

# 2010 KPFK Local Election Report Les Radke

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This clearly is only a partial listing of what a Local Election Supervisor does. More to come!

## Executive Summary

- 1) The responsibilities of the Local Election Supervisor fall into several categories: technical, social and political are among them. The social responsibilities deal with the different personalities who are running for the board. And I should mention that every station has its own particular problems, and the job of a LES needs to be seen as flexible and not applicable to all stations.
- 2) I'll begin with the political problem facing the LES's at KPFK. Marc Herbst was the primary Local Election Supervisor for KPFK for most of June and all of August- I was therefore the substitute Local Election Supervisor at the beginning of September. While I had the knowledge of the election process (STV) and the knowledge of the entire process, I entered a situation that was hostile. I was the National Election Supervisor for 2009, and hired Michael Sanchez, an excellent Local Election Supervisor who was supported by the majority of the Local Station Board. The hostility toward Marc was based on the fact that Michael Sanchez had become an unpaid staff member of KPFK, was a popular LES among many at KPFK and the bylaws explicitly exclude staff from becoming a LES.

### **The Reason for this Restriction**

Carol Spooner goes to the **purpose** of this bylaw restriction on staff members (both paid and unpaid) and management, as well as board members, serving as election supervisors?

The purpose is to insure (as far as possible) that no one with a vested interest in the outcome of the election will be put in the position of running the election. So, it's not a matter of a staff member having the "right" to resign their position in order to become eligible for hire as an

election supervisor. It's a matter of the membership having the right to impartial elections supervisors. Unfortunately, we didn't go far enough in the bylaws restrictions. As I said before, we should have explicitly restricted staff, management and board members from serving for at least one year (probably more). But, just because that restriction isn't in the bylaws doesn't mean that Pacifica cannot adopt such a policy, or that a NES may not adopt such a policy. Such a policy would not violate the present bylaws and would be best practice for insuring clean elections. For example, anyone who had such a close relationship with Pacifica or one of its stations would automatically be disqualified from serving on a jury in a case involving Pacifica -- same principle applies to being an elections supervisor. The NES has the discretion to deem such potential conflicts of interest disqualify someone, even if the bylaws didn't do it. But the bylaws do. So the focus of argument is really misplaced. It's not about the "right" of someone to a job, it's about the rights of the members to clean elections.

Whenever a term is defined in a document, any subsequent use of that term is controlled by the definition unless the bylaws explicitly say that another meaning is to be applied. Things such as whether the word is capitalized or not are not relevant to this standard rule of construction. This is black letter law I learned in law school under "construction of contracts", and would be applied by any court of law. So, since "unpaid staff member" is defined in the bylaws, that definition applies to their eligibility to vote, to run for election as a staff delegate, to serve on the LSB, and to serve as an election supervisor. It is irrelevant that "technically" a paid staff member could resign and become technically eligible, an unpaid staff member is still ineligible for a period of time after "resigning" -- just as s/he is still eligible to vote and to serve as a delegate for a period after resigning. That's how Pacifica's governance structure is set up. In fact, an unpaid staff member could be banned from the station for violence or property destruction (for example), but would still be eligible to vote for a period of time.

About the PNB "waiving" a bylaws provision -- that cannot be done for anything "substantive" such as protecting the rights of members to impartial elections by prohibiting certain categories of persons from serving as elections supervisors. It can occasionally be done for merely procedural matters, such as the timing or even the number of meetings.

**This hostility forced the first Local Election Supervisor (LES) to quit the job, and eventually the second LES, Marc,**

to do the same. But the fallout from this hostility extended to the National Office and to the National Election Supervisor which complicated the completion of the election.

- 3) In spite of the hostility , the staff of KPFK in general worked well enough with Marc Herbst, the LES at the beginning of September, to record the carts (public service announcements) of the 26 listener candidates and ran them regularly on KPFK. While, according to Marc, most of the staff were friendly, it was difficult to develop close working relations with them.
- 4) The strongest recommendation I have for this situation, if it is to occur again, is for the Executive Director and the NES to visit the station and trash out the political problems that developed, in particular with many of the staff who actually didn't understand what was the essence of the problem.
- 5) The second recommendation is to ensure that the LES understood what the skills are for the various jobs – some LES's have weakness in computers, broadcasting, and types of community organizing. They should be introduced to mentors who can help them with their weakness.
- 6) A third recommendation is to hire the LES a week before the job begins, both to acquaint themselves with the staff of their station and to begin to organize their tasks. This also allows the assimilation of materials and reports from previous elections. It should be pointed out that there are so many unknowns in this process that flexibility is essential, as the problems of scheduling on-air forums

with the staff , listeners and moderators rarely goes smoothly.

