

# Vote LAWRENCE REYES for KPFK Local Station Board

## The future of community-based free-speech radio is at stake.

That is why I am running with **Grassroots KPFK** for LSB. As KPFK and the other Pacifica stations elect new Local Station Board members and select new management, **“Radio powered by the people”** must be our call to action and community empowerment. KPFK MUST address the survival issues of people who’ve been marginalized, not only by the state and the wealthy, but also by those who try to monopolize the progressive discourse. Does what you hear on KPFK satisfy you, or do you feel as I do that it’s missing the boat on issues affecting your struggles, life and future?

**Access to KPFK’s airwaves is a resource to provide diverse grassroots communities with the opportunity to communicate with one another and with the larger society. A few power-brokers or gate-keepers shouldn’t dictate what we hear or say. Listeners and volunteers who power the station must have a say in how it’s run and what it airs. This is essential for true free speech, and to give voice to those whose voices are not heard.**

KPFK must help advance solutions to the problems we’re experiencing—immigration raids and anti-migrant hysteria and scapegoating; homelessness and gentrification; lack of health care; denial of rights for the disabled, children and the aged; police abuse and criminalization of youth of color; repression and imprisonment of dissidents and resisters; absence of food sovereignty; militarization of schools; racism, war, colonialism and genocide.

**These issues affect me personally; I care about them passionately, and struggle with them daily as an organizer, a**



parent and a social worker. I’ve been involved as a listener at KPFK, speaking and reaching out about these issues for years, yet KPFK consistently shies away from addressing those issues and airing concerns and expressions directly from the affected communities.

An open evaluation process of existing programming is critical in order to improve the quality, depth and scope of what KPFK airs. We need a comprehensive training program of fresh, energetic people engaged in the communities and schools, our next generation of listeners who are already under attack and who have the commitment to carry the station forward. **KPFK is threatened today by forces that would eliminate grassroots voices, Spanish-language shows, and collectives.** The best antidote is allowing the community to speak for itself. On-air forums and town halls must be held debating these issues, and I have played a key role in organize these for the station.

**I have served on the Governance, Outreach and Program Oversight Committees of the LSB. I authored the resolution for editorial support of Mumia’s new trial, and worked on the first LSB fundraiser with Cynthia McKinney. I’m running, along with others in the Grassroots KPFK campaign, to bring accountability and openness to KPFK, so the station can survive the attacks that will come, whoever wins the 2010 elections.**

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