of KPFK is adhered to by its presenters. Please, take the time to review my writing. I do not believe that some of the news is as free as it should be. I believe the public has a right not to be lied to. The democracy cannot hope to function when denied information and denied education. I am the author of a letter of complaint that can be found on file about violations of the charter by certain presenters.

JOHN BOEHM

I have listened to KPFK and answered the phones during its fund drives for over thirteen years. Phone-answering is very rewarding because I can both help KPFK and talk to the listeners simultaneously. I am running for a seat on the Local Station Board because I would like to further help the listeners, the Pacifica Mission Statement, and KPFK/Pacifica in that order. If elected, I would constantly try to not let my personal levels of agreement or admiration obstruct my respect for all the other diverse opinions, people and issues that rightly exist in Pacifica and KPFK. Strength derives from diversity. Although the Local Station Board can be a conflict-filled and contentious body, I think that is a good thing. My hope and desire is that there would be enough respect between all participants to allow for understanding if not agreement and the compromise and/or acceptance that can allow progress to occur. I believe conflict can be more peaceful -if not tranquil. Because I believe that elections are won and lost before election day, and democracy is won and lost afterward, if elected to the board, I would focus on listeners involvement in station matters - to maximize the level of democracy that can exist in this place. Thank you for your consideration.

LYDIA BRAZON

My name is Lydia Brazon and I current Chair of the Pacifica National Board. The Pacifica mission is the prism through which KPFK presents information and perspectives so often marginalized. It is the inspiration to persist, to share, to inspire. I'm a longtime peace and justice activist in many wonderful organizations and coalitions. KPFK has been a common thread of outreach and commonality as part and parcel of those efforts. In 2011, I addressed the \$110,000 spent in 2010 by the PNB for its four in-person meetings. I proposed a bylaws amendment to allow for options. With less like-minded directors, it failed to garner votes. This year, the PNB and three LSBs passed that amendment. This June the PNB met in L.A. for less than \$20,000, a savings of more than \$90,000 from 2010. I and like-minded allies managed to reduce the deficit from a staggering, Fiscal 2013 \$2.8 million to, per preliminary figures, to \$1 million in Fiscal 2014. The challenge is to restore and increase the KPFK/Pacifica listenership. Please vote for me and GCRC candidates. Thank you for supporting KPFK. Endorsements: Aris Anagnos, Bill Gallegos, Rick Rowley, Jaqueline Soohen, Grassroots Community Radio Coalition Please visit: gcrsocal.org

SHARON E. BROWN

As an author, publisher, attorney and activist, I have been actively involved in various activities and movements such as raising the minimum wage, voters' rights, feeding the hungry, education reform, and small business affairs. I listen to, support, and want to serve on the board of KPFK because it's one of the last free speech stations which represents the voice of the people. Progress can only be achieved through bold actions and empowerment of the people, and with adequate representation and financial stability. This is why I'm actively involved with organizations that are committed to addressing the growing chasm between the rich and poor, expanding and strengthening vital public services, climate change, and criminal justice reform. I have worked on various campaigns and elections – volunteering at election polling places, phone banking and walking precincts; and have also worked with various labor groups and organizations lobbying public agencies for change. For more information about me and other LSB candidates who I am supporting and who supports me (and who I hope you vote for) go to CandidateSlate.org. This group of competent and well-qualified individuals are endorsed by such people as Lila Garrett and Harvey Wasserman. Requesting your support and vote!

BRUCE L. CAUKIN

I am able to work with people of all ages and backgrounds as I taught Social Studies, Industrial Arts, and Driver Training at LAUSD. I learned leadership skills as an Aviation Cadet, US Coast Guard Reserve. My major KPFK goals are the Un-censoring of our programming to attract more listeners; Completely restoring our Local News Broadcast; Creating novel ways of fund-raising to solve our constant revenue shortage. KPFK losing listeners can only be caused by increasingly irrelevant programming, since KPCC listenership has increased while ours has decreased. George Nouri on KFI gets 10 Million listeners per night, (1000 times more), covering subjects that KPFK only covers during fund-drives. We could increase our listeners enormously by simply covering these forbidden topics all year long. We should create a Spanish-only second channel on Digital High Definition radio to fully serve Spanish-speaking listeners, thereby freeing the Evening hours for the now-censored topics to be broadcast in English. KPFK has lacked a full Local News Broadcast for eight years, thus not fully serving our listeners. KPFK should raise money by recording musicians in our Studio A, and selling the recordings as premiums sharing the profits equally.