- 7) A fourth recommendation is to set up a Local Election Committee. As folks are often at odds politically with each other, the committee should be constituted as a WORK committee, not a POLITICAL discussion committee. Then, it's not important that folks are neutral in terms of candidates, but rather work to create events that all listeners feel comfortable attending.
- 8) Finally, it's essential that PSA's be played regularly and often from day one of the nomination process. This can often be difficult, because most of the staff already has a busy schedule. It can also be difficult since many of the staff either don't support the electoral process, as it is now set up, or actively oppose the entire electoral process.

## Introduction

Primarily I'm a teacher, a teacher who has pondered the relationship between democracy and elections. Most countries have elections, as do school councils. Many of those countries even with the proviso that all adults can vote can hardly be considered democratic.

The Pacifica Foundation was not set up as a democratic body, and this came to a head in the 90's , in particular 1999 when the Pacifica National Board made the decision to self-appoint itself, with one of its decisions to solve its financial crises by selling one of its stations (probably WBAI or KPFA). At that point masses of people protested the Board particularly at KPFA (see "KPFA ON THE AIR"), I was then a member of what is known today as Californians for Electoral Reform (CfeR)

which advocated for proportional representation elections. Two of our members wrote a program (STV, Single Transferable Vote ) which was adopted by the Local Advisory Boards as part of our bylaws. We test ran the program only at KPFA, when I was elected to the first elected KPFA Board. The first National Elections were in 1993, and I was the Local Election Supervisor for KPFA. In 1996 and 1999 I was chosen as the National Election Supervisor, after which I decided that the job was too complicated for one person to continually commit to it.

Nonetheless, I found myself one more time accepting a substitute position as LES at KPFA, as I knew some of the people there because of my previous work on the elections. In particular, I knew Grace Allen, the Executive Director who hired me to be the NES in 2009, and who graciously allowed me to stay in her house while I was in L.A.

I knew that elections were essentially political, with folks holding strong opinions about even relatively trivial matters. But I felt that I had contact with people from all sides, and perhaps I could bring some skill to these situations.

One problem was that I only had rumors about the nomination process, with a large number of friends feeling that the process was not run well.

And I did enter the middle of process with some folks saying that the election should be boycotted.

What saved the process was the staff. They made me feel at home, and with all their misgivings I can't think of a staff member who was not helpful.

## Nomination Phase

The earliest logs I could find for carts were the middle of June. This doesn't mean that carts weren't played earlier, but I couldn't find them. This was perhaps the criticism of the electoral process, but with two LES's at the time, and the time it takes to learn who is who at the station, I wouldn't expect near perfection. Near the end of the nomination period, there were less than 15 or so listener candidates, so Ian Master organized a write-in party at the station on his own.

KPFK ended up with 26 listener candidates and 6 staff candidates. Unfortunately, 20 of the listener candidates were men, and only a handful of the listener candidates were people of color. At this point, we probably should have had some ability to extend the nomination period, although the bylaws don't address this. The number of carts and the number of outreach events is extremely important. Renee Astoria, the National Election Supervisor, probably knows more about this than I do, as I wasn't involved in the KPFK election process at that point.

I don't know how many petition parties took place, but in a location like Los Angeles, it is important to involve as many people in outreach as you can.

My recommendation for the PNB is to EXTEND the nomination period, as newer folks who are just becoming involved, need to go to a LSB meeting and to meet with some staff to see if they have skills that are particularly needed.

A short handbook, realistic, not just words from the bylaws, should be prepared listing the skills the LSB needs.

Finally, and I probably should place this first on the list, everyone should have a message book that is available from any office supply house. No loose pieces of paper, no dropped messages. With 50 messages coming in a day, there is almost no chance of keeping up with them. And here is where a good Local Election Committee can help.

