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Informed Objection to Application Renewal for KZYX

Dear FCC License Renewal:

I helped start KZYX in October 1989, was one of the first producers/host/programmers, helped KZYX get promos & premiums sent to the station, did the best Reggae music/world music & interviews programs, "specials" & much more, helped raise thousands of dollars on pledge drives for the 1st 10-15 years of this station's existence - I was first fired by a dictatorial program director (with no warning, hearing, better protection, or whatever) in 1998. I returned to the air with a new P.D., Mary Higney, the current PD who still controls all programming at KZYX. I requested a "Grievance procedure" (stated in my programmers handbook) & was refused any type of Grievance procedure, fair hearing or anything supporting my rights from 1998 until the early 2000's when I was and totally banned from doing any programming on the station. (I requested a Grievance hearing many times over the years.)

I ran for the KZYX Board several times on a platform of more transparency & democracy. Less "Hypocrisy" but never won enough votes since the P.D. & staff had demonized me for many years. I believe the Election (over)

Bypass at KZYX is now allowed, as is the behavior of the Board, and all boards since 1989. The current BOD (seriously has meetings every 3 months!) Never announces or publishes the agenda in advance, is a "Do Nothing" board, of over 24 plus years olds, we don't do programming. Actually, they don't do anything except control.

The Program Director, General Manager, Staff & Board are totally unaccountable to the membership, ignore the listeners' requests for on-air Board Staff Programs, cancelled the ONLY "Open Lines" call in program, totally disregard the wishes, concerns, suggestions, questions & preferences of their membership who support them with their hard-earned money.

This station has betrayed, ignored & disrespected its mission statement, especially regarding "Programming shall be directed by & accountable to the membership" and in all other ways - transparency, democracy, accountability. The few times we have tried to organize Community Advisory Boards the powers that be at KZYX have never listened to the CAB/CABs.

For a few years they had a "Programming Advisory Council" Committee hand picked by Mary Figner, the Victoria Program Director, who rules KZYX programming with an iron fist, based totally on her own personal likes & dislikes, if she hates you, you're ruined for life (as in my case). No matter how great & talented, ~~special~~ creative & programmer you may be - you're out for life.

John Coffe (General Manager) totally 100% backs up Mary Figner no matter what, & the Board gets out of anything where they might be required to sanction or control these 2 dictators. The Programming Advisory Council was totally controlled & directed by M. Figner, even though there were

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several "members" on the PTC, they were "puppets" with no power or ability to influence programming decisions, as this PTC was under the total direction & control of PD Mary Higley, with no input from the membership, programmers, or anyone. At the present time, no programming Council exists "Advisory" or otherwise. ^{at 15} gone.

This station has a total lack of transparency, accountability or loyalty to its ~~listeners~~ ^{listeners} and membership. They run this station as dictators with impunity and out of control power, ignoring the needs, feelings, closures & suggestions of the communities that they serve.

This is tragic and very sad as they are our ONLY listener-supported radio station (and the largest & most powerful) in our county (Mendocino) and area of Northern (very rural) California.

I want our station to change, grow and prosper by becoming a real Grass Roots' station who cares, listens & considers the WILLY feelings of their non membership communities that they serve. They are totally top down, arrogant, dictatorial and uncaring & unresponsive.

They are ignoring their mission statement & not following it at all, most especially in dealing with formerly banished former programmers (there are many of us who have been purged) with no due diligence procedures or any way to get a fair hearing of any kind for any reason about any situation.

Please do consider their license unless they can make some much-needed reforms & changes.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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PS: KZYX must become Accountable to its membership by reforming its dictatorial, top-down structure of its staff, Program Director & General Manager, by reforming its "Do Nothing" cop-out, Non-meeting Board, its Lack of transparency, Not Adhering to its By Laws & Mission Statement, and other issues of TOTAL LACK of Democracy in all facets of this radio Station!!!

The programmers have Always been afraid to organize, network or even band in any way, due to the "Divide & Rule" policies of management, staff and Board. They don't even have "Programmers' Meetings" as we did in the early days of the station. The programmers are afraid to support each other or banned programmers (such as myself) due to fear that PD Mary Aigner will cancel their program if they show solidarity or support for other programmers, especially Banned ones.