SANDY CHILDS

Hi. I am Sandy Childs, and I am asking for your vote for KPFK's Local Station Board. As a two decades lover of, avid listener to, and devoted volunteer at KPFK, I have a vested interest in helping keep KPFK on air. I need KPFK. It has taught me more than I learned in school, and daily keeps me better informed than any other media outlet. I am aware of the station's financial straits, and feel that in order to keep the station viable and on air we must keep our reputation for integrity, honesty in reporting, and quality programming. That is the why when people find us on the dial, they keep coming back. Austerity measures, (laying off paid staff and trying to run the station and programs with volunteers), is the exact wrong direction to take us. Award winning professors of economics such as Paul Krugman, Richard Wolff, Joseph Stiglitz, or Robert Reich have told you what they think about the efficacy of

economic austerity for countries. It doesn't work for business, either. Austerity will kill the station. We simply need to sell a great product, so that we become in demand again.

JAYE CHO

My name is Jaye Cho, and I am a candidate running for the KPFK LSB under the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition with hopes of the station serving as an important vehicle in projecting voices and issues of marginalized and oppressed communities locally here in Southern California, the United States, and around the world. I want to see KPFK programming that supports Black lives and resistance, workers' & migrant rights, environmental justice, lgbtq & gender equity, disability justice, and self-determination struggles of Latin American, Asian, Muslim & Arab, indigenous peoples, and other oppressed peoples against U.S. imperialism and intervention. I believe diverse voices will not only bring awareness about the issues facing our communities, but also bridge connections and forge solidarity for a grassroots peoples' movement for genuine peace and justice. I hope to see KPFK commit to its people-led and listener-driven principles by amplifying the voices that are not portrayed in mainstream media, such as women, migrant, worker, youth, queer, and other marginalized voices. I also hope language accessibility, transparency, and engagement will empower listeners to take action to organize and create change in their communities.

MICHAEL CORRAL

I am running for the Local Station Board for main reasons: 1\ The need to contribute to a solution to the current financial crisis at the local station board, as well as the Pacifica Foundation. 2\ The need to regain control of programming that adheres to the Mission of Pacifica Foundation. I believe that these two reasons are the most important issues facing our Local Station Board. Number one, the economic situation will determine whether or not we stay on the air as one of the few outlets of real news and issues, and this can only be dealt with by resolving the financial crisis we now have. Number two, we need to make sure that all programming of news and issues that affect our communities adhere to the Mission of the Pacifica foundation.

ANN DONEEN

I'm Ann Doneen, a media consultant who believes our country is ailing but that popular radio that listens to its listeners can help. How? By recruiting ambassadors to engage the community in mutual positive outreach programs. KPFK can be the Southland's beacon of hope. Radio needs not just to broadcast, but to understand, to organize, to explain. There is no substitute for energy, enthusiasm, and hard work. As an investigative news producer at KNXT (now KCBS) I exposed Signal Hill Police Department's brutal treatment—and murder -- of a Black CSULB football star, leading to a coveted Columbia University Alfred I. DuPont award for the station. At TV Guide, I wrote about a national network news editor whose reporters routinely gave him "Heil Hitler" salutes. The Herald Examiner sent me to Southeast Asia to cover the Boat People. I served as CSUN's public affairs director. I have 10 years experience running grass roots organizations. I'm bilingual (Spanish). I believe that while governments differ, human nature is the same. We all love our children, want to free speech, fair wages, and to pursue happiness and feel respect. America's headlines form a bleak portrait, but radio can show that understanding leads to peace.

ROBERTA EIDMAN

My name is Roberta Eidman. I am a Progressive. Professionally, I was a Healthcare IT consultant with a Master in Public Health from UCLA. For several years, I taught Adult Ed at LAUSD in the Older Adults and ESL programs. Los Angeles is a diverse community of social justice and political activists. Given the state of corporate media, we must have a high-quality source for the type of content Progressives and independent thinkers demand. Unfortunately, KPFK is struggling to be that outlet. Listeners are flipping the dial; fund drives frustrate even loyalists. We are close to broke. Conditions are worse than in 2012 when KPFK's last election failed due to lack of quorum. In 2015, change could come. With new faces, less factionalism and greater flexibility a fresh start is possible. As a board member, I'd emphasize revenue, ethical and staff concerns. This is needed if we want to win back subscribers, grants and state funding. Programming and ratings are problematic. Evidence suggests KPFK is falling behind in its mission to reach

the public. Ideology doesn't justify content that fails to engage. I would hold station management and on-air hosts accountable for ratings, subscriber retention and listener feedback.

BILL EISEN

My name is Bill Eisen and I'm a progressive and environmental activist as well as an enthusiastic supporter and listener of KPFK. I'm also a graduate of Cal State University at Los Angeles and I'm a CPA (ret). After a cursory review of Pacifica's financials I'm alarmed and sad to say that Pacifica is on the verge of insolvency. This means that unless remedial action is undertaken, and fairly soon, Pacifica and KPFK will have to cease operations. Exactly how soon depends on such things as how long Pacifica's creditors will continue to extend credit. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that Pacifica's problems are due to poor management, a lack of transparency of operations, and the way Pacifica's directors are appointed, and not elected, which means that they are not accountable directly to the network's listeners. I'm just one listener candidate but I note that most of the other candidates have expressed concern about the network's continued deficit spending. It's time to take action and do it now before it's too late!