## Campaign Phase

### Candidate Carts

By September, when I arrived at the station, the candidate carts were being played several time a day. Marc had linked the carts in groups of 2 or 3 with a disclaimer between each cart that the substance of the cart represented only the opinion of the speaker and no one else. These carts were played, I was told, so that every candidate was on the air at least once a day. These candidate statements were played through October 10<sup>th</sup>. I had those carts largely removed the week of September 19<sup>th</sup> as I was developing carts for a community event and for the on-air forums.

### On-Air Forums

When I arrived at KPFK one on-air forum and three community forums were reserved. I asked Michael Sanchez to moderate the forums because I was not in LA at that point as the forums started Monday August 30 and I arrived the next day. He agreed if Marc Herbst, the LES, would pay him, which Marc did. The forums were from (8-9 P.M.), Monday through Friday, and a moderate listening hour, and brought most of the candidates

to a forum. The format was the same as for all our on-air forums.

Format:

- 1) All candidates gave a 2 minute statement, which was uncensored.
- 2) We scanned their candidate statements to seek out questions which would more accurately let folks know what their positions were. I will give some examples below.
- 3) We had call in questions which we gave every candidate 1 minute , and ONLY one minute, to answer.
- 4) We gave every candidate 1 minute for a closing statement.

The forum also advertised the 2 community forums which were coming up the next week.

All the time slots, Monday through Friday, had phones lit up with people asking questions. The person answering the phones understood that slates had question prepared, and did what she could to maximize the questions from more independent listeners.

The second on-air forums were in Spanish, and the moderators were all Spanish-speaking. They were all from the Spanish language programs which ran 9-10:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday. We conscripted another ½ hour because not all the candidates spoke Spanish, and therefore we translated the English comments to Spanish through a professional translator. This required extra time if we were to

give the English and Spanish speakers the same amount of time. We also had 6 candidates for each forum, not 5 as in the 5 day forums. Note that this was a Spanish program, not bilingual, and therefore we didn't translate the Spanish comments to English.

While we allowed candidates who couldn't make the previous forum in person to call in , we didn't allow this for the Spanish forum because of the complexity of the translations from English to Spanish.

As in the other forums, we asked candidates to arrive no less than 40 minutes (8:20 P.M. in this case) before the start of the program. This allows an explanation of the procedures to be followed, particularly as we had various moderators who had little experience with this type of program. I thank Raymendo Reynoso, Rodrigo Argeta, Freya Rojo, and certainly Angela Thielan the angel who struggled through translating specialized terms and critical questions.

The 9-11 P.M. hour doesn't have as strong a listening audience as many other earlier programs, but I was impressed that the vast majority of questions on 3 of the days were in Spanish.

My primary criticism of the programs is that we played few Spanish language carts the previous week, particularly as this was not a typical program for our elections. With more carts and more outreach by other Spanish speakers I feel that this would have expanded our audience.

The third on-air forum was particularly important. It followed 'Democracy Now' , our most popular program, and replaced the KPFA produced 'Tickets From Washington' (sorry Mitch, Les Radke KPFA 2010 Election Report

but yours is a popular program also and we couldn't afford to ditch 'Democracy Now').

The on-air forum was 10-11 A.M., and could have been much longer given the amount of questions that were phoned in. The phones lit up a few minutes after the candidates gave their 2 minute opening speech.

We changed the format slightly. Christine Blosdale and I went on the air together, with Christine being the moderator. Every day we pushed the following message:

#### **LOCAL STATION BOARD CANDIDATE FORUMS**

HELLO AND WELCOME TO A SPECIAL LISTENER CANDIDATE RADIO FORUM FOR KPFK'S 2010 LOCAL STATION BOARD ELECTIONS. I'M CHRISTINE BLOSDALE, KPFK'S SENIOR PRODUCER AND MODERATOR FOR TODAY'S PROGRAM.

BEFORE I BEGIN WITH SETTING UP THE GROUND RULES FOR TODAY'S FORUM I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU PACIFICA'S VERY OWN ELECTION SUPERVISOR , LES RADKE, WHO HAS SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU, THE KPFK LISTENER, REGARDING THE LOCAL STATION BOARD, THESE ELECTION'S WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDST OF, ALONG WITH DEADLINE DETAILS AND MUCH MORE....TAKE IT AWAY LES!

