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FCC CALLS FOR ANSWERS IN KUSF 90.3 FM SALE

Provides 30-Day Window to Respond

SAN FRANCISCO – In a letter published on June 28, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) directed fifteen detailed questions to the University of San Francisco (USF) and proposed Assignee Classical Public Radio Network, LLC (a partnership between the University of Southern California and Public Radio Capital d/b/a Classical SF) regarding the proposed sale and the parties' management of the KUSF 90.3 FM broadcast license.

The celebrated non-commercial educational (NCE) FM station was a mainstay on the protected left-side of San Francisco's radio dial. After 34 years KUSF was abruptly yanked off the air on January 18, 2011 and immediately replaced by KDFC, "The last commercial classical station in a major U.S. city."

The FCC's [detailed inquiry](#) includes a request for all correspondence about the transaction beginning June 1, 2010. It also identifies several issues regarding the premature demolition of KUSF's Main Studio, third party fund-raising on the station's airwaves, and other issues which could prompt a Public Hearing to assess if a transfer of the NCE license to CPRN is in the local public interest.

Alan Korn, attorney for Friends of KUSF says, "The letter means that the FCC is giving serious consideration to the issues submitted in our Petition, along with the objections raised by others."

This comes at a critical juncture in what is quickly evolving into a national trend. In 2011, the country lost flagship college station KTRU FM at Rice University in Houston and WDUQ FM public radio originating from Pittsburgh's Duquesne University. The proposed-sale of Vanderbilt University's WRVU FM in Nashville now also puts Music City's beloved college station at peril.

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Each of these transactions involve broker/buyer Public Radio Capital whose managing directors Susan Harmon and Marc Hand have equated NCE licenses to "beachfront property" and have said "every College Station in the country is at risk."

"KUSF has been a valuable resource for the university and the wider San Francisco community," says USF Media Studies professor Dorothy Kidd. She adds, "It provided vital hands-on experience for our students, bridging their studies in the classroom with opportunities to interact with local experts in the music and cultural fields, as part of our mission of '*Pro Urbe et Universitate*' -- For City and University.' I hate to think we are supporting the creeping commercialization affecting stations nationwide; there are already far too few broadcasting opportunities for local news, music and public discussion."

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Initial Radio Trade News Coverage:

FCC Issues Letter of Inquiry into Proposed KUSF Sale

<http://www.radiosurvivor.com/2011/06/29/fcc-issues-letter-of-inquiry-into-proposed-kusf-sale/>

FCC Red-Flags Sale of KUSF, San Francisco.

<http://www.insideradio.com/>

FCC Sends Pointed Inquiry To Parties In KUSF/San Francisco Sale

<http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/93253/fcc-sends-pointed-inquiry-to-parties-in-kusf-san-f>

FCC Questions KUSF Operating Agreement

<http://www.rwonline.com/article/fcc-questions-kusf-operating-agreement/23817>

The FCC Wants to Know More about the Sale of San Francisco's KUSF (90.3)

<http://www.radio-info.com/news/the-fcc-wants-to-know-more-about-the-sale-of-san-franciscos-kusf-903>