



KPFT 2015 STAFF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

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You may cast your ballot by returning the enclosed ballot in the mail or cast your ballot online.

VOTE ONLINE

<https://pacifica.simplyvoting.com>

In order for quorum to be met (25%), approximately 39 votes need to be returned. For more information about the candidates, the campaign schedule and more, visit the official campaign website at elections.pacifica.org

STAFF CANDIDATES

Clif Smith
Mike A. Lewis

Joseph Davis
Robert Gartner

Tony Cox

Para leer las declaraciones de los candidatos, las instrucciones de como votar y para elegir su voto en español, visite el sitio <https://pacifica.simplyvoting.com>

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TONY COX

My name is Tony Cox. I am the office manager at KPFT Pacifica 90.1 FM, and served as a board member. The last time I ran for a seat on the board all those years ago, I gave you a campaign promise that I had no problem delivering on, that promise was to protect the management on KPFT Pacifica radio 90.1 FM. There is one reason why, through it all, I felt that protecting the management of KPFT was a worthy goal. The first reason is was that as the office manager at KPFT, the management lets me help people. If there is a band, a youngster and his hommies, or a goth girl with her best friends that wants their music played on the air, I can steer them to a show that hopefully, will give them a chance, and because of the open, and inviting manor in which the station management runs the airwaves, most of the time, I can find one of many shows that will give them a chance. Voting me onto the board will insure that the staff of KPFT is protected, stable, ready and willing to give you the best programming possible. Thank you.

JOSEPH DAVIS

Pacifica and KPFT are facing serious financial challenges, continued lack of proper oversight could result in bankruptcy, and the foundation could be dissolved. I will work hard to keep us fiscally viable, by implementing professional business practices, that will save not only the foundation, but the jobs of our employees. My primary goal is to serve the Pacifica mission statement, to serve the community with the news, music and programs that engage the community in our day to day operations. Sincerely - Joseph Davis

ROBERT GARTNER

I wish to throw my hat in the ring as a candidate for one of the 'staff' positions. I am a long time supporter of and listener to KPFT 90.1 FM Radio. I have produced two Open Journal programs. I have volunteered on a regular basis for the past 8 years, doing phone work, giving assistance at special events, doing station recycling, doing some station grounds work, and generally helping out. I have recently been helping to perform Board Operations for programs, 'The Monitor', 'The Progressive Forum', and 'Coming to America'. I want to see KPFT grow and flourish and am willing to help in that regard. One of the things I do to that end now is provide incarcerated people I write to with KPFT Program Guides and information about events. I have also distributed Program Guides at local Libraries. I have one idea for increasing listener and support base and this is to somehow advertise our Internet capabilities, first reaching out to small outlying communities in Texas and thence to surrounding states. Some paper ad test advertising could facilitate introduction to this realm.

MIKE A. LEWIS

Hello. My name is Mike A. Lewis. I am running as a Staff Candidate for the Local Station Board for KPFT 90.1FM. I ran for the LSB in 2013 as a Listener Candidate. For the past year I have filled a LSB position of a resigned member. The LSB voted to have me fill the position. I thank everyone that voted for me in 2013. For the past three years I have worked on the Prison Show on KPFT with the Prison Show Gang. I have helped with production work, answering phones, helping with guests and promoting events for the show. I also have worked on and promoted on events for KPFT like the Dead Beat Ball and the Watermelon Dance Social. I have also volunteered my production services for other shows on KPFT in a Emergency for needed staff on the Execution Watch and Arab Voices. I have an Interdisciplinary Degree in Communication, Bachelor in Science from the University of Houston Downtown. Plus I have over 31 years of broadcasting experience. While attending the University of Houston Main Campus and University of Houston Downtown I have learned to work with people from diverse backgrounds.

CLIF SMITH

I hope to add a little style and grace to the Local Station Board as well as a little more honesty to the KPFT commitment to making sounds on air to sizzle and cool as needed.