

# WBAI Justice & Unity Campaign

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## VOTE for THE JUSTICE & UNITY TEAM

Dear WBAI Supporter:

Thanks for bringing me home!

Although my extended imprisonment severely compromised my health, I'm doing better now, and things at WBAI are so dire that I've decided to give back by running for WBAI's Local Station Board with Justice & Unity.



**Lynne Stewart**

Given the harsh headlines we see every day, an invigorated WBAI is essential to movements for decent housing, jobs, health care, education, and safety for us all. This one-of-a-kind, listener-sponsored radio network is an invaluable resource, not to be squandered.

WBAI is surely being tested. Station funds are chronically short, pledge drives are near-constant, programming lacks adequate diversity, and our membership has plummeted.

The Indy Caucus/ACE group that has controlled WBAI's board for over 7 years—working to narrow the range of community voices, failing to protect station finances, and promoting the sale of WBAI's signal—is seeking to consolidate its dominance.

WBAI has had a clear mission for 55 years. I urgently believe the station needs a board majority that will protect its noncommercial principles, reject a station sale, and work toward growth, opposing “divide and conquer” tactics. The Justice & Unity slate—committed to an anti-racist, community course—will do just that. Please give us your full support.

For justice,

Lynne Stewart

*PS. Please donate whatever you can to help offset costs of this mailing.*

Dear WBAI Friend:

The mainstream press may cover an activist story occasionally, when they consider the circumstances “extreme.” For WBAI, these stories are a



**Dr. Joy DeGruy (Leary)**



**Tim Wise**

regular focus, as evidenced by the station's consistent coverage of racial-justice issues.

We know that institutional racism stifles social progress, consigns whole swaths of humanity to second-class status, and fails to acknowledge the privilege granted to others. WBAI, the Pacifica Network, and vital movements like Black Lives Matter make this truth plain for/by/from those for whom “extreme” is an everyday circumstance.

**Vote in WBAI's current LSB election to protect this venue that shares the voices you treasure and encourages perspectives that challenge convention.**

The Justice & Unity Campaign has consistently led the fight for genuine inclusion, while engaging in the daily work of keeping the station financially strong.

Why does this election matter? Your choice of local reps—and by extension the national board—will shape WBAI's direction at a crucial moment.

We urge you to give your vote to the Justice & Unity slate, headed by longtime people's attorney Lynne Stewart. *A listener-sponsored network does not by default remain progressive. It takes work to keep the project on course.*

In struggle,

Joy DeGruy (Leary) and Tim Wise

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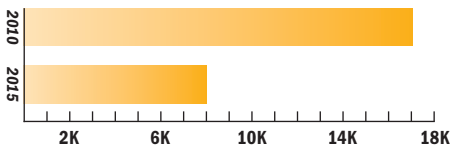
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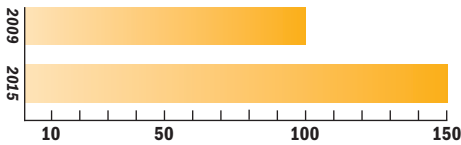
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# A Compelling Choice

## Membership



## Pledge Drive Days



Every organization has its struggles, and WBAI is no exception. A sober analysis can shed some light and help you make an informed decision. Graphs above

reveal a negative spiral under WBAI's current board majority: membership halved and pledge days increased by nearly half. 4,000 member premiums remain undelivered, and station debt keeps swelling.

But even now and despite the financial challenges, *with a different approach* (see Sustainability Plan on next page), WBAI can still rebound and thrive. Justice & Unity remains committed to strengthening the station's finances and preserving our mission, while expanding membership and outreach.

It's easy to bluster and distort in campaign statements, but after 7 years under the Indy Caucus/ACE board majority,

the facts speak for themselves. J&U has consistently worked to create practical, actionable plans to keep the station functioning and in the community's hands. Most urgently, **we do not under any condition support the sale, swap, or transfer of WBAI's license.**

A clear Justice & Unity board majority will help WBAI move from deathly crisis to thoughtful management and diverse and innovative programming for the next generation of progressive broadcasters and listeners.