ROSE MARY ELIZONDO

I am Rose Mary Elizondo, a listener sponsor and loyal supporter of KPFK for 12 years. I have participated in different KPFK activities. I serve on the Outreach Committee. We represented KPFK in the MLK parade in January. I am a member of the Greater Pasadena Affordable Housing Group and a member of the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. Candidates for the LSB must be truly committed to KPFK and to the Pacifica Mission and Network. Candidates must actively engage in not only the LSB meetings but in the various committees as described in the Pacifica Bylaws, Article 7. It is a huge responsibility not to be taken lightly, much less forsaken. I feel that I am truly qualified for this position due to my strong interpersonal skills and ability to work well with others to accomplish goals and resolve conflicts. With issues such as Climate Change, endless wars, the drive by Corporations to control everything, it is urgent that Pacifica's and KPFK's financial status be restored so they can continue to serve as the only truly independent voice on the Radio Airwaves. I respectfully request your vote to help accomplish this goal.

LESLIE FOX

I will bring to KPFK's Local Station Board a twenty-five year history in professional fund raising for major research universities e.g. Harvard and Stanford, and major environmental organizations e.g. Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, and the Nature Conservancy. As a long term listener and financial supporter of both KPFA and KPFK, I believe I can help to lead the effort to create policies and programs that will give KPFK a more diversified fundraising base of major donors (\$1,000+), sustainers, legacy donors, e.g. bequests, charitable trusts, gift annuities, and other life income gifts for large and small donors alike. I have been an activist member for several human and civil rights organizations, e.g. ACLU, Amnesty International, Progressive Democrats of America and anti-war efforts, both within and outside of the electoral process. I also worked as a paralegal at the Center for Law in the Public Interest (LA), which brought suits to stop San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant, the Century Freeway, and uncontrolled growth along the coast, which led to the California Coastal Commission. My goal is to insure the long-term sustainability of this unique media network and to keep KPFK's mission vibrant and relevant.

STEPHEN FRANTZ

I am a public health research scientist (pathobiologist) and political activist. I would like to serve on the LSB of KPFK because this listener-supported station is the beacon of progressive hope in the Los Angeles area, and a significant part of the Pacifica Network. I would be honored to work with the Board on the primary tasks of preserving this precious local resource while simultaneously promoting non-violence, and social, economic and environmental justice everywhere. My skills include working in committees to reach consensus, and scientific evaluation and editing regarding public health issues, particularly environmental health and toxicology. Professionally, I have worked nationwide [mostly with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)], and in South Asia, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and Western Europe. My involvement with progressive politics includes: ACLU; American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); Americans for Democratic Action/SoCal (Board Member); Amnesty International;

Common Cause; Conscientious Consumers Bulletin (Co-editor); Greenpeace; Money Out/Voters In (MOVI); Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC); Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR); The Poor People's Campaign; Topanga Peace Alliance; Union of Concerned Scientists; and War Resisters League. I have also volunteered for several years with a Beverly Hills "soup kitchen".

CHARLES FREDRICKS

KPFK has some great programming, but I fear it may be in a death spiral. The more we do fund drives, the more the listenership level declines, and the more the listenership declines the more we must fund drive. Factionalism on both local and national boards has enabled financial incompetence that threatens the solvency of the station and the network. KPFK's license is in jeopardy for not meeting State of California auditing requirements two years running, and lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in CPB funding. The LSB must assist management to make difficult programming choices and create new forms of community outreach to attract new listeners in the favored hours of lunch and evening drivetimes. Our strong economics analysis shows should be given regular slots in these times—Richard Wolff, Suzi Weisman, Ralph Nader, Brad Friedman, Mitch Jeserich—music and spirituality should be moved to evenings and weekends. Why when the National Academy of Sciences is forecasting the extinction of humanity over climate change are we still running The Car Show? If elected I pledge to help the LSB arise from factionalism and effectively guide the station in fulfilling its mission to listeners.

ARYANA GLADNEY

I'm Aryana Gladney, running for re-election as a member of the Local Station Board with the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition because, as a low-income working mother and South Central advocate of liberation, I bring an important under-represented voice into KPFK's governance. As a mother who struggles to raise my son as a conscious African and provide him a meaningful education and better future, I know how important alternative voices can be. I've previously convened the KPFK Committee of Inclusion and worked on outreach events with the LSB. I have fundraised for non-profits, and can apply that experience helping KPFK. I've stood up to repression and political incarceration as a member of the Black Riders, and know what it takes for KPFK to be a fearless defender of free speech. We must attract new, younger listeners, particularly from communities that face survival issues, with culturally relevant and politically challenging programming and community engagement. This will build a broader base for KPFK, and fulfill its mission of identifying and helping resolve causes of conflict. KPFK needs shows that interest younger people, especially those whose needs aren't being addressed by the system. Contact me at aryanagladney@gmail.com or search for [gcrs-social](#).

