



Pacifica Foundation Solidarity Pact: Standing Together for Free Media and Democracy



This document serves as a unifying and principled statement that the Pacifica Foundation stations, our network of Pacifica Affiliate stations, and other media democracy groups adopt, committing to our mutual support of journalistic integrity, and defense of free speech in the face of attacks from the current administration or similar authoritarian efforts. *Pacifica's mission is to disseminate information through art and journalism, for lasting understanding between people of all nations, races, creeds, genders, and colors.*

In light of the threats posed by Project 2025 and the escalating attacks on free speech, independent journalism, and public media under the current administration, we, the undersigned Pacifica Foundation stations and affiliates, and other media democracy groups pledge the following:

- 1. We Stand United.** We affirm our collective commitment to Pacifica Foundation network and all community media against political interference, defunding, censorship, and intimidation. An attack on one is an attack on all. We will keep each other informed about any alarming events that may be concerning or have an impact on all of us. By sharing our experiences, we can better understand and process what is happening - and support one another in navigating these challenging times.
- 2. We Protect the Public's Airwaves.** We will resist efforts to silence independent voices, dismantle public broadcasting, or transform media into a tool of state propaganda. We exist to serve the people - not politicians, parties, or profit.
- 3. We Support Each Other.** In times of crisis, we commit to sharing resources, airtime, content, and technical support whenever possible - and to taking all necessary steps to ensure that no Pacifica station or affiliate is left isolated or vulnerable. We are stronger together.
- 4. We Inform, Not Conform.** We will create and share accurate, courageous programming that exposes authoritarian threats, informs communities, and uplifts democratic values - even when doing so carries risk.
- 5. We Defend the Right to Dissent.** We affirm the right of our communities - especially the most marginalized - to speak freely, organize, and resist. We will not be complicit in efforts to criminalize protest, suppress history, or erase identities.
- 6. We Respect Local Autonomy.** We respect each organization's independence as a local media group and appreciate the independence of each station. We recognize their unique missions and honor the decisions they must make to respond to the needs of their local communities.

This pact is a statement of purpose and solidarity. Our commitment extends beyond times of crisis - it is a long-term pledge to uphold the shared mission of community radio for media and democracy, rooted in the values of peace, justice, democracy, and the power of grassroots media.

*Signed: The Pacifica Foundation,
KPFA – Berkeley, KPFK – Los Angeles, KPFT – Houston, WBAI – New York, WPFW – Washington, DC,
Pacifica Affiliate Network, Pacifica Radio Archives, The Association of Affiliates*

To join this pact, or

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