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**THE SENATE**  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

**Senator Gary C. Peters**

February 19, 1999

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Tom Ness  
Jam Rag Press  
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Dear Mr. Ness,

Thank you for your letter regarding the resolutions urging the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to adopt RM-9242 (which were Senate Resolution 234 and House Resolution 379 in the 1997-1998 legislative session). The opinions of the citizens of Michigan are very important in the decisions that I make in the Senate.

I support the drive to re-legalize community radio and have been contacted by many constituents regarding this effort. I have signed onto this movement and co-sponsored SR 234 last session in the Michigan Senate. Senator DeBeaussaert plans to reintroduce this bill in the current session, and I will co-sponsor this bill when it is reintroduced into the Michigan Senate. When this issue comes to the floor, I plan to vote for the resolution.

Thank you again for taking the time to share this information with me. If there is anything that I can do to help you in this effort, please feel free to contact me again. .

Sincerely,



Gary C. Peters  
State Senator  
14th District

GCP/ajs

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
LANSING, MICHIGAN

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January 28, 1999

Mr. Tom Ness  
Jam Rag Press  
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Dear Mr. Ness:

Thank you for your letter regarding your efforts to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to relegalize community radio.

I will be happy to co-sponsor the Resolution in the Michigan House of Representatives, and look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,

  
Paul Gieleghem  
State Representative

PG:ab



SAMUEL BUZZ THOMAS, III

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House of Representatives  
State of Michigan

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June 4, 1999

The Honorable Mary Ann Middaugh, Chair  
House Committee on Energy and Technology  
611 George W. Romney Building  
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Chair Middaugh:

I am writing in order to respectfully request a hearing of the House Committee on Energy and Technology for the purpose of considering House Resolution 67.

This resolution, sponsored by Representative Schermesser, would serve to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting.

House Resolution 67 represents the best interests of the people of Michigan. Once again, I respectfully request that this resolution receive a hearing in committee.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely, 

Representative Samuel Buzz Thomas III  
Minority Vice Chair  
House Standing Committee on Energy and Technology

cc: Members of the House Committee on Energy & Technology  
Rep. Schermesser

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**CHARLES R. PERRICONE**  
*Speaker of the House*

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July 7, 1999

Mr. Tom Ness  
Jam Rag Press/Michigan Music is World Class Campaign  
P.O. Box 20076  
Ferndale, MI 48220

Dear Mr. Ness:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding a motion to discharge House Resolution 67 from the House Committee on Energy and Technology. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts and concerns with me regarding this issue.

If the House of Representatives had taken a record roll-call vote on a motion to discharge House Resolution 67, I would have voted against discharging it from the committee. The Michigan Legislature has a committee structure in place so that members can thoroughly review bills, debate and take testimony. I have great faith in the committee process and, therefore, cannot condone sidestepping this important legislative function.

Of course, I support community radio. It serves a vital role in keeping residents connected to their neighborhoods, state and nation. Community radio is a training ground for young people interested in broadcasting and the electronic media. Using the talents of volunteers in the fields of music, poetry and public affairs also helps to improve our communities. The emphasis on community radio is on the community, and our communities prosper when we allow individuals to better themselves.

Again, thank you for contacting my office. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Charles R. Perricone  
Speaker of the House

CP:kf

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
LANSING, MICHIGAN



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RECREATION  
FORESTRY AND MINERAL RIGHTS  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

October 2, 1998

Jordan Frank  
c/o JAM Rag  
P.O. Box 20076  
Ferndale, MI 48220

Dear Mr. Frank:

Thank you for your letter regarding relegalization of community radio. I appreciate your taking the time to write to me about this important matter.

I supported a resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to relegalize community radio. I very much hope that we will be able to reestablish access to the airwaves for everyone who wishes to broadcast.

I understand your great concern about this matter, and I appreciate all of your time and effort in letting me know your views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Liz Brater".

Elizabeth S. Brater  
53rd District

ESB/pln



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**PAUL WOJNO**  
MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
28TH DISTRICT

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JUDICIARY

May 5, 1998

Tom Ness  
Michigan Music is World Class Campaign  
Jam Rag Magazine  
P.O. Box 20076  
Ferndale, Michigan 48220

Dear Mr. Ness:

I am pleased to offer my support to the "Michigan Music is World Class" Campaign.

Michigan is home to a diverse range of musicians and artists who deserve to be heard. Radio still remains the number one way for local artists to gain national recognition. I applaud your efforts and will do all I can to support local musicians.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me toll-free at **1-888-44-WOJNO**.

Sincerely yours,

**Paul Wojno**  
State Representative  
The 28th District

P.S. Please note that your correspondence is being sent to the wrong address. My home address since last August is 27314 Larose, Warren, MI 48093.



STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**ANDREW C. RICHNER**

1ST DISTRICT  
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CAUCUS CHAIR

COMMITTEES:  
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HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND ETHICS  
JUDICIARY  
REGULATORY AFFAIRS

March 24, 1998

To Whom It May Concern:

I support Michigan-based musicians and would urge you to play on your radio station music performed by local bands and musicians on a regular and consistent basis.

Michigan has a proud heritage of being the home of some of the world's greatest music talent. From jazz to modern rock, local music artists produce some of the best quality music available today.

