

WBAI Justice & Unity Campaign

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VOTE *for* THE JUSTICE & UNITY TEAM

Dear WBAI Supporter:

I'm honored to serve you on the Local Station Board!

You're choosing the board that will make or break WBAI. After almost a decade of presiding over WBAI's decline, Indy Caucus/ACE has brazenly gone to the "big lie," falsely alleging that Justice & Unity wants to sell WBAI when **their own leader has publicly advocated selling all Pacifica stations (see below & p. 3).**

Since January, when the last election yielded a tie, their half of the board has boycotted meetings, denying a quorum for decision-making, and sued to challenge your votes, costing Pacifica thousands.

Justice & Unity shows up, fights to maintain the mission, and will continue working to expand listenership, grow support, and rebuild the station.

No Sale - No Swap!

For justice,
Lynne Stewart



Lynne Stewart

Dear WBAI Friend:

WBAI's "main story" is what's happening in your communities.

As we travel the country, meeting people and watching a media circus that distracts from rather than engaging with real social problems, we are reminded that WBAI is irreplaceable.

Challenging racism to end the intolerable violence against Black and brown people (which affects all humanity) is our mission and part of Pacifica's.

Remember: listener-sponsored media do not necessarily remain progressive.

Help ensure WBAI's future by electing Justice & Unity candidates with proven commitments to race, class, and gender equity, and the courage to seek common ground for the greater good.

In struggle,
Joy DeGruy (Leary)
and Tim Wise



Dr. Joy DeGruy (Leary)



Tim Wise

P.S. Please donate whatever you can to help offset costs of this mailing.

Tough Choices, But WBAI NOT FOR SALE

Community radio aficionados know that stations have shut down in recent years because of insufficient income. Because Pacifica is a network, one station's resources can cushion another's hard times, *so we are all still here*. But we all *urgently* need to increase listenership and revenue.

Pacifica National arranged coverage of the 2016 Republican, Democratic, and Green Party conventions. This collaboration provided an alternative narrative

to the mainstream's and a great service to listeners and affiliate stations. Using acquired mailing lists, the national office — with help from Justice & Unity board members — is connecting to area neighbors who support other non-commercial media.

WBAI's broadcasting expenses are lower than they were at Wall Street, but still higher than any other Pacifica station's — and continue to exceed income.

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Endorsers

PRODUCERS:

Bill DiFazio
Kim Ives
Joyce Jones
Vajra Kilgour
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Basir Mchawi
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ACTIVISTS:

Pam Africa
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Gail Walker

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ORGANIZATIONS:

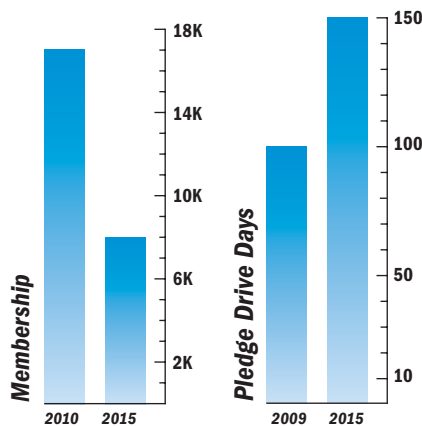
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CEMOTAP
December 12th Movement
Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition

Haiti Support Network
Intl. Action Center
New Abolition Mvmt.
Pakistan-USA
Freedom Forum
People's Organization for Progress (NJ)
ProLibertad
Shut Down Rikers
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A Compelling Choice

As revealed in the graphs at right, WBAI has been in a downward spiral since Indy Caucus took board control in 2008: membership dropped to less than half and pledge days increased by nearly 50%. Thousands of premiums remain undelivered, and active and deferred station debt significantly outpaces income.

With Justice & Unity's Sustainability Plan (see next page), WBAI can grow again. Justice & Unity helps to strengthen the station's finances and preserves its mission, while supporting expansion of membership and outreach.



We've created practical steps that if followed, could keep the station operational — and in community hands.

After struggling in the minority for 7 years, and this year tied but faced with a boycott, we need a clear Justice & Unity board majority to help WBAI move from ongoing crises to thoughtful development, with innovative programming that represents all progressive broadcasters and listeners.