**[[[[[ LES SPEAKS ]]]]]**

- LES EXPLAINS WHAT THE LSB IS....
- HOW MANY LISTENER REPS ARE THERE? HOW MANY STAFF REPS?
- WHO CAN VOTE?
- HOW DO YOU VOTE?
- VOTING DEADLINE IS SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup> AT MIDNIGHT. YOU CAN MAIL OR TURN YOUR BALLOT IN AT THE STATION AS LONG AS IT ARRIVES BY MIDNIGHT SEPT 30<sup>TH</sup>.
- IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR BALLOT YOU SHOULD CALL 866-PEACE01 OR EMAIL [NES@PACIFICA.ORG](mailto:NES@PACIFICA.ORG) or [les\\_kpfk@pacifia.org](mailto:les_kpfk@pacifia.org)

KPFK LISTENERS, YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ELECTION IS CRUCIAL. NOT ONLY DOES KPFK NEED YOU TO MAIL IN YOUR BALLOT SO WE CAN MEET QUORUM, BUT WE ALSO NEED YOU TO LISTEN CLOSELY TO THESE ON AIR CANDIDATE FORUMS WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST ALL THIS WEEK AT 10AM. IF VOTED IN, THESE FOLKS WILL BE REPRESENTING YOU SO IT'S IMPORTANT

YOU KNOW WHERE CANDIDATES STAND ON ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU. SO PLEASE TUNE IN EACH DAY THIS WEEK AT 10AM AND CALL IN TO ASK YOUR SPECIFIC QUESTIONS - MORE ON THAT IN A MINUTE.

TODAY WE'LL BE HEARING FROM THE FOLLOWING LSB CANDIDATES WHO ARE HOPING TO GET YOUR VOTE TO REPRESENT YOU IN THE LOCAL STATION BOARD. ...

[[[[GO THRU LIST OF NAMES]]]]

NOW FOR SOME GROUND RULES:

WE ASK THAT CANDIDATES DO NOT INTERRUPT ONE ANOTHER....IF NEEDED I CAN RESTATE THE QUESTION BEING ASKED....AS THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR REBUTTAL, CANDIDATES WILL REFRAIN FROM MAKING PERSONAL ATTACKS OR CHARGES....

ONE ADDITIONAL NOTE I'D LIKE TO MAKE: THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THIS FORUM ARE THOSE OF THE CANDIDATES, NOT OF KPFK, NOR PACIFICA, AND THAT THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS FORUM IS NOT AN ENDORSEMENT BY KPFK OR PACIFICA OF ANY CANDIDATE.

LET'S BEGIN....

[[[[ADDRESS FIRST CANDIDATE WITH QUESTION....]]]]

I went through the candidates statements picking out those statements which were too abstract to help the Pacifica listeners distinguish between the candidates. Below are six examples of the questions gleaned from the candidates' statements.

1) With all the experience you've had on the LSB, what do you see as the most important tasks the LSB has done to improve KPFK and Pacifica?

2) In your candidate statement you say you will "continue to advocate for policy changes needed to revive our station and network." What sort of changes do you think would help revive KPFK in particular?

3) According to your statement, you've spent a great deal of time volunteering during the station's fund drives. What concrete ideas do you have to increase our finances during this recession, without having to resort to additional fund drives?

4) You have mentioned that "there is a continuing erosion of a sufficiently educated listener base capable ... of understanding the issues the station presents. What concrete proposals do you have for the station to develop this educated base?

5) In your statement you state that you wish to be faithful in representing all communities of listeners. What proposals do you have that would help increase, dramatically, this diverse listener base?

6) You mention that "KPFK is in jeopardy of failing due to lack of listener support". What ideas do you have to bring to the Local Station Board to increase this listener support.

If you wish to hear the answers these candidates gave, you'll have to go to [pacificaelections2010.org](http://pacificaelections2010.org) and listen to the archives. I emphasize these types of questions as too often we heard folks state that they can't tell the difference between the candidates. For this reason I discourage the practice of asking everyone the same question.

We ended the program the way I assume everyone did.

**OUTRO:**

I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF TODAY'S CANDIDATES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK LES RADKE, PACIFICA'S ELECTION SUPERVISOR.

IF YOU MISSED ANY OF TODAY'S FORUM YOU CAN ALWAYS LOG ON TO [KPFK.ORG](http://KPFK.ORG) AND CLICK ON THE AUDIO ARCHIVES TO HEAR THE ENTIRE

PROGRAM. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE CANDIDATES AND OTHERS WHO ARE RUNNING VISIT [PACIFICAelections.org](http://PACIFICAelections.org).