J. L. GOMEZ

The familiar Statue of Liberty assumption that the United States is willing to help the rest of the world by [Giving] me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free is an aspiration that has developed in not just calling out to immigrants, but this ideal calls out to all of us in the increasingly oppressive military-industrialized society in which we live. The Pacifica Foundation rightly stands for the American ideals of Freedom, Truth, and Justice. And one more thing: Peace. If elected, I shall strive to uphold these ideals. As a pacifist and the son of an undocumented immigrant, I have over the years been involved in political activism. My main purpose for seeking an elected position on KPFK's Local Station Board is to promote programming decisions as they relate to the Pacifica Foundation's Mission, which encourages an outlet for community creativity, cultural harmony, and valuable news distribution that is normally not broadcast through traditional news media sources. A secondary purpose, also noted in Pacifica's Mission, is to support decisions related to the self-sustainability of the Pacifica Foundation and its radio stations.

JAN GOODMAN

I am a lawyer and activist. Theresa Bonpane of the Office of the Americas honored me by saying: "Jan Goodman's distinguished career in law and life expresses the quest for justice and peace which is the essence of the Pacifica Mission". I see KPFK as the most important tool the left has in Los Angeles and I see making it function better as part

of my contribution towards peace, justice & equality. For more information, endorsers, and other LSB candidates I'm supporting--go to CandidateSlate.org SHORT HISTORY OF SERVICE: Former Member: KPFK-LSB (2003-2009), Member of the Board and Past-President : National Lawyers Guild-L.A., Americans for Democratic Action-L.A., Paul Robeson Community Center, Former Director: San Bernardino Legal Aid Society, Co-Founder/Partner: Working Peoples' Law Center, Former Attorney: Greater Watts Justice Center, FUNDRAISER Hosted/Created over 100 fundraising events many for KPFK, Pacifica & Democracy Now ENDORSERS: Cynthia Anderson-Barker, Police Abuse Attorney, Lila Garrett, Commentator/Writer, Sam Paz, Civil Rights/Police Abuse Attorney. See CandidateSlate.org for additional endorsers

THOMAS HALLE

Hello!! I'm Dr. Thomas Halle. I've been involved with KPFK-Pacifica Radio for four decades. I can boast of solid participation in CAB and LSB activity...and "Grassroots" activism. Alternative, Activist, Community linked radio is what KPFK is all about, yet too often—in recent years—we've totally MISSED THE BOAT!! Many financial irregularities. A terrible record of station transparency. A preponderance of wishy-washy "Neo-Liberalism" representing the detestable and diabolical policies of Washington—perpetual wars, Orwellian propaganda, extraordinary rendition and torture, domestic surveillance, abuse of undocumented refugees, and treacherous "free trade" treaties...which have decimated the American Labor movement. Strip programmers dominating the KPFK Radio line-up, blocking opportunities for new, innovative and more relevant programming content. Station Management characteristically acting in a unilateral, arbitrary fashion, with little regard for the input of listener-subscriber stakeholders, the CAB or even the LSB. Intolerable. Our LSB must play a vigorous role in realization of the Pacifica-KPFK "vision," not merely function as a "rubber-stamp" for the Status Quo. Imagine a revitalized KPFK-FM with plentiful new content, a real Local News Department, & transparency and accountability. Maybe even Radical, Relevant, Alternative Radio--What a concept! Vote HALLE for LSB this time around!

MARYLIN HEBERT

I am a listener and supporter of KPFK interested in a great radio station that is unique. I'd love to see KPFK go digital. We can fit four digital stations into the bandwidth of one analog station. We could have our normal English station, PLUS a 24 hour Spanish station, plus two more signals, with perhaps one for youth programming, and one for special projects programming. How would you use three more stations? That is an amazing opportunity to increase our listeners, thus our income, thus our money for more projects. I am for adding digital TV onto the Internet. Advertising will help with costs. Sonali at 8 AM M-F already is doing this. We could use our audio signal to help promote both our other signals and our Internet channel, or perhaps channels. Create a team of interns to focus on raising money by calling old Sponsors and finding new sponsors. Reward the interns with training on how to be a reporter, DJ and other radio work skills. Allan Watts was an intern and a great discovery. I work in film distribution and my expertise in social media. I can bring filmmakers of documentaries.

CLAYTON "JEFF" JEFFRIES

Hello, my name is Clayton "Jeff" Jeffries and I have been a business owner for the last 35 years and a musician for the last 50 years. I'd like to see KPFK reach out to the community through the use of musicians, artists, movies, book and speaker events. These are all too infrequent at the moment. As a business owner I understand the balance between expenses and goals and the navigation between the two. As a musician I understand the creative process. I also understand how much the artists' want to have a platform to contribute to and, their goals are the very goals KPFK espouses and both can be vital to each other. I would like to use these skill to bring the 20-30 year olds into the fold [they are the most potentially active generation since the 60's] and re-engage the existing membership with the one thing everyone agrees with: Aesthetics. They're also a lot more fun. I realize I'm a different voice to the social activists that have served on the Board [and served it well in many cases] but maybe it's time for something new. Please consider my candidacy for the Local Station Board.