VOTE FOR JUSTICE & UNITY, and recommend us to family and colleagues. We must protect and strengthen our radio home, an irreplaceable local community and international resource.

Justice & Unity

VS.

Indy Caucus & allies

SAFEGUARDING MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- Consistently attended board meetings, continued oversight and projects to help station grow strong.
- Steadfastly opposed to sale or swap of WBAI's frequency.

- Boycotted all 8 board meetings so far this year, preventing quorum to do vital business; sued Pacifica to undo results of recent elections.
- Indy Caucus leader Steve Brown has called for selling licenses of all 5 Pacifica stations "while they still have value."

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

- Opposed mass layoffs and offered alternative fundraising methods to prevent them.
- Challenged unnecessary expenses and pushed for accountable local-board budget votes.
- Pooled various ideas to produce sustainability/growth plan for WBAI; now working with management on immediate fundraising.

- Rejected alternatives to 2013 layoff of 75% of WBAI's paid staff, including drive-time hosts and news department.
- Failed to vote on WBAI's budget, abdicating authority to the Pacifica board.
- Refused to submit WBAI sustainability plans to the Pacifica National Board.

PROGRAMMING

- Advocated for diverse local voices in key timeslots, implemented by Interim Program Director Mario Murillo.
- Despite obstruction, successfully established Program Director search committee in 2015; effort still underway.

- Made no effort to restore local voices after mass 2013 layoffs. Supported no-process purge against dissident staff.
- Refused to establish search committee for permanent Program Director, leading to 7 years of disruptive short-term stints.

MANAGEMENT EVALUATION & MEMBER INPUT

- Despite resistance, established Management Evaluation Committee and conducted evaluation.
- Organized two Town Hall meetings in 2015; have been denied quorum to authorize any this year.

- Refused for 4 years to conduct required annual evaluations of Indy Caucus/ACE-installed General Manager.
- For 6 years held no required twice-annual Town Hall meetings for listener input.

8 Great Reasons to Vote



Sharonne Salaam 25-year advocate for wrongly convicted Central Park 5; Founder, People United for Children — supporting rights of children in state custody; LSB member



Eugene Hamond Volunteer with IFCO/Pastors for Peace; member of NYC Labor Chorus; former co-producer of WBAI's Community Bulletin Board; former LSB member



Cerene Roberts Member of LSB & Pacifica National Board & many Pacifica committees; former WBAI producer, staff rep., & pledge-room tally coordinator



William Heerwagen Accountant; music lover & former host of "Jazz and Things;" member of LSB & WBAI Finance Committee; 2016 Chair of Pacifica National Board Audit Committee



Five Mualimm-ak Co-founder, Incarcerated Nation Corp., helping formerly incarcerated people build new lives; organizer against solitary confinement & the prison-industrial complex



Dacio Quintana Union-rights organizer; former teacher; Latin American & Puerto Rican solidarity worker; volunteer with capacity-building Strategies for Social Change



Moira Meltzer-Cohen Civil-rights and criminal-defense lawyer serving communities of color, queer and gender-non-conforming people, religious minorities, & political dissidents



Ebon Charles
WRITE IN & RANK #3
Elementary-school teacher; youth advocate; lifelong BAI listener; LSB member

Some current and former J & U board members: Fr. Luis Barrios, Nia Bediako, Omowale Clay, Lisa V. Davis, Sister Betty Dopson, King Downing, Sara Flounders, Ray Laforest, Fr. Lawrence Lucas, Pauline Park, Ralph Poynter, Lynne Stewart, Michael Tarif Warren, Bernard White, Nana Camille Yarbrough

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Town Hall Meeting: The Future of WBAI.

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(Community Progressive Radio)

24/7 programs by WBAI veterans

Bernard White, Don DeBar, & others

Cable TV - WBAI: What's at Stake?