**VOTE FOR JUSTICE & UNITY** and recommend us. Together, let's protect and grow our radio home...a community resource.

## Current Local Board Majority

VS.

## Justice & Unity

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before Sandy, board majority voted against J&amp;U motion to move out of high-rent Wall Street studios.</li> <li>• No plan to save WBAI's transmitter on Empire State Building when threatened with eviction. Indy Caucus/ACE leader suggested WBAI embrace eviction.</li> <li>• Rejected alternatives to 2013 layoff of 75% of WBAI's paid staff, including drive-time hosts and news department.</li> <li>• Failed to vote on WBAI's budget, abdicating authority to the Pacifica board then controlled by their allies.</li> <li>• Rejected submitting WBAI sustainability plans to the Pacifica National Board.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As storm damage and non-payment forced WBAI from Wall Street, J&amp;U facilitated broadcasting from City College at ¼ of the cost.</li> <li>• Demanded disclosure of transmitter crisis to listeners &amp; staff. Planned dedicated "transmitter fund." Organized call-out center to raise emergency funds.</li> <li>• Opposed mass layoffs and offered alternative fundraising methods to prevent them. Advocated honest dealing with staff union.</li> <li>• Challenged unnecessary expenses, and pushed for responsible &amp; accountable local-board budget votes.</li> <li>• Pooled various ideas to produce a long-term sustainability/growth plan for WBAI.</li> </ul> |
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### PROGRAMMING

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made no effort to restore local voices on WBAI's air after mass 2013 layoffs. Supported no-process purge against dissident staff.</li> <li>• Refused to establish search committee for permanent Program Director, thus leading to 6 years of short-term stints.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocated for diverse local voices in key station timeslots, implemented by Interim Program Director Mario Murillo.</li> <li>• With consistent pressure, established Program Director search committee in September, 2015. Good PD: most vital growth agent.</li> </ul> |
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### MANAGEMENT EVALUATION & MEMBER INPUT

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refused for four years to conduct required annual evaluations of Indy Caucus/ACE-installed WBAI General Manager.</li> <li>• For six years held no required twice-annual Town Hall meetings for listener input.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Despite resistance and pushback, succeeded in establishing Management Evaluation Committee.</li> <li>• Organized Town Hall meeting in March 2015, with another expected in November or December.</li> </ul> |
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# 7 Great Reasons to Vote



*Internet "lost" Lynne's membership, so she's not listed on the ballot.*

**WRITE HER IN AS #1!**

## Lynne Stewart

(People's Lawyer; defended scores of political prisoners and those fighting police brutality; released by the people after 4 years in jail on unjust charges; WBAI board member, 2009-10)



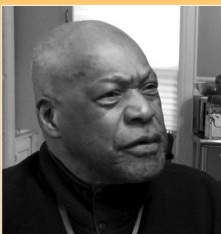
## King Downing

(lawyer, human rights advocate, & mediator; active with Ferguson Defense Committee and National Police Accountability Project; former WBAI host)



## John Brinkley

(unanimously-elected, current WBAI Board Chair; active with People's Organization for Progress/NJ; trained problem-solver)



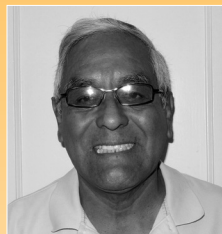
## Ralph Poynter

(leader of Free Lynne Stewart campaign; activist against mis-education in NYC and for freedom of U.S. political prisoners)



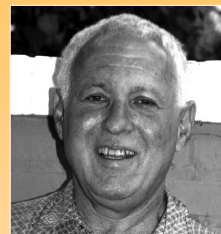
## Pauline Park

(transgender activist; co-founder, coordinator, and/or director of many different LGBT organizations, including NYC Queers Against Israeli Apartheid and NYC's first org. for LGBT Koreans)