STEVE KAISER

Steve Kaiser, MBA CFP CPA is running for the KPFK LSB. I collaborated in the resurrection of the Los Angeles Free Press, and I want to help bring in better programming here. Our listener contributors need to feel like they are getting another point of view worth paying for. I have been a long time listener of KPFK and all the Pacifica stations, which I have, pre-set on my internet radio. I am concerned about the future viability of the whole organization. I believe it is time to clear up this whole financial quagmire while paying little of our scarce funds to outside accountants. I have been a financial professional for over 40 years, and I can lend a detached perspective to structuring internal controls & outside reporting. I have no time or energy for posturing or bickering. I am an outsider that isn't a part of any faction. Perhaps I have a Pollyanna perspective of how things can be improved, but the 99 % are depending on us to help build the more liveable world we all need. Also, I am a member of the UAW and the Green Party (for 25 years) as well as a Buddhist and an astrologer.

NANCY LAWRENCE

I've had an interest in politics, history and science since I was a child. I 'm not afraid to say that my politics are way to the left- revolutionary ecosocialist. I am active in the Peace and Freedom Party, around climate justice. I fight against racism, sexism, imperialism. I'm active in the Fight for the Soul of the City. In 2010, the World's Peoples' Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth with its anti-capitalist, and indigenous comovision, thrust me into the climate justice movement. In today's world, we need KPFK more than ever to be "the voice of the people!" We have financial problems at KPFK resulting in long fund drives and creeping corporate influence. Our news programming needs improving. We can learn from KPFK's Spanish-language news, _ Informativo Pacifica. _ In state and national politics, we need to cover P&FP, Green and Socialist/Communist candidates the same way Democrats and Repulicans are covered. Movements like Black Lives Matter, to movements in the Global South fighting against climate change can be brought together on KPFK as we fight for a world that is bio-centric. Our Mother Earth no cries out: "I can't breathe!" For these reasons I hope you will vote for me for LSB, with the Grassroots Coalition

LIBERTY LIGHTFOOT

I am a Hypnotherapist with several Energy-Medicine techniques. My specialty is extreme trauma release of adult and childhood events and issues. My cases have included Domestic Violence, Chronic Pain, PTSD, and Rape Crises. Homeostasis and peace are achieved. My major KPFK goals are the Un-censoring of our programming to attract more listeners; Completely restoring our Local News Broadcast; Creating novel ways of fund-raising to solve our constant revenue shortage. KPFK losing listeners can only be caused by increasingly irrelevant programming, since KPCC listenership has increased while ours has decreased. George Nouri on KFI gets 10 Million listeners per night, (1000 times more), covering subjects that KPFK only covers during fund-drives. We could increase our listeners enormously by simply covering these forbidden topics all year long. We should create a Spanish-only second channel on digital High Definition radio to fully serve Spanish speaking listeners, thereby freeing the Evening hours for the now-censored topics to be broadcast in English. KPFK has lacked a full Local News Broadcast for eight years, thus not fully serving our listeners. KPFK should raise money by recording musicians in our Studio A, and selling the recordings as premiums sharing the profits equally.

RICHARD MACIAS

I am running for the LSB because I have been a listener- sponsor for nearly 15 years and I am troubled by the direction the station's programming has been taking over the last several years. My beloved KPFK has been taken to some right leaning direction and I fear if we do not get involved and do something now then it will not be long before the station begins taking corporate funding and airing commercials and that will be the final nail in the coffin for this lone progressive voice in the wilderness. I have been a union carpenter for over 25 years, an activist, and an outspoken advocate for women's rights, equal rights, the poor and elderly of our community! I have stood up for workers and paid for doing so yet I have always come back time and time again to keep abusive employers for allowing abuse in the workplace. I am a fight, I am Latino, I am a progressive, and I am running as a candidate for your local station board -- VOTE FOR ME TO REPRESENT YOU!

ROB MACON

If "Shakin' With Rob Macon" sounds familiar to you, it's because since 2010 I've been a candidate for the KPFK Local Station Board (LSB) and never succeeded. This election I have 18 chances to get on the board. Since 2010, nearly 50 LSB members, four station managers, the same program director and station management team have brought down one of the most unique and precious means for free speech. Besides the new General Manager, nobody at KPFK knows how to get the station out debt, increase the listeners, conduct more successful fund drives and build KPFK back to full health. There are thousands of well qualified people with experience who can bring those kind of results. I'm one of them. KPFK/Pacifica is a multi-million dollar operation that requires multi-million dollar ideas. Since 2010 to 2015 five years have past, which is more than enough time to fix the problems at KPFK, if you know what you're doing. Now it's up to the new Executive Director, the new KPFK General Manager and the new KPFK LSB to unclog the KPFK/Pacifica drain for a new KPFK. "IT'S TIME FOR A NEW KPFK!" This is why I need to get on this new KPFK LSB.