MNN - TW Cable (Ch. 34)

& streaming @ mnn.org

Archives: justiceunity.org

Radio Vision, w/Bernard White

Thurs., Sept. 1, 8, 15 & 22 (1-2 PM)

Progressive Community Media

Mon., Sept. 5 & 19 (6:30-7 PM)

Indy Caucus Leader Favors Selling WBAI

Indy Caucus — aka "ACE" — has repeatedly *and falsely* accused Justice & Unity of secretly advocating the sale or swap of WBAI's signal. **We reiterate our adamant opposition to both.** What Indy Caucus never mentions is that their chief architect and lead candidate recruiter — Steve Brown, a wealthy former junk mail entrepreneur with a checkered past who now has 2 lawsuits against Pacifica — wrote a long public email in 2012 **calling for selling all 5 Pacifica radio licenses** "while they still have value." He has never repudiated this position, nor has Indy Caucus. Details at whoisstevebrown.com.

Plan for a Vibrant, Sustainable WBAI

Justice & Unity worked with staff & listeners to develop a plan (see www.justiceunity.org) to improve fundraising, expand audience and membership, leverage technology, and engage youth and other new listeners.

Some highlights:


- **Direct mail:** Contact lapsed members & link with progressive area residents.
- **Technology:** Facilitate and promote online listening & donation via social media.
- **Facilitate Planned Giving:** Provide education and outreach to listeners for protection of WBAI through trusts, bonds, and estate planning.
- **Expand membership:** In-reach to unions, progressive organizations, and publications.
- **Connect with schools.** "Everyone" is here! A great source of trainees and ideas for the next generation of radio.

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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 a clear majority for Justice & Unity (J&U):

- Rank **only** J&U candidates.
- Rank **ALL 8** J&U candidates.
- Do not give the same ranking to more than one candidate.
- Follow the sample at right.

04  **WBAI Listener Ballot (9 vacancies)** 0000000

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There are 9 vacancies for Listener Sponsor Delegates.

Mark your ballot just like this

SAMPLE

Ebon Charles, son of late producer Pepsi Charles and Last Poet Abiodun Oyewole, has WBAI in his genes and ideas for youth outreach. Please re-elect him by writing him in and ranking him #8.

IMPORTANT: Voters can choose paper ballots or electronic voting. To vote online, find your PIN and the voting website on the back of the paper ballot. A demo for filling out your e-ballot is at www.justiceunity.org.

For paper ballots, find the candidate's name on the left and go across to the proper column number; darken the box where

they meet. **The column number is the designated ranking next to the J&U candidate. ONLY rank J&U candidates:**

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| Carl M. ...skip | Sharonne Salaam...Col. 1 |
| Ken L. ...skip | Mario M. ...skip |
| Eugene Hamond...Col. 2 | Frank L. ...skip |
| Cerene Roberts...Col. 3 | Five Muallim-ak...Col. 5 |
| Dacio A. Quintana...Col. 6 | Michael O. ...skip |
| James S. ...skip | Rebecca N. ...skip |
| Moira Meltzer-Cohen...Col. 7 | Write-in: EBON CHARLES...Col. 8 |
| William Heerwagen...Col. 4 | |

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

Help Defray Our Costs

Money can, and often does, sway elections. We aim to inform, but our pockets are not deep. Our opposition is funded at the millionaire level. To meet the lowest costs of printing and mailing, we've reached out to friends and have taken a loan. Please help us bridge the gap. Every little bit counts. You can contribute at www.justiceunity.org (click on "Donate"), or fill out the enclosed coupon and send it with a check payable to "Justice and Unity Campaign," Box 2690, Manhattanville Station, NY, NY 10027-2690. Our sincere thanks for whatever you can do!

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Things *must* change.

However, since the January results of the last election created an LSB tie, IndyCaucus/ACE members have refused to attend meetings or join with Justice & Unity in the hard work of fundraising and planning for a better future. An example: each station has four director seats on the Pacifica National Board (PNB). But this year, WBAI is underrepresented because Indy/ACE refuses to attend mandated meetings and participate in proper elections. Of last year's 4 directors, 3 are ineligible because they are no longer on the local board; 1 serves as a carryover. WBAI therefore has one vote instead of four.

Justice & Unity opposes breaking up our network, selling our station, shutting down WBAI for many months, or swapping our dial position for some cash but reduced range.

These possibilities, and a lease agreement, which would allow another nonprofit to operate the station for some years and cover all ongoing costs, have all been discussed by people within the network.

As these and other drastic options are put on the national table, WBAI listeners need representatives who will work at fundraising & sustainability, stick with the job they sought, and fight for the listeners' interests.

If you want real representation, choose Justice & Unity!