## Dacio Quintana

(longtime organizer for union rights - especially among fellow teachers - Latin American & Puerto Rican solidarity; volunteer with capacity-building Strategies for Social Change)



## Eugene Hamond

(volunteer with IFCO/Pastors for Peace; member of NYC Labor Chorus; former co-producer of WBAI's Community Bulletin Board)

**Some current and former J & U board members:** Fr. Luis Barrios, Nia Bediako, Tibby Brooks, Lisa V. Davis, Sister Betty Dopson, Sara Flounders, Ray Laforest, Fr. Lawrence Lucas, Sharonne Salaam, Michael Tarif Warren, Nana Camille Yarbrough

## Learn More:

### Justice & Unity Campaign

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### Cable TV – WBAI: What's at Stake?

MNN – TW Cable (Ch. 34) & streaming  
[@mnn.org](http://mnn.org)

Archives: [justiceunity.org](http://justiceunity.org)

### Radio Vision, w/Bernard White

Thurs., Nov. 12, 19 & 26 (1-2 PM)

### Prog. Community Media

Mon., Nov. 16 & 30 (6:30-7 PM)

### CPRmetro.org (Community Progressive Radio)

24/7 programs by WBAI veterans  
Bernard White, Don DeBar, & others

## Plan for a Vibrant, Sustainable WBAI

In 2013, Pacifica's then-interim Executive Director, an ally of Indy Caucus/ACE, solicited a mainly-music NJ radio station — with a strongly pro-Israeli occupation morning show — to lease WBAI's airwaves. In 2014, a new Pacifica National Board, allied with Justice & Unity, halted that process and directed the WBAI board and management to create a plan to sustain our station.

Justice & Unity worked with colleagues to gather ideas from listeners, staff, and progressive media and fundraising experts. The result was a plan (available at [www.justiceunity.org](http://www.justiceunity.org)) with short- and long-term proposals for improving fundraising, expanding audience and membership, leveraging technology, and engaging youth.

The Indy Caucus/ACE local board majority's response to being given an opportunity to save our station was to vote against sending to the National Board even the compilation of proposals created from our plan and others.

Make us the majority. We will push and work with management to implement many of these ideas to strengthen WBAI now and for the long term.

Some highlights:

- Use direct mail: contact lapsed members & borrow mailing lists of progressive organizations
- Use modern technology: make it easy to listen & donate; promote live, archived, & future segments via social media
- Facilitate gifts of cash, stocks & bonds, annuities, bequests, and corporate matches
- Expand membership: do in-reach to unions, progressive organizations & paper & web publications
- Change pitching approach: integrate and create teams, offer information – not consumable products
- Connect with schools. "Everyone" is here!
- Find a permanent, professional Development Director to focus on off-air fundraising.

Together, we can deliver a strong future for this irreplaceable voice!

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# How to Complete Your Ballot

Total results are determined by the ranking you give candidates. Please **follow these four simple steps** to ensure victory for J&U:

- Rank **only** J&U candidates.
- Rank **ALL** 7 J&U candidates.
- Do not give the same ranking to more than one candidate.
- Follow the sample below.

For unknown reasons, Lynne Stewart's online membership didn't register, so put **Lynne's name in the WRITE IN section of your ballot and rank her #1.**

**IMPORTANT:** This year, voters can choose either paper ballots or electronic voting. The latter uses drop-down menus to allow preferences. Write-ins are typed in. **Either way, please insert the designated ranking next to the J&U candidates as below. ONLY rank J&U candidates:**

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| <b>2 King Downing</b><br>skip Jo...<br>skip Bo...<br>skip Ev...<br>skip Ca... | <b>4 Ralph Poynter</b><br>skip Al...                        |
| <b>6 Dacio Quintana</b>   | <b>7 Eugene Hamond</b>                                      |
| <b>3 John Brinkley</b><br>skip Ja...<br>skip Ji...                            | <b>5 Pauline Park</b>                                       |
|   | <b>1 Write-in: LYNNE STEWART</b><br>skip the other Write-in |

For a picture of the paper ballot and how to mark it, visit [www.justiceunity.org](http://www.justiceunity.org) and click on "Voting."

