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**USF DISMANTLES KUSF STUDIO
IN VIOLATION OF FCC REGULATIONS**

San Francisco, CA (June 6, 2011) -- The fight to save the broadcast license for KUSF 90.3 FM continued this week when attorneys for Friends of KUSF filed a declaration with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in support of its original Petition to Deny the transfer of the broadcast license. The Declaration documented that the University of San Francisco, the licensee of KUSF, had dismantled the station's broadcast studio. This action violated the licensee's obligation to retain the ability to broadcast, pending a ruling by the FCC.

FCC rules prohibit the transfer of control of a broadcast station without prior consent by the Commission. Attorneys for Friends of KUSF raised the issue in its original Petition to Deny the transfer of the license, filed with the FCC in February, arguing that USF is no longer in control of programming at KUSF. USF's own attorneys, in their response to the original Petition, argued that according to FCC rules, license holders are only required to maintain a main studio that has the ability to originate programming.

USF dismantled the Phelan Hall broadcast studio in late May.

Peter Franck one of the attorneys for Friends of KUSF commented: "This action by the University is one more action which demonstrates that the parties to this whole transaction act as if the FCC was nothing but a rubber stamp. In fact approving this license transfer would violate the FCC's duty to act in the Public Interest, as we will point out further if the FCC grants our petition to set the whole matter for a public hearing."

Said Irwin Swirnoff, spokesperson for the groups fighting the sale: "Once again, USF has acted in bad faith towards the community and the FCC. Ignoring the fact that this bad deal for San Francisco has not been approved, they continue to act in arrogance, ignoring both the will of the city & violating the rules of the FCC. The time has come for the University to do the right thing and work with us in getting 90.3 FM back in the hands of the community where it belongs."

KUSF 90.3 FM broadcast for over 33 years. It's eclectic mix of programming included Chinese Star Radio and Good News For Today, which served San Francisco's 157,000 residents who are Chinese by either birth or decent. It also brought bands such as Metallica and the B-52's to the airwaves for the first time.

On January 18, the University of San Francisco announced the sale of the 90.3 FM broadcast license to an out-of-town corporation formed to broadcast classical music. KUSF 90.3 FM is world renowned for broadcasting groundbreaking music as well as cultural programs aimed at the diverse San Francisco community. Since the shut down, San Francisco has been without those programs.

Since the shutdown, former KUSF DJs and volunteers as well as members of the community have worked to stop the sale of the license. Partnerships have been established, both locally and nationally, including with WFMU (91.1 Jersey City, N.J./90.1 Hudson Valley, N.Y.), which has been providing an Internet stream for KUSF since March (www.wfmu.org/kusf.pls).

The proposed sale of KUSF 90.3 FM's broadcast license is part of a dangerous national pattern. Approximately 12 college and community stations have disappeared in the last 5 years including the recent sale of Rice University's KTRU. This trend is harming local communities by depriving them of the diverse culture and voices that the FCC requires non-commercial educational stations to serve.

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