These Michigan musicians deserve your help in getting air-play time. Air play for local musicians benefits our state's economy, including local clubs, recording studios, musical instrument retailers and local CD/tape retailers.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Andrew C. Richner

ACR:dfi



House of Representatives  
State of Michigan

94TH DISTRICT  
**MICHAEL J. GOSCHKA**  
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October 25, 1997

MMWC Campaign  
c/o Jam Rag  
P.O. Box 20076  
Ferndale, MI 48220

To The Radio Stations of Michigan,

As you well know, many of the world's best musicians and some of the world's most appreciated music has come from right here in our great state of Michigan. I am very proud of that fact. In the past, much of that talent received the recognition it was seeking only because Michigan radio stations were willing to take a chance and give them an opportunity by playing their music as yet undiscovered local artists.

It has come to my attention that in recent times it is virtually unheard of to hear a Michigan band or musician on a Michigan radio station unless they are already signed on to a major record label. I personally don't believe this in the best interest of our state, nor do I believe that it represents the wisest use of our local public airwaves.

Certainly, not everyone will enjoy or appreciate every Michigan band or musician that could be heard on the airwaves, but the same can also be said of virtually every band and musician today that regardless of how popular, appreciated and universally well accepted they may be, some people simply won't care for that particular style. We all have different tastes. I do believe, however, that some type of program that will allow for air play for local musicians and bands will also benefit and have positive impact on local clubs, recording studios, musical instrument retailers and local cd/tape retailers as well.

Yes, the business of a radio station is to "make money" through advertising dollars and such a program may at first be perceived to be a risk in maintaining that revenue, but I firmly believe that if properly planned no station would lose money and as earlier stated that such action would ultimately benefit the entire local economy. Finally, not only would such a program also raise a level of interest in our young people to explore the world of music, but it would do much to communicate community goodwill. Goodwill begets goodwill. It creates a win-win situation in

which no one loses. The roots of that goodwill will be traced back to the radio station that invested time and took a risk in that local talent.

I personally support and respectfully urge our radio stations throughout the state to give great consideration to making room in their programming schedules for the numerous local musicians and bands that have worked hard and truly desire an opportunity for air play in their own hometowns.

Thank you for your time in reading this letter on behalf of Michigan musicians and bands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Goschka". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael J. Goschka  
State Representative  
94th District  
Saginaw County

State Representative  
6th House District

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**MARTHA G. SCOTT**  
MICHIGAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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INSURANCE (VICE CHAIR)  
REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
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August 25, 1997

Tom Ness  
Jam Rag Magazine  
P.O. Box 20076  
Ferndale, MI 48220

Dear Mr. Ness,

I would like to thank you for your invitation to attend a Town Meeting on September 14, 1997 regarding radio air-play for local artists. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend due to a prior commitment. However, I will work with you on this issue in whatever way I can.

Please know if circumstances were different, I would be in attendance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regretfully,

Martha G. Scott  
State Representative  
6th District

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
LANSING, MICHIGAN



MIKE KOWALL  
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March 9, 1999

Scott D. Hicks  
1991 Crescent Lake Road  
Waterford, MI 48327

Dear Scott:

I am responding to your letter that you wrote to my predecessor, Rep. David N. Galloway, who was term-limited. I took his place January 1, 1999.

Thank you for sharing your letter with me regarding your support for the re-legalization of low power FM radio stations. I understand that Sharon in my office spoke with you on the telephone recently. You will be glad to know that I would be supportive of a resolution supporting community radio.

Again, thank you for contacting my office and sharing your views with me. I hope you will continue to do so in the upcoming weeks and months in regard to any state matter of concern to you.

I hope to meet you one day soon in the district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Kowall".

MIKE KOWALL  
Your State Representative

MK:s

P.S. I hope you find the enclosed material useful.

# Wayne County Commission



WILLIAM J. O'NEIL  
COMMISSIONER  
DISTRICT 14



December 17, 1998

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Mr. Tom Ness  
Jam Rag  
Box 20076  
Ferndale, MI 48220

Dear Mr. Ness:

Thank you for your gracious letter.

I look forward to working with you on your effort to re-legalize public radio.

You make a compelling case for the need to rebuild our local music economy in the Detroit area. I hope that when I arrive in Lansing at the beginning of the year I will have the opportunity of providing support.

Thank you again for your letter.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

William J. O'Neil  
Wayne County Commissioner  
14<sup>th</sup> District

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Health and Human Services, Environment Drains and Sewers  
Special Committee on Veterans Affairs

# RESOLUTIONS PENDING IN THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

## MICHIGAN SENATE

**Senators Dunaskiss, Young, Johnson, Dingell, Cherry, Peters, Murphy, A. Smith, DeBeaussaert, Emmons, North and Leland offered the following resolution:**

### **Senate Resolution No. 53.**

A resolution to urge the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules to provide for new low-power FM radio stations. Whereas, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) discontinued the licensing of low-power radio stations

(those using under 100 watts of power) twenty years ago. This decision was based on concerns that low-power stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and

Whereas, As a result of the discontinuance of low-power radio stations and technology changes, a new station meeting the FCC requirements for size represents an enormous capital investment; and

Whereas, The FCC, in response to concerns from across the country, has issued proposed rules to permit the licensing of new low-power radio stations. With the goal of reviving community-based opportunities in radio, the FCC is now seeking public comment on the proposed rules. In light of the role that local communications through radio can have in both urban areas and smaller towns, Michigan's voice should be heard in the discussions taking place; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules to provide for new low-power radio stations that would not sacrifice the integrity of the current interference protection standards, nor prevent FM stations from providing vital news, weather, and traffic information; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

Pursuant to rule 3.204, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

## MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Reps. Schermesser, Pappageorge, Hansen, DeHart, Bogardus, Gosselin, Bovin, Woodward, Brater, Kelly, LaForge, Cherry, Brewer, Rison, Quarles, Stallworth, Basham, Prusi, Baird, Daniels, Dennis, Callahan, Schauer, Gielegem, Mans, Kilpatrick, Jamnick, Scott, Vaughn, Rivet, Tesanovich, Voorhees, DeRossett, Kowall, Kukuk, Hardman, Garza and Hale offered the following resolution:**

### **House Resolution No. 67.**

A resolution to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting.