Questions? Email Justice & Unity at [info@justiceunity.org](mailto:info@justiceunity.org) or call us at (212) 591-2111.

## Help Defray Our Costs

Money can, and often does, sway elections. We aim to get you useful information on a limited budget – while our opposition is funded at the millionaire level. To meet the rising costs of printing and mailing, we've reached out to friends, and have taken a loan. Please consider helping us bridge the gap. Every little bit counts. You can contribute online at [www.justiceunity.org](http://www.justiceunity.org) (click on "Donate"), or use the enclosed coupon and send a check payable to "Justice and Unity Campaign," Box 2690, Manhattanville Station, NY, NY 10027-2690. Thanks for whatever you can do.

## Pacifica Foundation Online Voting



- English
- Español
- Vote
- Logout

### Electronic Ballot - 2015 Pacifica Station Board Elections - WBAI Listener Official Instructions:

- Rank the candidates in order of preference by selecting in the picklists 1, 2, 3 etc. to reflect your first, second and third choices and so on for as many candidates as you wish to vote for.
- You may rank as many or as few candidates as you like.
- Each candidate can be ranked only once.
- You may write-in candidate(s) by filling out their name at the bottom of the ballot and assigning them a rank.

### Additional Notes:

- Each voter is allowed 1 vote. If your choice(s) are elected with a greater number of votes than the number required, the surplus fraction of each vote received goes to the voters' second choice, third choice, etc until their single vote is used up. To learn more about the Single Transferable Voting (STV) method of ballot counting that Pacifica uses, visit the elections website at [elections.pacifica.org](http://elections.pacifica.org)

### WBAI - Listener Candidates

*Candidate order was determined by a random draw.*

- 2 King Downing** [view details]  
[Jonathan Logan](#) [view details]  
[Bob Young](#) [view details]  
[Joe Moses](#) [view details]  
[Carl Maloney](#) [view details]
- 6 Dacio Quintana** [view details]
- 3 John Brinkley** [view details]  
[James Segurton](#) [view details]  
[Jim Dingeman](#) [view details]
- 4 Ralph Poynter** [view details]  
**7 Eugene Hamond** [view details]  
[Alex Steinberg](#) [view details]
- 5 Pauline Park** [view details]
- 1 Write-in: LYNNE STEWART**  
Write-in:

Mark your ballot just like this:

Sample Electronic Ballot

## Your Voice Made National

WBAI's relationship to the Pacifica network is complex. Here's a summary and update.

Each Pacifica station's members elect a Local Station Board (LSB). Those 5 LSBs each elect 4 people to the 22-person Pacifica National Board (PNB), which runs the entire network. So your local vote matters!

The WBAI Indy Caucus/ACE and their national allies consolidated power in 2009, purging managers and staff network-wide and racking up substantial debt. During their tenure, a large grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) was lost and WBAI's transmitter was nearly evicted.

Last year, Justice & Unity and its progressive allies gained a PNB majority. New management began to repair damage done under previous executives (including

the one who lived in the office three months after her termination and left our records a shambles).

Wasting listener funds, Indy-ACE national board members Janet Coleman, Carolyn Birden, and friends sued Pacifica to rehire the fired interim executive under an unauthorized contract later tossed by the judge. Wealthy Indy-ACE leader Steve Brown, whose self-serving conduct has caused multiple problems, is also suing the network.

The network faces significant challenges but failure is not an option. Your support for J&U can continue restoring Pacifica's strength.

Your board reps should reflect your high standards. Choose well. Your ballot decisions can help protect the network and its vital mission. For more, go to [www.justiceunity.org](http://www.justiceunity.org).