DON'T FORGET TO TUNE IN TOMORROW AT 10AM FOR ANOTHER ON AIR CANDIDATE FORUM. I'M CHRISTINE BLOSDALE, KPFK SENIOR PRODUCER – THANKS FOR LISTENING.

This program got more calls by far than any other program asking for ballots. It's important to be on one program which has the most listeners.

### **Community Forums**

We scheduled 3 community forums. They were at

First Lutheran Church of Glendale September 10<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7-9PM  
1300 East Colorado Street  
Glendale CA  
Sponsored by the Glendale Peace Vigil

Southern California Library, September 11th  
Time: 1-3 P.M.  
6120 S. Vermont Avenue  
L.A. CA 90044  
Sponsored by the LSB Outreach Committee

Venice United Methodist Church, September 19th  
Time: 1:30-3:30 P.M.  
1020 Victoria Avenue  
Venice CA 90291  
Sponsored by the Local Election Committee

I had my own guidelines for breaking up the groups into 10 or so folks, with 2 or 3 candidates in each Group, the candidates rotating every 20 minutes or so. One of the members of the Local Election Committee (actually the motor for the Glendale Peace Vigil) is:  
Nancy Burnet Kent

Glendale Peace Vigil  
818-242-4320 home

She not only attended all the community forums but developed a board with all the candidates' names in large letters. By shuffling the names and putting them on the board we randomized the order in which the candidates answered the questions.

At the first 2 forums people trickled in over an hour, as did the candidates. With an audience generally under 20, and few candidates, I simply allowed the audience to ask questions and all the present candidates answer them.

WE did ask for donations as the Outreach Committee provided food, and the church charged nothing for its use. We were able to collect over a \$100.

The next day we had a more successful forum at the Southern California Library, as more candidates showed up, although the audience was the same. One of the Local Election representatives (Moe Mansouri) helped me as we took questions from the audience, but only allowed 4 candidates at a time to answer the question. AS there were about 20 candidates 5 questions allowed all the candidates to participate. The librarian was quite friendly, and the questioning went on for about 4 hours. For future information, the charge for the library was \$45 and included setting up a wonderful sound system.

The next week I had 10 carts a day run on KPFK advertising the Venice United Methodist Church event. This church charged \$50/hour, although they let u use it for more than 5 hours and charged us only \$150. It's a wonderful place to have a community forum. At first only a handful of candidates and 5 or so people came, and so I decided to drop dividing the folks into groups. This turned out to be a mistake, as within an hour there were 90 people in the audience and 25 candidates.

At that point we decided to use the same method we used at the previous church, letting each person asking a question of 5 candidates, and not allowing other candidates to talk until all had responded. This worked quite well, actually, and after 5 hours the audience never left. Quite a good show, I think!

I would like to remind people that those who come to these events are generally activists, and give suggestions to people as to how to vote. There is a multiplier effect to these events, as indicated by the number of votes people receive by showing up at these events.

My criticism is that the blocks surrounding the church should be leafleted, as to draw in more community people. The elections should be seen as outreach for the station, not just a campaign event.

### **Staff Events**

We advertised two staff events, on the web page of KPFK.ORG and with leaflets. I admit spending little energy on this. The first event, September 9<sup>th</sup>, brought in two people with no questions, and we decided to cancel the event. The second event had three candidates and no non-candidates showed up – I therefore moderated the interview with the 3 candidates, which I hope is still on [pacificaelections2010.org](http://pacificaelections2010.org) and on [KPFK.org](http://KPFK.org). The main question was based on the fact that we had elections since 2003, and I wanted to know how these election benefitted the staff, the station and the network. The long pauses before an answer we removed using soundforge. I also explained the election to a staff meeting which was only somewhat useful, as the meeting concerned the beginning of the fund drive.

### **Ballot Reissuing & Receipt Phase**

I unfortunately went to KPFK with only 30 ballots, which were quickly sent out. As programmers were encouraged to tell

people my extension at the station, and carts were constantly played to explain the reissuing process I was inundated with requests from folks who threw their ballots away (thinking they were in the booklet envelope) or simply couldn't find them. This was primarily a problem with the listener ballots, as I was only asked for a couple of staff ballots.

