

COMPLAINT PBRC002

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[email address redacted]

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Anonymous: YES

Someone forwarded an email to me from KPFA staff member [name redacted], in which she claims that the "revision is supported by the two, often fractious, sides of the KPFA Local Station Board". I pasted her full email dated February 18, 2020 below.

Her statement makes it seem like the KPFA LSB voted for the proposal, but every LSB in the network voted against it. Only a small percentage of board members voted in favor. [Name redacted] is [staff credentials redacted] and very involved at the station. It is doubtful that she does not know her own LSB voted against the proposal. Her statement appears to be deliberately misleading.

If I were a member of the LSB I would feel slandered by claims that misrepresent decisions made by the board, a violation of Rule #5. It does not seem fair that a staff member should be allowed to abuse her position of prominence and lie about LSB affairs in order to manipulate listeners into voting a certain way. I am concerned many may have already based their vote on her false statement.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: [name redacted]<[email address redacted]>

Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 1:21 PM

Subject: Pls Vote YES on Pacifica/KPFA Bylaws changes

To: [name redacted]<[email address redacted]>

Dear Friends and Family,

We have a chance to get out from under the disastrous governance structure that has brought us to the dire circumstances we now face at KPFA and Pacifica Radio.

If you are a KPFA subscriber, you should have received emails about an amendment to Pacifica's bylaws. I am urging you to vote YES on the amendment. The amendment would make substantial changes to the Bylaws, reducing the incredibly expensive, sprawling, and dysfunctional governance structure that has brought the Pacifica network to the brink of financial collapse. The network has spent millions of dollars of listener dollars, donated for programming, for funding 20 elections in every three year period. The enormous size of the governance structure has led to hyper-factionalism and utter paralysis on the local and national levels, while the network hovers on the brink of bankruptcy. Change needs to happen to break this paralysis and make oversight finally possible before it's too late.

The revision is supported by the two, often fractious, sides of the KPFA Local Station Board, including [name redacted] and [name redacted], both key figures in KPFA's fight against the Pacifica Foundation in 1999. [name redacted], who was the architect of the bylaws, has now disavowed them as endangering the future of KPFA and the network.

For more on why this is necessary: <https://rethinkingpacifica.org/>

Thank you and happy to answer any questions.

[name redacted]

Election Inspectors Response: No evidence is apparent that the individual in question used Pacifica Foundation resources to distribute her email, which may have been misleading in its content. The email reports supposed bipartisan support for a Yes vote on the KPFA LSB. The KPFA LSB in fact voted against the proposed reorganization. No action is recommended.