

1 [Urging Federal Communications Commission to closely examine KNEW 910 AM license
2 renewal application]

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4 **Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to closely examine radio**
5 **station KNEW 910 AM’s license renewal application in light of a public petition from**
6 **Media Alliance, the Youth Media Council and Accion Latina to deny KNEW’s application**
7 **for breach of “the public interest”.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a mandate to
10 ensure that broadcasting using the public airwaves is conducted “in the public interest”; and

11 WHEREAS, the FCC is currently in the midst of the once-every-eight years process of
12 reviewing California Radio Stations’ applications for license renewal based on their fulfillment
13 of the FCC’s public interest mandate; and

14 WHEREAS, “Localism” is a key criterion for the FCC’s evaluation of whether
15 broadcasters have served the public interest; and

16 WHEREAS, KNEW 910 AM, whose business offices reside at 340 Townsend in San
17 Francisco, is licensed by the FCC to use the publicly-owned frequency 910 AM in accordance
18 with this mandate; and

19 WHEREAS, KNEW 910 AM is a Clear Channel-owned and affiliated station that
20 broadcasts locally with a majority of nationally syndicated programming; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Antonio-based Clear Channel Corporation is a controversial
22 multi-national corporation known for pro war, anti-peace, monopolistic, anti-union practices,
23 including sponsoring pro-war rallies and censoring music promoting peace, and

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1 WHEREAS, in August, Media Alliance, a Bay Area media watch group conducted a
2 study monitoring for three weeks two KNEW 910 AM hosts – Michael Savage and Jeff Katz;
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4 WHEREAS, The Media Alliance study found KNEW 910 AM hosts regularly incite
5 violence against communities of color, immigrant communities, Muslims, and the Lesbian,
6 Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in gross violation of the FCC public interest
7 mandate; and

8 WHEREAS, Radio show host Bill O’Reilly’s radio show, “The Radio Factor” is a
9 nationally, syndicated, Clear Channel-distributed show broadcast on KNEW 910 AM; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 8th, radio host Bill O’Reilly used radio show “The Radio
11 Factor” to condone violence against San Francisco residents and visitors alike; and

12 WHEREAS, Numerous Bay Area organizations, including Media Alliance, Accion
13 Latina and the Youth Media Council, recently filed a formal Petition to Deny the license
14 renewal of KNEW 910 AM with documentation illustrating a pattern of violations of the public
15 interest, including frequent incitement to violence by hosts and a lack of significant local
16 programming; and,

17 WHEREAS, The House and Senate Commerce Committees have oversight of the
18 FCC; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the FCC to closely
20 examine KNEW 910 AM’s license renewal application, as well as the numerous Petitions to
21 Deny the station’s license based on documented violations of the public interest filed by the
22 above mentioned organizations and other organization with appropriate standing; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges our local
24 Congressional Representatives, especially Senator Barbara Boxer who sits on the Senate
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1 Commerce Committee and Representative Nancy Pelosi, to ensure that the FCC takes such
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