Renee then sent more ballots to me , but as they arrived at the wrong post office, I never received them. Renee then sent me a batch of numbers and developed an electronic method of sending them through email to folks who wanted them. While this worked to a certain extent, the numbers were so large that I drove to the National Office to get more ballots as well as help from election staff. At the National Office we mailed out first class approximately 250 ballots.

Returning to KPFK I was surprised that only 120 ballots had been returned, leading us to extend the election to midnight of October 16. That week we were still short of received ballots, and the staff agreed to push a cart telling folks to vote. Programmers such as Ian Masters stressed the importance of voting to the last minute. The GM at KPFK allowed us to use his fax machine, and when his office was opened, we found more than enough ballots in the fax machine to meet our quorum.

### **Ballot Count Phase**

In spite of the fundraiser, the KPFK staff were gracious enough to allow us to use the second floor of their building which had a huge conference table. We began the count Friday afternoon October 15<sup>th</sup>. Other than Renee, Bing and myself, there were 4 other folks, one from grassrootsKPFK and the others not a part

of a faction. One Slate candidate also watched the proceedings but didn't participate in the ballot counting.

We separated the staff and listener ballots – and it should be mentioned that many staff ballots were in listener envelopes – and had a flat screen set up which glowed red when a ballot was invalid and green when the ballot was valid.

We collected over \$1983 in checks and cash, and 2 dozen comments about the process cut from the listener booklets.

The difficult part of scanning the images was done primarily by Renee and Bing, and took several hours, as marks had to be corrected.

## Provisional Election Results

### **KPFK LSB Listener Election**

**October 17, 2010**

**1,735 ballots.**

**Electing 9 candidates.**

**Winning threshold is 174 votes.**

**There were 15 blank ballots.**

**(1,750 total ballots)**

CANDIDATE	THIS ROUND	TOTAL	STATUS
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<b>Margie Murray</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 1st round
<b>Summer Reese</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 2nd round
<b>Lamont Yeakey</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 13th round
<b>Lydia Brazon</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 13th round
<b>Fred Blair</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 21st round
<b>Michael Novick</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 23rd round
<b>Leonard Isenberg</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 23rd round
<b>Chuck Anderson</b>	0	174	ELECTED -- 23rd round
<b>Brenda Medina</b>	+101.150 97	253.406 11	ELECTED -- 27th round
<b>Aryana Gladney</b>	-127.0562 3	0	DEFEATED -- 26th round
<b>Lawrence Reyes</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 22nd round
<b>John De Simio</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 20th round
<b>Christopher B. Condon</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 19th round
<b>Steven A. Brooks</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 18th round
<b>Ron Priestersbach</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 17th round
<b>Nancy Kazar</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 16th round
<b>Richard Vega</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 15th round
<b>Chipasha Luchembe</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 12th round
<b>Luis A. Garcia</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 11th round
<b>Dennis McCoy</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 10th round
<b>Lance Charles</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 9th round
<b>Douglas Barnett</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 8th round

<b>Seth Andrews</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 7th round
<b>Richard Wittmann</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 6th round
<b>Jerry Van</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 5th round
<b>Rob Macon</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 4th round
<b>Write-In 1</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 3rd round
<b>Write-In 2</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 3rd round
<b>EXHAUSTED PILE:</b>	+25.9052 6	89.5938 9	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	0	1735	
Brenda Medina has been ELECTED because s/he has met the threshold.			
<a href="#">&lt;&lt; Previous Round</a>			

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## KPFK LSB Staff Election October 17, 2010

Provisional Results

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**78 valid ballots.  
Electing 3 candidates.  
Winning threshold is 20  
votes.  
There were no invalid  
ballots.  
(78 total ballots  
processed.)**

CANDIDATE	THIS ROUND	TOTAL	STATUS
<b>Jim Lafferty</b>	0	20	ELECTED -- 3rd round

<b>Omar Burdet</b>	0	20	ELECTED -- 4th round
<b>Martina Steiner</b>	+15.36248	34.51093	ELECTED -- 6th round
<b>Ankine Aghassian</b>	-18.65175	0	DEFEATED -- 5th round
<b>Tej Grewall</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 2nd round
<b>Steve Pride</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
<b>Write-In 1</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
<b>Write-In 2</b>	0	0	DEFEATED -- 1st round
<b>EXHAUSTED PILE:</b>	+3.28927	3.48907	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	0	78	

A word about ranking: the following shows the statistical results of Statistical Report

#### KPFT LSB Listener ELECTION

November 14, 2009

#### VOTING DEPTH

This report shows how many candidates voters ranked.

