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RESOLUTION: SUPPORT STAFF AT KPFA

Whereas, the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council supports the staff of KPFA, paid and unpaid, and demand the Pacifica Foundation reverse the decision to lay off the entire staff of the Morning Show. We call on the Pacifica Foundation to consider the alternative budget proposed by the staff union, CWA Local 9415, which would avoid layoffs by reducing the station's budget in other areas; and,

Whereas, we call on the Pacifica Foundation to reduce its own budget, particularly the high salaries of its executives and national board meeting expenses, which are inexcusable at a time when the people producing the programming at the station are losing their jobs; and,

Whereas, we are concerned about the decision to eliminate the Morning Show because this eliminates the show providing consistent expansive coverage of labor issues not covered elsewhere and KPFA should expand labor coverage, not eliminate what it has,

Therefore be it resolved that the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council believes that KPFA should develop more programming that reflects the needs and situation of its listeners, especially workers, union members, people of color, immigrants and others. Many communities need to make their voices heard, and will provide a strong base of support for the station if it provides that, while the station will be able to give listeners much greater knowledge of what is happening to working people in our communities.

Adopted by the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, at the General Membership Meeting on Monday, December 13, 2010.