

1 [This resolution supports San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM and diversity in media
2 ownership.]

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4 **Resolution supporting San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM and urging Federal,**
5 **State, and Local officials to support policies and practices that encourage diverse local**
6 **non-commercial media**

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8 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has provided an invaluable
9 public service to the City and County of San Francisco for the past ten years; and

10 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has provided a forum for those
11 whose voices are often excluded from the increasingly consolidated corporate media; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has remained committed to
13 fostering an informed and engaged public by providing access to a diverse group of local
14 residents, artists, community groups, and public officials; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has contributed to a wide
16 diversity of programming including Radio Food Not Bombs, Renters' Radio by the Tenants
17 Union, Labor Line, OutLoud Radio, and the Green Party Radio Show; and

18 WHEREAS, The regulatory structure of the Federal Communications Commission
19 increasingly precludes the expression of alternate and dissonant voices; and

20 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission's most recent reasons for
21 rejecting San Francisco Liberation Radio's license requests are based on widely criticized
22 provisions in the Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000; and

23 WHEREAS, The Radio Broadcasting Preservation Act of 2000 contains provisions that
24 would prevent the Federal Communications Commission from considering applications from
25 persons or organizations who had previously been unlicensed broadcasters and also required

1 increased channel separation between new LPFM stations and other broadcast licensees;
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3 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio's multiple attempts to obtain an LPFM
4 license have been rejected by the Federal Communications Commission; and

5 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has operated without interfering
6 with other radio station broadcasts; and

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM has peacefully coexisted with its
8 neighbors throughout its broadcasting history; and

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission has delivered a notice of
10 illegal broadcasting to San Francisco Liberation Radio; and

11 WHEREAS, Citizens in a democracy require public access to a diverse range of media
12 voices and messages in order to participate fully in our community's shared social, cultural
13 and political life; now therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
15 supports San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3 FM and other local, non-commercial media;
16 and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18 Francisco urges the Federal Communications Commission not to interfere with the
19 functioning of San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3FM; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
21 Francisco urges federal, state and local law enforcement officials to refrain from activities that
22 prevent San Francisco Liberation Radio 97.3FM and other diverse local media from providing
23 healthy democratic local media in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
25 Francisco urge the Federal Communications Commission to resist attempts to repeal the

1 cross-ownership ban and urge the Congress and the Federal Communications Commission
2 to protect content diversity and press freedom by retaining and strengthening existing media
3 ownership regulations, including regulations that limit the number of stations one owner may
4 hold; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
6 Francisco call upon Congress to exercise its oversight in the area of federal communications
7 policy through public hearings on media ownership issues; and to pursue legislation aimed at
8 protecting democratic media by prohibiting further media consolidation.

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