Whereas, For many years, low-power radio stations filled a unique niche in the communications needs of local communities. These operations, which used less than 100 watts of power, were licensed as Class D FM stations; and

Whereas, In 1978, The Federal Communications Commission made a policy decision to stop licensing low-power radio stations. This decision was based on concerns that low-power stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and

Whereas, In recent years, the rate of consolidation in the radio broadcast market has increased. As a result, far fewer locally based radio stations have programming that serves their communities. These concerns have prompted many people to promote a change in FCC policies. A proposed change to FCC rules, which seeks to permit the reestablishment of low-power FM broadcast services, is currently under consideration; and

Whereas, Allowing low-power FM radio to return to the airways will achieve several worthwhile goals in communications options open to people in our country. These community radio services will increase the local presence in the media, increase diversity of ownership, provide more choices to the public, offer new opportunities in business, and promote communications that better reflect the character and needs of our communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.

**Senate Resolution 234:** Introduced by Senators Kenneth DeBeaussaert and Chris Dingell.

**A Resolution to urge the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) to adopt RM-9242 to create a new service of small, locally-owned FM stations.**

Whereas, Twenty years ago the F.C.C. stopped issuing new Class D broadcasting licenses (stations of less than 100 watts). Today, to launch a station the F.C.C. will consider licensing requires a minimum investment of \$80-100 thousand dollars, making it too difficult for the general public to launch a radio station; and

Whereas, A national grassroots movement has emerged to re-legalize community radio. A formal rule-making petition, RM-9242 would create a new service of small, locally owned FM stations. This petition is now before the F.C.C.; and

Whereas, Corporatization of our local airwaves is by far the main factor behind the withering of our State's once-thriving music industry, the home of Motown. Detroit's commercial stations devote

under one percent of their airtime to locally-produced music. The same thing is happening country wide; and

Whereas, The result has been devastating to not only musicians, but also local clubs, music stores, record stores, studios, labels and publishers; indeed the entire local music economy; Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Federal Communications Commission to adopt RM-9242; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the F.C.C. Chairman, William Kennard and to the "Michigan Music is World Class" Campaign.

**House Resolution 379:** Introduced by Rep. John Freeman. Co-sponsored by Representatives David Anthony (Democrat-108), Paul T Baade (Democrat-91), Laura L Baird (Democrat-70), Raymond Basham (Democrat-22), Patricia Birkholz (Republican-88), Beverly A Bodem (Republican-106), Rose Bogardus (Democrat-47), Liz Brater (Democrat-53), Deborah Cherry (Democrat-50), Nick Ciaramitaro (Democrat-27), Eileen DeHart (Democrat-18), Agnes M Dobronski (Democrat-15), Patricia Godchaux (Republican-40), David M Gubow (Democrat-35), Derrick Hale (Democrat-14), Michael Hanley (Democrat-95), Clark Harder (Democrat-85), Ron Jelinek (Republican-78), Thomas Kelly (Democrat-17), Kwame M Kilpatrick (Democrat-9), Alvin H Kukuk (Republican-33), Edward LaForge (Democrat-60), Burton Leland (Democrat-13), Lynne Martinez (Democrat-69), Raymond Murphy (Democrat-7), Dennis Olshove (Democrat-29), Mary Lou Parks (Democrat-3), Kirk Profit (Democrat-54), Michael Prusi (Democrat-109), Nancy Quarles (Democrat-36), Andrew Richner (Republican-1), Gloria Schermesser (Democrat-25), Martha G Scott (Democrat-6), Judith L Scranton (Republican-66), Paul Tesanovich (Democrat-110), Ilona Varga (Democrat-8), Karen Willard (Democrat-82)

**A Resolution to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting.**

Whereas, For many years, low power radio stations filled a unique niche in the communications needs of local communities. These operations, which used less than 100 watts of power, were licensed as Class D FM stations; and

Whereas, In 1978, the Federal Communications Commission made a policy decision to stop licensing low power radio stations. This decision was based on concerns that low power radio stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and

Whereas, in recent years, the rate of consolidation in the radio broadcast market has increased. As a result, far fewer locally based radio stations have programming that serves their communities. These concerns have prompted many people to promote a change in FCC policies. A petition of rulemaking, which proposes the reestablishment

of low power FM broadcast services, is currently under consideration; and

Whereas; Allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will achieve several worthwhile goals in communications options open to people in our country. These community radio services will increase the local presence in the media, increase diversity of ownership, provide more choices to the public, offer new opportunities in business, and promote communications that better reflect the character and needs of our communities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

## ● City of Detroit

A Resolution to Urge the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) to Restore Approval for Low Power FM Radio Broadcasting  
By Council Member Mahaffey  
WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and  
WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The Detroit City Council joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition FM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, to the Michigan Congressional Delegation and the City's lobbyist, Nancy Barbour.

Adopted as follows:  
Yeas - Council Members Cleveland, K. Cockrel Jr., S. Cockrel, Everett, Hood, Mahaffey, Scott, Tinsley-Williams, and President Hill - 9.  
Nays - None.