BARBARA MARBACH

My name is Barbara Marbach, I've been a member of KPFK for 15 years. It's where I go for information regarding news, current events, music, health and wellness and community cultural perspectives. I'm grateful KPFK provides this service, it's a precious community resource to be valued and protected. I'm committed to the Pacifica's mission; Peace, education and no corporate underwriting. I'm 40 years resident of Northeast LA, a 20 year employee for a state nonprofit social service agency providing supports and services to individuals with developmental disabilities as a special education advocate has given me legal, education, mediation and counseling skill set and provided me the rich opportunities to assist people from diverse cultural and social economic communities. I facilitate several inter-agency forums bringing various stakeholders together with the common goal of serving children, reaching outcomes by consensus. I'm running because I want to acknowledge KPFK for the richness it has brought to me, Listening to the station has broaden my consciousness in many areas which has enhanced my quality of life. It's time to give back. I know my skills can be an asset; your vote will gain you a grateful, experienced, reasonable, dedicated collaborator. Barbe88@gmail.com

BRENDA MEDINA

My name is Brenda Medina and I am running with Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. I have served on the KPFK Local Station Board for the last 5 years and ask for you vote to complete my 6-year term in this election. On the board, I have served as vice chair for the LSB and have been a Pacifica National Board Director for 2 of my 5 years on the board. I also have served on various committees locally and nationally to help our radio network in various ways. Like many of the other candidates, I love Pacifica and how it continues to be the voice of the voiceless. We have a lot of work ahead of us for this organization to continue. There have been quite a number of set backs in the recent years that has led Pacifica to take a nose dive but we have stood together and continue to move ahead. We are living in important times for many movements so I know Pacifica needs to be the outlet for many of these different issues affecting the community. Support the candidates of Grassroots Radio Coalition of Southern California to push KPFK forward.

DIANA MEDINA

Hi, my name is Diana Medina, and I'm running for the KPFK Local Station Board. I hold a degree in Chicana/o Studies and History from California State University, Northridge. My work experience for the past 15 years has been of direct educational service roles. My work has encouraged my passion for improving education for low-income students by providing them with the needed resources and tools to do better in school and achieve academically. As a passionate advocate for social justice and equality, I am a dedicated to the development of education projects and initiatives for youth and their families. I currently work as a Financial Aid Counselor at my Alma-Ata, CSUN. I am a humanitarian, dedicated pacifist and I love serving people and improving my community. If elected to the Local Station Board, I would be an advocate for continuing the Pacifica mission in educating the community through the radio waves and encourage innovative thinking.

VAN MIZELL

To the listeners at (KPFK), my name is Van Mizell and I am running as a candidate in the 2015 Local Station Board election. I'm running on the slate of the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. I would like to be a part of making improvements that lead to a vibrant KPFK. The first thing I would like to do, and I am sure most people will agree, is to eliminate so many fundraisers. Too many fundraisers mean too many lost listeners, and a loss of ability to add fresh new listeners. The moral goes down and everyone shifts to KPPC or other stations, and there is little likelihood of getting them back. The second thing is to hire a full time accountant. Without an accounting for expenses and incomes, no one knows where we stand and we cannot output a budget, and the Finance Committee cannot function. That's what has happened to us and we have lost two years of understanding. The third thing is for KPFK to get more involved with the community. For more information on me Van Mizell and fellow Grassroots Community Radio Coalition candidates log on to www.gcrc-socal.org

MICHAEL MORA

I am a firm believer in the original mission of KPFK as follows: 1)Establish an education foundation 2)Establish & operate KPFK for educational use of this community 3)Use radio as creative force for community 4)Use radio as tool for understanding & community between all people 5)Use radio to promote information not available in other media vital to the community As a listener and citizen, I believe we need to sustain one of the few outlets for non corporate news left to us. As a native of this city I believe that opportunity exists for KPFK to provide more of the information and freedom of expression not available in most of the rest of this country. We need to work towards realization of the original goals of Pacifica Radio. With a determination to move forward into the future together we can restore the vision and sound footing to keep this important radio station on the air, providing this community with the clear example of what a vibrant, healthy, free and democratic radio station should be. I believe my experience of over 30 years in sales has given me an opportunity to gain the trust and provided me with the skills to help people accomplish goals. By listening and understanding to what people want I have acquired the ability to help them achieve what it is they want. I continue to believe that through these same skills we can build consensus among the board and accomplish the common goals we have for KPFK