24.0 voters ranked 0 candidates -- 2.441505595116989%. (these are blank ballots – they count as a voting ballot even though they rank no one)

29.0 voters ranked 1 candidates -- 2.950152594099695%.

31.0 voters ranked 2 candidates -- 3.1536113936927768%.

86.0 voters ranked 3 candidates -- 8.748728382502543%.

90.0 voters ranked 4 candidates -- 9.155645981688707%.

72.0 voters ranked 5 candidates -- 7.3245167853509665%.

69.0 voters ranked 6 candidates -- 7.019328585961343%.  
 30.0 voters ranked 7 candidates -- 3.0518819938962363%.  
 30.0 voters ranked 8 candidates -- 3.0518819938962363%.  
 182.0 voters ranked 9 candidates -- 18.514750762970497%.  
 46.0 voters ranked 10 candidates -- 4.679552390640895%.  
 277.0 voters ranked 11 candidates -- 28.179043743641913%.  
 17.0 voters ranked 12 candidates -- 1.7293997965412005%.

## VOTING SUCCESS

This report shows how many voters successfully elected their #1 choice, their #2 choice ,their #3 choice, etc.

983.0 votes.

874.0 voters elected their #1 choice -- 88.91149542217701%.  
 65.0 voters elected their #2 choice -- 6.612410986775178%.  
 10.0 voters elected their #3 choice -- 1.017293997965412%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #4 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #5 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #6 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #7 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #8 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #9 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #10 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #11 choice -- 0.0%.  
 0.0 voters elected their #12 choice -- 0.0%.

34.0 voters did not elect any candidates -- 3.458799593082401%. (you notice that 24 ballots were blank –this year only 15 were blank – which means that of the 983 voters 10 didn't vote for a winning candidate )

You'll also notice that no one who ranked a person higher than 3 elected a candidate. To rank all candidates is somewhat futile. Rank those you support and stop – you certainly don't want to elect someone you have questions about.

Finally, not all versions of STV, our voting method, allow dual rankings (Ranking 4 people as #1, This method should be discouraged, as it simply dilutes the #1 votes (Ranking 4 people as #1 gives each person a .25 #1 vote. If you have more questions about this, please write me at [les@ix.netcom.com](mailto:les@ix.netcom.com)

## Conclusion

Paper ballots are no better security wise than electronic ballots. It's time that Renee Astoria's suggestion of having an electronic election is given serious discussion. (Examine her detailed proposal). Folks who don't want to vote electronically can be sent a card with the wish to be sent a paper ballot. I sincerely hope that this proposal is in effect by 2012.

There should be some thought of limiting the cost of slate mailers. We will never get enough independents on the board if we continue to raise the cost of running.

And certainly the size of the LSB's and the PNB are too large. Having 3 staff and 9 listeners on the LSB should at least be considered.

Finally, elections should not be only about electing candidates. This is an opportunity to involve much more of the community in our affairs. I would increase the number of community forums, particularly at the beginning of the process, to involve more diverse candidates.

## Useful Contacts

Staff saved the day for me. I could mention many more than I have here, but these folks were my saviors and I thank them. Understand that extensions can change, and in some cases the email. BUT here will be a person who fulfills the position I mentioned.

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Terry Guy ext.211 [tguy@kpfk.org](mailto:tguy@kpfk.org) the membership guy, the person you need to be in contact with throughout this election.

Ali Lexa ext.357 [webmaster@kpfk.org](mailto:webmaster@kpfk.org) An excellent webmaster and one who will immediately respond to your request for advertising events.

Steve Weatherwax ext.200 the receptionist at the desk, and the person to go to for equipment usage and AN EXTENSION FOR YOUR PHONE!

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Stan Misrage ext.223, who works with Matt and can help you with your carts.

Bob Conger, the GM of KPFK, [bconger@kpfk.org](mailto:bconger@kpfk.org) who in spite of doubts about the election process was a great help.

Christine Blosale, ext. 222, [cblosdale@kpfk.org](mailto:cblosdale@kpfk.org) Wonderful as a moderator as well as being a senior producer at KPFK.