1-25-99

## ● City of Ferndale

Resolution  
Moved by Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilwoman Kulick, to adopt the following resolution:

For many years, low power radio stations filled a unique niche in the communications needs of local communities. These operations, which used less than 100 watts of power, were licensed as Class D FM stations; and In 1978, the Federal Communications Commission made a policy decision to stop licensing low power radio stations. This decision was based on concerns that low power radio stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and In recent years, the rate of consolidation in the radio broadcast market has increased. As a result, far fewer locally based radio stations have programming that serves their communities. These concerns have prompted many people to promote a change in FCC policies. A petition of rule-making, which proposes the reestablishment of low power FM broadcast services, is currently under consideration; and

allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will achieve several worthwhile goals in communications options open to people in our country. These community radio services will increase the local presence in the media, increase diversity of ownership, provide more choices to the public, offer new opportunities in business, and promote communications that better reflect the character and needs of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Ferndale's elected officials, encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

AYES: Council Members Porter, Paczkowski, Warshay, Kulick; Mayor Goedert.

NAYS: None.

Motion carried.

I, Lee Ann O'Connor, Clerk of the City of Ferndale, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of a Resolution duly made and passed by the Ferndale City Council at a meeting held January 25, 1999.  
Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk

2-4-99

## ● City of Hazel Park

Michigan Music is World Class Campaign

On behalf of our Hazel Park Citizens, the Mayor and Council of the City of Hazel Park are in favor of the F.C.C. to re-legalize community radio and we support the adoption of RM-9242.

We believe it can improve access to our airwaves for all local residents without interfering with existing service. Radio is the most suitable of any media outlet to provide community access. It is relatively inexpensive to produce and is well-suited to cover community issues and local music.

We support this petition and believe we owe the public some access to the airwaves they own. We hope the F.C.C. will consider RM-9242 favorable.

Yeas truly,  
Ben Colley, Mayor  
Hazel Park

3-2-99

## ● City of Hamtramck

Resolution In Support Of Community Radio

WHEREAS, "community radio" allows for a small geographic area, such as Hamtramck, to have its own voices on the air, including community-related discussions and locally produced music; and

WHEREAS, community radio has been illegal since the 1970s; and  
WHEREAS, starting and operating a modern-day radio station is prohibitively expensive (hundreds of thousands of dollars) for an individual or small business; however, the technology exists where a small radio station can be started and operated for only a few thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community radio stations have been operating over the past several years to support local musicians and local talent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is currently in the process of accepting public input on the re-legalization of community radio, Mass Media Bureau's Docket No. MM99-25; and  
WHEREAS, MM99-25 will not interfere with existing broadcasters, nor even reserve a portion of the broadcast spectrum for community service, but will simply allow community groups and business owners to apply for broadcast licenses, a right currently enjoyed by only the most wealthy and powerful groups in our society; and  
WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is World Class campaign is actively involved in creating an awareness of the great music being produced in our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the Campaign's belief that community radio will be a boon to local economies, including the local music industry, by creating a demand for locally produced music that will benefit musicians, artists, manufacturers, record stores, music stores, and recording studios; and  
WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is World Class campaign recently gathered 3,000 letters in support of HR379 and SR234, resolutions in the Michigan House and Senate in favor of community

radio; and  
WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is World Class campaign is asking cities and the State of Michigan to urge the FCC to re-legalize community radio via non-binding Council resolutions; and  
WHEREAS, the cities of Detroit, Ferndale, and Hazel Park have already passed non-binding, City Council resolutions supporting the adoption by the Federal Communications Commission of MM99-25;  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hamtramck go on record in support of community radio and urge the Federal Communications Commission to adopt MM99-25; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, to the Honorable Representative Carolyn Cheeks-Kilpatrick, and to the Michigan Music is World Class Campaign.  
Adopted unanimously.

3-3-99

## ● City of Ann Arbor

Resolution in Support of New Licenses for Low Power FM Community Radio

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor is committed to the principles of free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and  
WHEREAS, citizens of our community hold the broadcast airwaves to be public property and a public trust; and  
WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not made affordable, Low Power (<100 watts) FM broadcast frequencies available for community use since 1978 when regulatory changes eliminated Class D FM licenses for less than 100 watts of power; and  
WHEREAS, the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has led to an unprecedented consolidation of broadcast industry ownership, and a marked decrease in both local and minority ownership of radio stations and origination of programming; and  
WHEREAS, the rights of free speech and a free press are threatened when access to communications media is concentrated in the hands of the few; and  
WHEREAS, the Ann Arbor community has already demonstrated its commitment to local access through its long-term and enthusiastic support for the local community access television,

Community Television Network, and its local low power radio station, WCBN; and  
WHEREAS, the FCC is now hearing public comment on a proposal to once again offer simple, affordable, commercial and non-commercial Low Power FM broadcast licenses (FCC's MM Docket No. 95-25); and  
WHEREAS, commercial and non-commercial radio stations operating under such a license could provide a community voice to individuals, musicians, artist, writers, activists, students, and points of view which are presently economically barred from access to their own abovementioned airwaves; and

WHEREAS, issuance of said licenses would constitute a net benefit to the social, cultural, and political life of Ann Arbor and its citizens, and to communities across the state of Michigan and the U.S.;

Therefore be it Resolved, that the City of Ann Arbor supports the concept of Low Power radio stations, and urges the FCC to fulfill its mandate as guardian of a public resource, and to enact a licensing regulation to grant affordable, simple, commercial and non-commercial broadcast licenses to citizens of this and other communities in this country;  
And be it Further Resolved, that the City of Ann Arbor supports the efforts of those who endeavor to advocate such regulatory change, and to enrich the life of our diverse community through legally establishing commercial and non-commercial public-access radio outlet;

And be it Finally Resolved, that copies of this resolution shall be sent to FCC Chairman William Kennard, to Michigan Senators Spencer Abraham and Carl Levin, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, and

to Ann Arbor's representatives in Lansing, with the request that they support the FCC's proposal to reintroduce Low Power FM radio broadcasting to our country.

