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RESOLUTION NO. 192-01

[KPFA resolution]

Resolution urging the Executive Committee of the Pacifica National Board to cease efforts which undermine KPFA's content and programming, democratically restructure the Pacifica Radio Network, and demand that Pacifica guarantee in writing that KPFA will not be sold without the overwhelming approval and consent of KPFA's subscribers, supporters and staff.

WHEREAS, KPFA Radio Station plays an outstanding role in providing crucial community radio services for the San Francisco Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, the station has for more than fifty years has provided a forum for a host of political movements, including protecting First Amendment Right of Free Speech, to the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement, and the gay and lesbian rights movement; and,

WHEREAS, KPFA has been a crucial cultural force, promoting everything from avantgarde classical music, Jazz, World Music, and radio drama; and,

WHEREAS, KPFA has given voice to tens of thousands of diverse individuals and groups throughout the Bay Area who would never be heard otherwise; and,

WHEREAS, KPFA's parent organization, the Pacifica Foundation, has since 1999 taken an increasingly aggressive stance towards the station, including terminating without process its general manager and best on-air staff, expelling KPFA's staff from their own building and then arresting them, entertaining proposals to sell KPFA; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Pacifica Foundation's Board of Directors are now proposing undemocratic by-laws that would enable the Executive Committee of the Board to sell KPFA; and,

Supervisog Gonzalez , Daly, Peskin BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, such a sale would effectively rob the Bay Area of a historical and crucial resource; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors call for the resignation of the current Executive Committee of the Pacifica National Board, the democratic restructuring of the Pacifica radio network, and demand that Pacifica guarantee in writing that KPFA, an institution that San Francisco Bay Area residents have sustained for over 50 years, cannot and will not be sold without the overwhelming approval and consent of KPFA's subscribers, supporters and staff.

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March 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval Absent: 1 - Yee File No. 010279

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria I. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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-Date Approved

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