

COMPLAINT PBRC018

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Anonymous: Yes

"I am filing a complaint regarding the recently announced staff meeting to be held on-site at the KPFA Radio Station. If that meeting goes forward, it is in clear violation of the Fair Campaign Provisions posted specific to the Bylaws Referendum. I have copied and pasted the specific Rule below. Since this meeting for staff and LSB delegates is to advocate for or against the Referendum not to promote voter turnout, it is a clear violation of Rule #3. There is a provision for off-site meetings, which is stated in Rule #4.

Rule #3 Station resources

Except as provided above, station resources, including, but not limited to equipment, and meeting spaces should not be used except to promote voter turnout.

Rule #4 Off site meetings

Staff and listeners may organize community meetings to bring together staff and listener members for the purpose of learning about the proposed bylaws and hearing arguments on both sides. Any such events may be announced on-air provided they have been approved by the NES and are open to proponents and opponents of the proposed bylaws, are in a handicap-accessible location, do not endorse, raise money or promote events for one side or the others.

<https://elections.pacifica.org/wordpress/2020-fair-campaign-provisions-bylaws-referendum/>"

Election Inspectors Response: The staff meeting/debate as planned is indeed a violation of Rule #3. Rule #3 does not derive from the court order authorizing the referendum, and in this instance does not further the spirit of fair campaigning. The Election Inspectors will suspend the rule in this instance.