MICHAEL NOVICK

I'm Michael Novick, running for re-election as a member of Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. KPFK and Pacifica must recommit to and re-engage with communities of solidarity and resistance to overcome racism, colonialism, exploitation, war and environmental devastation. Embracing interactivity and giving voice to community-based solutions, we can attract listeners and advance the Pacifica mission into a new generation. I have served as LSB chair, am currently its elected treasurer, and chair of the delegates assembly. I'm a retired schoolteacher, grassroots union activist, stepfather of three (one deceased), grandfather of three and a member of White People for Racial Justice, allied to Black Lives Matter. I edit "Turning the Tide," and am part of the editorial/production crew for "Change-Links" progressive news and community calendar. I've helped initiate innumerable coalitions locally, including Pro-Immigrant Mobilization Coalition, Jericho Amnesty Coalition to free all political prisoners, Crack the CIA Coalition, Culver City Families and Friends for Peace & Justice, HP Boycott, LA Coalition for Justice for Oscar Grant, and LA Alternative Media Network. I moderate Stop Police Abuse Now! on yahoogroups. Questions? antiracistaction_la@yahoo.com, 323-636-7388. As an individual, I support the Grassroots platform and slate (search for gcrc-socal). Thanks for your support!

SCHYNA POUR

For more than 30 years I have worked at KPFK in many capacities; News Director, Co-Producer of the Spanish weekly "Noticiero Pacifica," News Engineer, On Air Engineer, Executive Director of "Sin Fronteras/Without Borders," an English national monthly magazine, Executive Producer of the weekly magazine "Clave Latina," Executive Director of "People Without Borders/Pueblos Sin Fronteras," a daily bilingual news program, and since August 2006 as Project Director of "Informativo Pacifa," The thousands of hours of volunteer work I have donated to the foundation are a testament of the unquestionable determination I have for the faithful application of the very essence of the Pacifica

Mission; to promote the cause of peace through journalism and the artistic expression of our community. After the year 2000, I served in the Local Station Board, and now I'm running for the same post with more wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of the treasure that KPFK and Pacifica Radio represent in this country and in this world. In closing, I can only tell you: make a good investment in KPFK's future, vote for me in 2015.

REZA POUR

As a past board member of this radio station I am well acquainted with the demands and requirements of this position. As a community organizer I have deep connections with many underserved communities who are needed by us to support this station. As your elected board member I would support greater dialogue and interaction between board members and staff with people in the streets and with each other for the improvement of KPFK. I would work to bring back to KPFK its own news department with a strong corps of stringers from the various communities addressing local issues. I would also work toward greater support and recognition of the over 100 unpaid staff who dedicate their passion and their time toward creating diverse and quality broadcasts that inspire and educate. As a member of the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition (gcrs-socal.org) I am running with others who stand together in support of peace and social justice. I believe in the solidarity and diversity of our communities including multigenerational and multi-lingual voices on our airwaves and I support more collectively produced programs and news from our local communities.

MYLA RESON

As a life-long activist I've worked for peace, social and racial justice, media reform and a healthful and livable planet where our food is chemical and pesticide free, our energy comes from 100% safe, renewable sources and all nuclear reactors are shut down. I'm aware of the pivotal role KPFK plays in achieving our collective goals. That's why I'm asking KPFK listeners to entrust me with the responsibility of serving on the local station board. For more information about me, additional endorsers and other LSB candidates who I'm supporting and who support me (and who I hope you vote for) go to CANDIDATESLATE.ORG – a group of competent individuals endorsed by such people as Lila Garrett and Harvey Wasserman. We believe on-air fundraising can only be reduced when we increase KPFK's listenership by providing an anti-war / pro-economic justice perspective often missing from NPR; creating high quality, diverse programs, including cultural, local, national, international, musical, gender bending and intellectually diverse programs and having a management structure which supports that diversity and creativity. I'm semi-retired. During my life I've been a school teacher, Director of Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (in Santa Fe, NM), health food co-op manager, paralegal and bookkeeper.

LAWRENCE REYES

I'm Lawrence Reyes, running for re-election to the LSB with Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. I'm a parent, county worker, and SEIU721 union member/steward. Does KPFK really satisfy you, or do you feel, as I do, it's missing out on many issues affecting your future, failing to reach younger audiences, and devoting too much time to fund-drives? KPFK should allow diverse communities to communicate with each other. Listeners and volunteers must have a say in how it's run. KPFK must help advance solutions to the problems we're experiencing. War, incarceration, gentrification, and privatization affect me as a parent, social worker and organizer. We need an open programming evaluation process and training for our next generation of programmers and reporters to keep KPFK relevant and strong in the future. I've worked on many LSB Town Halls, even before I was an LSB member. I've been involved in community-based organizing efforts as a Puerto Rican activist. I am serving on the Pacifica National Board. I'm on the KPFK LSB Governance Committee, the PNB Programming Committee and Spanish Language Task Force. Questions? Call 310-460-8586, email alianzapr@hotmail.com, search for [gcrs-socal](http://gcrs-socal.org).