Submitted by Council Members Daley and Kolb March 1, 1999"  
Adopted March 3, 1999.

3-29-99

## ● City of Howell

Resolution No. 99-07

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as "FCC") stopped issuing new Class D broadcasting licenses, which licenses were for operations with use of 100 watts of power or less on FM bands; WHEREAS, the ban on the issuance of Class D broadcasting licenses has been in force and effect over the term of the last 20 years, in part to prevent the orderly development of FM radio and potential difficulties to the efficient operation of those FM stations serving a greater number of people and with a considerably higher wattage; WHEREAS, the concerns that were set out by the FCC in the past have not developed and as a result, a change in FCC policies has been requested by virtue of a movement to re-institute Class D licenses and/or community radio, otherwise known as low power FM radio service;  
WHEREAS, the Howell City Council believes that the re-institution of low power FM radio service will be, in fact, a worthwhile public service providing diversity of ownership, public choice, business promotion and communications reflecting the needs and character of the community both in and surrounding the City of Howell.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Howell City Council requests and encourages the FCC to restore approval for low power FM radio service and/or broadcasting pursuant to the current petition otherwise known as RM-9242, as amended through the rule-making process.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately by the City Clerk to the FCC.  
Resolution passed this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 1999  
Paul F. Rogers, Mayor  
Rebecca J. Ruttan, Clerk

4-14-99

## ● City of Southgate

Moved: Underwood  
Supported: Holmes  
RESOLVED, that the Council hereby support the re-legalization of community radio and urge the F.C.C. to allow Class D licensing, as requested by Michael Landon, representing the Michigan Music is World Class Campaign, 2212 Philomene, Lincoln Park MI 48146

4-20-99

## ● City of Wyandotte

By Council-member Sam A. Palamara  
RESOLVED by the City Council that  
WHEREAS, the FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to reestablish low power broadcast services; and  
WHEREAS, allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Wyandotte encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission  
Motion unanimously carried.  
Resolution declared adopted.  
Johnny A. Kolokowski  
Sam A. Palamara  
Mark A. Paryaski  
Martin J. Shimkus  
Patrick J. Sulka  
Christine Swiecki-Niewiarowski

4-21-99

## ● City of Ecorse

Resolution No. 121.99  
Moved by Councilman Hellar  
Supported by Councilman Worthy  
RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the City of Ecorse urges the F.C.C. to re-legalize community radio. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the F.C.C., 1919 M Street NW, Washington DC 20554  
Yeas: Councilmen Banks, Dalton, Worthy, Hellar, Moon  
Nays: None.  
Excused: None.

5-3-99

## ● City of Trenton

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and  
WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations. Those efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and  
WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trenton City Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The Trenton City Council joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition RM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission. ADOPTED, APPROVED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Trenton this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of May, 1999  
Wayne G. Bielloff, Mayor  
Kyle F. Stiel, City Clerk

5-5-99

## ● City of Taylor

Resolution No. 5.450-99  
Motion by: Geiss  
Supported by: Chorkaluk  
WHEREAS; The F.C.C. is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to re-establish low power broadcast services; and  
WHEREAS; Allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities; and  
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The City of Taylor encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

Ayes: Molner, McDermott, Etore, Geiss, Chorkaluk, Riley  
Nays: none  
Absent: Bzura

Unanimously adopted

## ● City of Mt. Clemens

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter referred to as "F.C.C."), stopped issuing new Class D

casting licenses, which licenses or operations with use of 100

of power or less on FM bands; WHEREAS, the ban on the issuance of Class D broadcasting licenses has been in force and effect over the term of the last 20 years, in part to prevent the orderly development of FM radio and potential difficulties to the efficient operation of those FM stations serving a greater number of people and with a considerably higher wattage;

WHEREAS, the concerns that were set out by the F.C.C. in the past have not developed and as a result, a change in F.C.C. policies has been requested by virtue of a movement to re-institute Class D licenses and/or community radio, otherwise known as low power FM radio service;

WHEREAS, the Mount Clemens City Commission believes that the re-institution of low power FM radio service will be, in fact, a worthwhile public service providing diversity of ownership, public choice, business promotion and communications reflecting the needs and character of the community both in and surrounding the City of Mount Clemens. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution, having been adopted by the Mount Clemens City Commission on Monday, May 17, 1999, be made a permanent part of the records of the City of Mount Clemens and that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted immediately by the City Clerk to the F.C.C.

Adopted: May 17, 1999

Quinnie E. Cody, Mayor of Mount Clemens

5-19-99

## ● City of Livindale

Resolution 99-05-210

Moved by Luzod Supported by Stuart

WHEREAS, the FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to re-establish low power broadcast services; and

WHEREAS, allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Melvindale encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting, provided that no federal rules adopted in connection herewith attempt to preempt local regulations thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

Passed unanimously.

5-24-99

## ● City of Marysville

Resolution in Support of Community Radio

WHEREAS, In 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.), ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts),

reducing overall the number of locally based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change,

other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market have contributed to a significant

reduction in the number of community owned radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of low power radio stations. Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242, that would create opportunities for the

return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business

development and broadcast entrepreneurship; increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Marysville

urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The City of Marysville joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking

F.C.C. adoption of petition RM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission. Resolution declared adopted.

