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PRESS RELEASE

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Berkeley, CA • July 19, 1999 • Contrary to rumors and reports, neither KPFA nor any of Pacifica Foundation's four other radio stations are for sale. Pacifica's Board Chair, Mary Frances Berry clearly denied rumors of any intention to sell any of Pacifica's frequencies at a Bay Area press briefing last Monday. She did, however acknowledge that at least one board member has been vocal about suggesting that Pacifica does consider the possibility. Pacifica Board member Micheal Palmer has been concerned about Pacifica's financial position, and has publicly advocated that Pacifica consider selling one of its frequencies. The contentious and protracted labor dispute with KPFA furthered his frustrations, prompting him to obtain information about the values of our frequencies, which he intended to share with Pacifica's Board Chair. Mr. Palmer inadvertently sent the information via email to someone else. "While I've told people I think we should sell one of our frequencies to capitalize the network, I've never even discussed this with Mary (Berry).

In casual conversation, other board members have told me they strongly oppose the idea. I'm just sorry that a wrong keystroke on my part has created such an uproar. I still think we should look at selling one of our frequencies, but it's evident that the board and national organization don't agree with me," said Micheal Palmer.

"Pacifica's Governing Board is comprised of people who don't always agree on everything. KPFA and all of Pacifica's other frequencies are not for sale, and the board is not considering selling any of them," replied Mary Frances Berry.

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