

Minutes KPFA LSB Regular in-person meeting and Executive Session

October 20, 2018, 11 am - 3: 30 pm,

North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

- 1. Called to Order by Vice-Chair:** Christina Huggins,
- 2. Roll Call:** **Present,** Marilla Arguelles, Ahmad Anderson, Sharon Adams,, Anthony Fest, Aki Tanaka, Carol Wolfley, Christina Huggins, Steve Zeltzer, Sabrina Jacobs, Carole Travis, Chris Cory, T.M. Scruggs, William Campisi,, Richard Wolinsky, **Excused absences:** Lisa Dettmer, Tom Voorhees, Brian Crowell, Andrea Turner, Tim Lynch, **Remote access attempted** Ramses Teon Nichols **Absent:** Scott Olsen, **Reading of group agreements**
- 3. Agenda Approved as amended**
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Report from KPFA Local Election Supervisor**
- 6. LSB Meeting moved from Dec, 15, 2918 to Dec. 29 and cancelled Nov. meeting. Y 7, N 2, A 2**
- 7. Executive Session and Report out: Passed Y 9, A 3**

The KPFA LSB discussed issues related to Listener and Staff members participation on the KPFA LSB email group, the national accounting contract and evaluation of the KPFA General Manager and Program Director

8. Approved minutes August and September LSB meetings Y 8, A 1

8. Old Business: Assange motion made by Steve Zeltzer

For KPFA Support To The Defense Of Whistleblower & Journalist Julian Assange

Whereas, Assange and Wikileaks have released a vast trove of primary source material unlike anything that journalists have ever had such ready access to,

Whereas, Wikileaks releases have made evidence-based journalism more possible than ever before,

Whereas, Julian Assange and Wikileaks have helped expose the role of the US and other governments' war crimes and violations of international law and,

Whereas, Assange and WikiLeaks have, in the Podesta emails, Vault 7, the Trade in Services Agreement, and many other releases, exposed the collusion between government officials, politicians, oligarchs, and corporations against the public interest, including even the survival of life on earth,

Whereas, the US government along with the UK government are seeking to push Julian Assange out of Ecuador's London Embassy to be arrested by Theresa May's government in the UK government and then most likely extradited to the United States for criminal prosecution and,

Whereas, the US government and the UK government refuse to prosecute any of the war criminals that have been exposed by the whistleblowing of Julian Assange and WikiLeaks and,

Whereas, there is a systematic effort by the US government to harass, repress and jail reporters and whistleblowers who exposed corruption and criminal activities by government officials and,

Whereas, US politicians have called for the murder and torture of Julian Assange to silence him and,

Whereas, KPFA and Pacific network is also under attack and threatened by the US government and corporations that the US government represents and,

Whereas, the Australia Media, Arts and Entertainment Alliance (MEAA) union made Julian Assange an honorary member for life, waived his fees, and called for the defense of his rights, <http://www.abc.net.au/.../journalists-union-shows-sup.../2383428>

Whereas, leading intellectuals and whistleblowers including Daniel Ellsberg, John Kiriakou, Ray McGovern, and Coleen Rowley have called for unity in support of Julian Assange,

Therefore be it resolved that the KPFA Local Station Board calls for the freedom of Julian Assange and an end to the harassment including the halting of internet and media access at Ecuador's London Embassy, an end to efforts to jail Assange by either the UK government or US government, and calls for KPFA and Pacifica to launch a campaign on our website and our programming to defend Julian Assange and all journalists and whistleblowers who are coming under increasing attacks by the US government and the corporations who control the government.

Lastly we call on our KPFA LSB delegates to the Pacific Board to make a similar resolution and call for national publicity and programming by all Pacifica affiliated stations for the defense of Julian Assange and all journalists and whistleblowers who face threats to their democratic rights.

Endorsed by:

Daniel Ellsberg, Pentagon Papers whistleblower, Project Censored And The Media Freedom Foundation, Randy Credico Comedian, Activist, and Former WBAI host, Tom Voorhees, Elected Member, KPFA Local Station Board and Pacifica National Board, Ann Garrison, Journalist, Black Agenda Report, SF Bay View, KPFA News, Mary Ratcliff, Editor, SF Bayview Newspaper

Richard Stone, APWU San Francisco, SFLC Delegate, Member KPFA Community Advisory Board, Dr. George Wright, UPWA.info, Joe Lauria, Editor, Consortium News, Biweekly KPFA Flashpoints, Host Michael Parenti, book author and political scientist

Substitute Motion by Carol Wolfley Passed, Y 8, N 0, A 3 Be it resolved that the KPFA LSB supports coverage of the dire situation of Julian Assange, an independent media voice and calls for end to attacks on journalists and whistleblowers by the US government and the corporations who control the government.

9. Treasurer's Report

10. Community Advisory Board Report,

11. Announcements

12. Reports from Pacifica National Board Directors

13. Old Business: Pacifica Bylaws considerations

14. Old Business Multimedia discussion

15. 3:30 Adjourned