Sharon L. Schess, City Clerk, CMC

6-1-99

## ● City of Lincoln Park

Resolution #99-273

Moved by: Mayor Sall

Supported by: The Full Council

WHEREAS, the FCC is receiving public comments concerning a proposal to reestablish low power broadcast services; and

WHEREAS, allowing for low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will promote communications that better reflect the character needs of the local communities,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Lincoln Park encourages the FCC to restore approval of low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission, Congressman John Dingell, Senator Carl Levin and Senator Spencer Abraham. Motion unanimously carried.

6-7-99

## ● City of Farmington

Resolution No. 06-99-158

Motion by McShane, seconded by

Hartscock, to adopt the following

resolution: WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission stopped licensing low power radio stations.

WHEREAS, a national movement has emerged for these low power radio stations and, as a result, Petition RM 9242 is currently pending before the F.C.C.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FARMINGTON that the Farmington City Council urges the F.C.C. to restore and approve low power FM radio broadcasting, and joins the Michigan Senate (SR234) and the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) in this request. Motion carried unanimously.

6-2-99

## ● Washington Twp.

Resolution to urge the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

Present: Gary R Kirsh, Supervisor, R J Brainard, Clerk, Linda A Verellen, Treasurer, Fred Blonde, Jack Dorrrough, Michael Murphy, Barry Sutherland, Trustees

Absent: none The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Verellen and supported by Member Kirsh:

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses

to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low power radio stations.

Their efforts have resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242, that would create

opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business

development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communications services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That Washington Township urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting. The Washington Township Board joins the Michigan Senate (SR234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking

F.C.C. adoption of petition RM-9242 to restore low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission. Ayes: Members Verellen, Kirsh, Blonde, Murphy, Sutherland, Dorrrough and Brainard.

Nays: Members: none. Resolution declared adopted.

6-23-99

## ● City of Grosse Pte. Woods

Certified Resolution Motion by Granger, supported by Dickinson, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the

Committee-of-the-whole and in the excerpt of minutes dated June 14, 1999, regarding local community radio and that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class C broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing

overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities; WHEREAS, re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to

increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast

entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grosse Pte. Woods, Michigan, urges the Federal Communication Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting by adopting petition RM-9242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Federal and State Congressional

legislators. Motion carried by the following vote: Yes: Chylinski, Dansbury, Dickinson, Farher, Granger, Novitke, Steiner

No: None

Absent: None.

6-16-99

## ● Shelby Twp.

Motion by Kowal, supported by Parker, to acknowledge support of the Michigan Music is World Class Campaign urging the adoption of the pending plan to re-legalize community radio.

Motion carried.

7-7-99

## ● City of Livonia

A Resolution To Support Reinstatement of Licensing For Low Power FM Radio Stations #461-99

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ended its licensing of low power (less than 100 watts) radio stations, thereby reducing the number of locally-based stations;

WHEREAS, nationally, a movement has emerged to advocate the reinstatement of low power, lower cost FM radio

stations; this movement has resulted in a formal rule-making petition before the FCC, known as RM-9242;

WHEREAS, at the state level, the Michigan Senate has introduced Senate Resolution 234 (SR234) and the House of Representatives has introduced House Resolution 379 (HR379) which support

the adoption of RM-9242 to create a new service of small, locally-owned FM stations;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Livonia City Council urges the FCC to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcastings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Engler, State Senator Thaddeus McCotter, State Representative Laura Toy and State Representative Gerald Law.

Ayes: Walsh, Vandersloot, Pastor, Duggan, Laura, Brosnan, Angebreton Nays: None.

The President the resolution adopted. Joan McCotter, City Clerk

7-7-99

## ● Washtenaw County

A Resolution in Support of Low Power FM Radio Services and/or Broadcasting Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the County of Washtenaw is committed to the principles of free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States

Constitution; and WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not made affordable, Low Power (less than 100 watts) FM broadcast

frequencies available for community use since 1978 when regulatory changes eliminated Class D FM licenses for less than 100 watts of power; and

WHEREAS, the passing of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has led to an unprecedented consolidation of broadcast industry ownership and a marked decrease in both local and minority ownership of radio stations and

originations of programming; and WHEREAS, the rights of free speech and a free press are threatened when

access to communication media is concentrated in the hand of the few; and

WHEREAS, the FCC is now hearing public comment on a proposal to offer simple, affordable, commercial and non-commercial Low Power FM broadcast licenses (FCC's MM Docket No. 99-25); and

WHEREAS, commercial and non-commercial radio stations operating under such a license could provide a community voice to individuals, musicians, artists, writers, activists,

students and points of view which are presently economically barred from access to their own above-mentioned airwaves; and

WHEREAS, issuance of said licenses would constitute a net benefit to the social, cultural and political life of Washtenaw County and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County is committed to enhancing public awareness of current events and issues by advocating for the creation of low power FM radio stations in Washtenaw County

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the concept of low power radio stations and urges the FCC to fulfill its mandate as guardian of a public resource and to enact a licensing regulation to grant affordable, simple, commercial

and non-commercial broadcast licenses to its citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the representatives of Washtenaw County and the Michigan Association of Counties.

7-19-99

## ● City of Royal Oak

The following resolution was adopted: BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Royal Oak urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the Federal Communications Commission.

