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From: [Margy Wilkinson](#)

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Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:10 PM

Subject: email to KPFA members

Dear Andrew:

This past weekend you sent out a mass mailing which, under the guise of "correcting factual misstatements," repeats, almost word-for-word, the campaign propoganda of the anti-recall campaign. This mailing was sent to a station-controlled email list.

In doing so you have spread several statements that are misleading and outright false.

For instance, you write:

"KPFA's financial position has improved significantly over the past year since the cancellation of the former Morning Show."

This implies that the change in KPFA's financial position is related to the cancellation of the former Morning Show. In fact, KPFA's prior management made major cuts prior to the Morning Show cancellation -- two positions closed through attrition, seven staff took voluntary layoffs, and cuts to the hours of eight more employees were made. These cuts account almost entirely for the reduction in KPFA's expenses over the following year.

The cancellation of the Morning Show, by contrast, saved KPFA the expense of one 27-hour-per-week employee, and has cost the station hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost fundraising during morning drive hours. The only way the station has managed to hold its revenues steady is by introducing a new week-long fund drive in December and extending the station's other regular fund drives by a combined total of nearly three weeks.

Your published statement is spin in its purest form -- a statement of fact designed to mislead rather than inform. It is also a thinly-veiled partisan intervention in an election that you yourself said station management is supposed to stay out of.

We have never before seen the station's email list abused in this fashion. I am writing on behalf of the majority of KPFA's elected Local Station Board, which represents the station's listeners and workers, to formally demand the opportunity to rebut your statements in a mailing to the same email list that originally received it.

Please respond in writing as soon as possible.

Margy Wilkinson
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