WILL RYAN

As a former or current member of the boards of Arts Alive (a non-profit which brings the arts into elementary schools); the Recording Academy (NARAS, the Grammys organization); the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences, Short Films and Animation branch (AMPAS, the Oscars organization); Americans for Democratic Action

(ADA); the International Animated Film Society (ASIFA-Hollywood, the Annie Awards organization) and as a past-president of the latter, I have some experience as a board member working with others to keep an organization healthy and vital. KPFK has served the people of Southern California since 1959 and, with a solid financial core and a clear and steady course, it has the potential to increase its listenership, expand its influence and effectuate greater change for the good in southern California. I'd like to help KPFK accomplish this. It may be worth a mention that I am also a former continuity director of WNCR radio, a former morning host at WBBG radio (both in Cleveland, Ohio) and was a regular guest on Pacifica's David Feldman Show from 2011 to 2014. I've also written and produced television shows and specials for Jim Henson Productions, Nickelodeon, ABC network, et al.

MANSOOR SABBAGH

I, Mansoor Sabbagh, am running for KPFK's Local Station Board (LSB) as a listeners' representative, and I am seeking your support and vote. I have done everything at KPFK except hold a managerial position: board operating, producing shows, hosting shows, sitting-in for the host of "Something's Happening" show while they were vacationing, fund drive phone room administration during the night hours and on the weekend, pitching and soliciting financial support on the air, training volunteers, and whatever needed to be done to make the station a better place. Most importantly, I have never stepped on anybody's head gain a position or paycheck during my tenure with Pacifica; my experience, skills and abilities have always take me to new positions with more responsibilities. I have been involved with KPFK since the mid-1980s and wholeheartedly close to two decades. I have attend many LSB and Pacifica National Board (PNB) meetings. I have volunteered and organized tabling for KPFK for years. I have worked with many managers and program directors. My name is Mansoor Sabbagh and I am seeking your vote to become a listener representative on KPFK's LSB to render my experience, skills, and knowledge to further Pacifica's mission.

ROLANDO SALMERON

Since I was in elementary school, I remember that I enjoyed servicing my peers as well as my school and I enjoyed the job. Now that I've grown, I remember throughout college I was seeking I help with out expecting any reparations. Since I discovered KPFK many years ago, I appreciated the work the station was doing in educating the people. I would frequently contribute to channel PBS because I appreciated the line up they had at the time. This is why I think I can help the station. I salute with great devotion the staff members and volunteers that make this beacon of truth possible, in this immense sea of manipulates air waves that confuse the public. I am ready to help you, and if the public gives me the chance, I will fulfill my responsibility with honor and loyalty.

ALISE SOCHACZEWSKI

I am Alise Sochaczewski and it would be an honor to serve as your representative on the KPFK LSB. I am a proud member of the Grassroots Community Radio Coalition (gcrsocal.org) since its inception and have supported this station on its Outreach Committee for many years. As a psychotherapist for Kaiser Permanente I defend the rights of labor in my role as union steward, and I participate in a weekly Peace Vigil in Echo Park. As a member of the LSB I will support the expansion of our news department, including remote broadcasts and live news events, to provide "comprehensive news on all matters vitally affecting the community". I will work to promote increased openness and communication among governance, management, and front-line staff, as well as with listeners in on-air forums, town hall meetings, and improved online formats. I will promote developing a strong volunteer support and development program for student interns and local listeners from all of our diverse communities to bring fresh ideas and new momentum to the station on all levels. I will work to ensure accountability from the board to bring in needed funds to support mission driven budgeting that adheres to sound accounting practices.

RONALD SPRIESTERSBACH

I am running for re-election to the KPFK Local Station Board (LSB). I've been a listener-sponsor almost continuously since the inception of KPFK. I am running with a slate from Grassroots Community Radio Coalition. Currently, I have participated on the Finance, Outreach, and Town Hall committees and on the PNB Spanish Language Task Force and

Committee of Inclusion. I am now a member of the Local Station Board of KPFK. Our greatest problem now is raising enough money to enable our survival. We've lost a lot of listenership because we have not provided enough programs connected with the vital needs of our local communities. I believe that we must shift our emphasis to deal with monstrous economic and migrant injustice, and the stoppage of the assault by global warming. We must combat the growing homelessness, the torture of the prison industrial complex, and the explosion of racial injustice. As much as ever, we must argue for an end to these perpetual wars. We must bring into our folds, the different ethnic groups in Southern California, especially the Spanish speaking population. Nationally, Pacifica Radio has decided to greatly expand the Spanish language programming.

JERRY VAN

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JOHN VOLLBRECHT

Hi, my name is John Vollbrecht and this is my second try at becoming an LSB member. I remember KPFK back in the 70's and 80's. A strong voice for people's issues. Today, under the auspices of the Obama Administration, we have seen the rise of "corporatism" and the prosecution of more whistleblowers than at any other time. We have not seen a house-cleaning of electronic voting machines. Which concerns me as a Polling Captain, Elections Inspector. All of the above should not stand. I would like to see the Kindness, Peace and Freedom restored to KPFK...oh, yes and the Kourage to speak truth to Power and the Powers that Be.