Mary Haverly, City Clerk

7-20-99

## ● City of Dearborn

7-25-99

## ● Bruce Twp.

7-26-99

## ● Waterford Twp.

awaiting the text  
At least two others also passed

R-104-3-99

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW LICENSES  
FOR LOW POWER FM COMMUNITY RADIO**

**Whereas,** The City of Ann Arbor is committed to the principles of free speech guaranteed in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

**Whereas,** Citizens of our community hold the broadcast airwaves to be public property and a public trust; and

**Whereas,** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has not made affordable, Low Power (<100 watts) FM broadcast frequencies available for community use since 1978 when regulatory changes eliminated Class D FM licenses for less than 100 watts of power; and

**Whereas,** The passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has led to an unprecedented consolidation of broadcast industry ownership, and a marked decrease in both local and minority ownership of radio stations and origination of programming; and

**Whereas,** The rights of free speech and a free press are threatened when access to communications media is concentrated in the hands of the few; and

**Whereas,** The Ann Arbor community has already demonstrated its commitment to local access through its long-term and enthusiastic support for the local community access television, Community Television Network, and its local low power radio station, WCBN; and

**Whereas,** The FCC is now hearing public comment on a proposal to once again offer simple, affordable, non-commercial Low Power FM broadcast licenses (FCC's MM Docket No. 95-25); and

**Whereas,** Non commercial radio stations operating under such a license could provide a community voice to individuals, musicians, artist, writers, activists, students, and points of view which are presently economically barred from access to their own above-mentioned airwaves; and

**Whereas,** Issuance of said licenses would constitute a net benefit to the social, cultural, and political life of Ann Arbor and its citizens, and to communities across the state of Michigan and the U.S.;

**Therefore be it Resolved,** That the City of Ann Arbor supports the concept of Low Power radio stations, and urges the FCC to fulfill its mandate as guardian of a public resource, and to enact a licensing regulation to grant affordable, simple, commercial and non-commercial broadcast licenses to citizens of this and other communities in this country; and

**Be it Further Resolved,** That the City of Ann Arbor supports the efforts of those who endeavor to advocate such regulatory change, and to enrich the life of our diverse community through legally establishing a commercial and non-commercial public-access radio outlet; and

**Be it Finally Resolved,** That copies of this resolution shall be sent to FCC Chairman William Kennard, to Michigan Senators Spencer Abraham and Carl Levin, Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, and to Ann Arbor's representatives in Lansing, with the request that they support the FCC's proposal to reintroduce Low Power FM radio broadcasting to our country.

Submitted by Councilmembers Daley and Kolb

As Amended  
March 1, 1999

**APPROVED  
BY COUNCIL**

**MAR 1 1999**

**W. NORTHCROSS  
CITY CLERK**

A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMISSION (F.C.C.) TO RESTORE  
APPROVAL FOR LOW-POWER FM  
RADIO BROADCASTING

By COUNCIL MEMBER MAHAFFEY:

WHEREAS, In 1978 the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) ended its licensing of low-power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations of less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally based radio stations in service to local communities. Since that rule change, other factors such as increased consolidation within the radio broadcast market has contributed to a significant reduction in the number of community responsive radio services; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, a grassroots movement has emerged for the purpose of advocating F.C.C. reinstatement of licensing of low-power radio stations. Their efforts has resulted in a formal rule making petition before the F.C.C., RM-9242 that would create opportunities for the return of locally owned and responsive FM radio stations for communities; and

WHEREAS, Re-legalization of low-power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council urges the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low-power FM radio broadcasting. The Detroit City Council joins the Michigan Senate (SR 234), the Michigan House of Representatives (HR 379) and the many grassroots organizations in seeking F.C.C. adoption of petition RM-9241 to restore low-power FM radio broadcasting;  
BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, the entire Michigan Congressional Delegation and the City's lobbyist, Nancy Barbour.

Adopted as follows

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, K. Cockrel, Jr., S. Cockrel, Everett, Hood, Mahaffey, Scott, Tinsley-Williams, and President Hill — 9

Nays — None

1-29-99

CITY OF ECORSE  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

AN EXTRACT TAKEN FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE HELD UNDER DATE OF APRIL 20, 1999, MAYOR JAMES TASSIS, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: COUNCILMEN BANKS, DALTON, WORTHY, HELLAR, MOON, MAYOR TASSIS.  
EXCUSED: NONE

RESOLUTION NO. 121.99

Moved by Councilman Hellar,

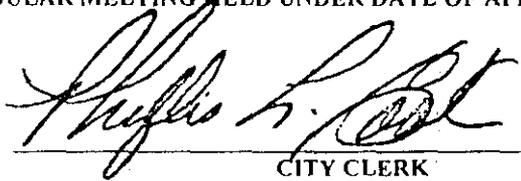
Supported by Councilman Worthy,

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the City of Ecorse urges the FCC to re-legalize Community Radio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the FCC, 1919 M Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Yeas: Councilmen Banks, Dalton, Worthy, Hellar, Moon.  
Nays: None.  
Excused: None.

I, PHYLLIS L. COOK, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF ECORSE, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A FULL AND TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ECORSE AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD UNDER DATE OF APRIL 20, 1999.

  
CITY CLERK

DATED: ECORSE, MICHIGAN,  
APRIL 21, 1999.

CITY OF FARMINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 06-99-158

Motion by McShane, seconded by Hartsock, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in 1978 the Federal Communications Commission stopped licensing low power radio stations.

WHEREAS, a national movement has emerged for these low power radio stations and, as a result, Petition RM 9242 is currently pending before the F.C.C.

