

**Pacifica Gags *Letters and Politics*:  
Exchange Between Pacifica's Arlene Engelhardt, Manager Carrie Core, and KPFA  
Host Mitch Jeserich**

From: mitch jeserich  
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2011 7:25 PM  
To: Carrie Core; Arlene Engelhardt  
Subject: Re: Letters & Politics Interview Friday?

Just a reminder about my request. Thank you.

On Tue, Mar 8, 2011 at 12:24 PM, mitch jeserich wrote:  
Dear Arlene & Carrie,

I am hoping that either or both of you would be willing to come on Letters this Friday at 10:30 am to talk about the report that was issued on Monday regarding layoffs and the budget. It would be just you two, or one of you, and me. I promise it would be civil and you will certainly have the ability to express your thoughts. If 10.30 doesn't work for you...I can be flexible and record the interview before then. Thank you for your consideration.

On Tue, Mar 8, 2011 at 7:27 PM, Arlene Engelhardt wrote:

Thanks for the request, Mitch. At this point I would like to defer to the new iGM to report to the listeners. He has scheduled reports for the end of next week and will then be available to be a guest on individual shows. Again, thanks.

In peace and harmony,  
Arlene

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From: mitch jeserich  
Date: Wed, Mar 9, 2011 at 12:37 PM  
Subject: Friday  
To: Arlene Engelhardt, Carrie Core, philip maldari

Dear Arlene and Carrie,

so I do plan to cover your report to the listeners put out this week on Friday. The invitation remains open to both or either of you. I have notified the union that I would like to have their response to your report and a representative has agreed to come on. Carrie did express that she would prefer that I did not do the segment. To clarify, I asked whether it was a preference or an order. She said preference. So I am assuming there is not a gag rule over this. Considering that we are listener sponsored, listeners care deeply about the station, and your report went out to the email list of the general listening audience, I feel it is appropriate to cover. I will quote extensively and accurately from your report and post it on our website along with the union rebuttal. I will also be happy to read a statement from you concerning why you have declined to participate if you wish to send me one. I have cc'd Philip Maldari as a union shop steward.

In community,

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On Thu, Mar 10, 2011 at 11:17 AM, Carrie Core wrote:

Dear Mitch,

This is to notify you that after further consultation, we have decided not to permit further discussion of KPFA internal disputes (including personnel or financial matters) on your program at this time. The program is broadcast nationally; KPFA's internal personnel matters are not of national interest; and such programming is damaging to the entire Pacifica network, including affiliate stations, not just KPFA, particularly in light of the current precarious financial situation.

Once Andrew Phillips arrives as the new interim GM next week, he will review this issue further. In the meanwhile, you are not to go ahead with your plan to include guests on Friday's program who will be discussing the internal personnel matters or to conduct any other discussion of KPFA's internal disputes on your program until further notice.

Carrier Core, interim Program Director  
Arlene Engelhardt, Executive Director

From: mitch jeserich  
Date: Thu, Mar 10, 2011 at 11:32 AM  
Subject: Re: Your Show Tomorrow

To: Carrie Core

On Friday my show is not syndicated live in LA. Only on KPFA. For the uploaded version I will exclude it and put something in to replace it. So, that would seem to address your problem. Is there another reason not stated or may I then proceed?