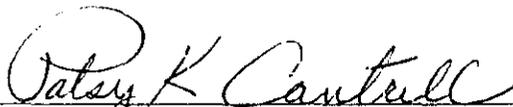
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF FARMINGTON that the Farmington City Council urges the F.C.C. to restore and approve low power FM radio broadcasting, and joins the Michigan Senate (SR 234) and the Michigan House of Representatives (HR 379) in this request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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I, Patsy K. Cantrell, duly authorized City Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Farmington, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Farmington City Council at a regular meeting held on Monday, June 7, 1999, in the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Patsy K. Cantrell, City Clerk/Treasurer

CITY OF FERNDALE  
RESOLUTION

Moved by Councilman Porter, seconded by Councilwoman Kulick, to adopt the following Resolution:

For many years, low power radio stations filled a unique niche in the communications needs of local communities. These operations, which used less than 100 watts of power, were licensed as Class D FM stations; and

In 1978, the Federal Communications Commission made a policy decision to stop licensing low power radio stations. This decision was based on concerns that low power radio stations were a hindrance to the orderly development of FM radio and a potential impediment to the efficient operation of facilities serving greater numbers of people; and

In recent years, the rate of consolidation in the radio broadcast market has increased. As a result, far fewer locally based radio stations have programming that serves their communities. These concerns have prompted many people to promote a change in FCC policies. A petition of rulemaking, which proposes the reestablishment of low power FM broadcast services, is currently under consideration; and

Allowing low power FM radio to return to the airwaves will achieve several worthwhile goals in communications options open to people in our country. These community radio services will increase the local presence in the media, increase diversity of ownership, provide more choices to the public, offer new opportunities in business, and promote communications that better reflect the character and needs of our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, Ferndale's elected officials, encourage the Federal Communications Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio broadcasting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

AYES: Council Members Porter, Paczkowski, Warshay, Kulick; Mayor Goedert  
NAYS: None  
MOTION CARRIED

I, Lee Ann O'Connor, Clerk of the City of Ferndale, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of a Resolution duly made and passed by the Ferndale City Council at a meeting held January 25, 1999.



Lee Ann O'Connor, City Clerk



# CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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## CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Motion by Granger, supported by Dickinson, that the City Council concur with the recommendation of the Committee-of-the-whole in the excerpt of minutes dated June 14, 1999, regarding local community radio and that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ended its licensing of low power radio stations (Class D broadcasting licenses to stations to less than 100 watts) reducing overall the number of locally-based radio stations in service to local communities;

WHEREAS, re-legalization of low power radio stations would serve to increase local media presence and ownership, promote small business development and broadcast entrepreneurship, increase community choice and allow for communication services that are responsive to the needs of local communities;

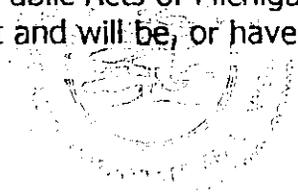
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, urges the Federal Communication Commission to restore approval for low power FM radio Broadcasting by adopting petition FM 9242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be Sent to the Federal Communications Commission, Federal and State congressional legislators.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes            Chylinski, Dansbury, Dickinson, Fahrner, Granger, Novitke, Steiner  
No:            None  
Absent:        None

I hereby certify the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 21, 1999, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be, or have been, made available as required by said Act.



*Louise S. Warnke*

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City Clerk

Date: 6/23/99

**CITY OF HAMTRAMCK COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY RADIO**

Resolution by Councilmember Kwik.

WHEREAS, "community radio" allows for a small geographic area, such as Hamtramck, to have its own voices on the air, including community-related discussions and locally produced music; and

WHEREAS, community radio has been illegal since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, starting and operating a modern-day radio station is prohibitively expensive (hundreds of thousands of dollars) for an individual or small business; however, the technology exists where a small radio station can be started and operated for only a few thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of community radio stations have been operating over the past several years to support local musicians and local talent; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is currently in the process of accepting public input on the re-legalization of community radio, Mass Media Bureau's Docket No. 99-25; and

WHEREAS, MM Docket No. 99-25 will not interfere with existing broadcasters, nor even reserve a portion of the broadcast spectrum for community service, but will simply allow community groups and business owners to apply for broadcast licenses, a right currently enjoyed by only the most wealthy and powerful groups in our society; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is Class campaign is actively involved in creating an awareness of the great music being produced in our state; and

WHEREAS, it is the Campaign's belief that community radio will be a boon to local economies, including the local music industry, by creating a demand for locally produced music that will benefit musicians, artists, manufacturers, record stores, music stores, and recording studios; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is World Class campaign recently gathered 3,000 letters in support of HR379 and SR234, resolutions in the Michigan House and Senate in favor of community radio; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Music is World Class campaign is asking cities and the State of Michigan to urge the FCC to re-legalize community radio via non-binding Council resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Detroit, Ferndale, and Hazel Park have already passed non-binding, City Council resolutions supporting the adoption by the Federal Communications Commission of MM Docket No. 99-25;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Hamtramck go on record in support of community radio and urge the Federal Communications Commission to adopt MM Docket No. 99-25; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Federal Communications Commission, to the Honorable Representative Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, and to the Michigan Music is World Class Campaign.

Supported by Councilmember Boluk.

Carried by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmembers Boluk, Kwik, Phillips, Wozniak and Witkowski.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

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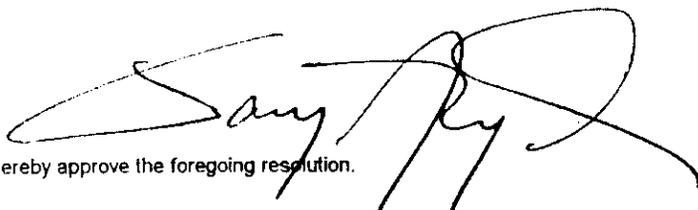
I HEREBY CERTIFY That the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City of Hamtramck at a regular meeting held in the Council Chambers located at 3401 Evaline Street, in said City upon Tuesday the 2nd day of March, 1999, at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution.

Gary Zych, Mayor

Date approved by Mayor:

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ETHEL FIDDLER, CMC/AE  
City Clerk  
ROBERT J. CWIERTNIEWICZ  
Deputy City Clerk