

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

FCC 06M-20

In The Matter of  
  
**San Francisco Unified School District**  
  
For Renewal of License for Station  
KALW(FM), San Francisco, California

) MB Docket No. 04-191  
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) 05514  
)  
) Facility ID No. 58830  
) File No. BRED-19970801YA

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NOTE

**Issued:** June 21, 2006

**Released:** June 22, 2006

On April 7, 2006, the *Initial Decision* of the undersigned Presiding Judge was released.<sup>1</sup>

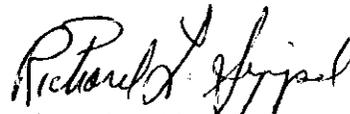
On June 2, 2006, a letter dated May 26, 2006, signed by Mr. Joseph Hughes was delivered to the Office of Administrative Law Judges. (A copy of Mr. Hughes' letter is attached). Mr. Hughes is not a party to the proceeding, and facts alleged in his letter were neither tested in the hearing, nor considered in the *Initial Decision*.

It is noted that the *Initial Decision*'s Findings of Fact found:

[T]he Station provided meritorious service during the relevant time periods and furnished broadcast programming to San Francisco responsive to community needs, interests and concerns.

*See Initial Decision* at Para. 10.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION<sup>2</sup>



Richard L. Sippel

Chief Administrative Law Judge

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of San Francisco Unified School District For Renewal of License for Station KALW(FM), San Francisco, California, Initial Decision of Chief Administrative Law Judge Richard L. Sippel* (FCC 06D-01), released April 7, 2006. The time for filing exceptions to the *Initial Decision* (appeal) expired and the *Initial Decision* is effective. 47 CFR § 1.276(d).

<sup>2</sup> A copy of this *Note* was transmitted by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to Mr. Hughes. Courtesy copies were e-mailed to counsel.

Attachment to  
Order FCC 06M-20

May 26, 2006

The Hon. Richard L. Sippel  
Administrative Law Judge  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Washington, DC 20554



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Re: MB Docket No. 04-191  
License Renewal for SFUSD/KALW-FM

Dear Judge Sippel:

Regarding the above-referenced ruling of April 6, 2006 on the license renewal for SFUSD/KALW-FM, please allow me to correct the record on several important points:

On page 14, paragraph 45 of the ruling, it is implied by former KALW General Manager Jeffrey Ramirez that I was part of a group called Golden Gate Public Radio, which brought the license challenge against KALW. That is incorrect. I was never a member of nor affiliated with Golden Gate Public Radio, nor did I take any part in the license challenge.

It is also implied by Mr. Ramirez in the same paragraph that I was a "disgruntled" employee of KALW. That is also incorrect. I always considered it a privilege to work at KALW, which I and many others believed to be one of the most respected public radio stations in the country. In October 2003 I retired from KALW with the satisfaction that my 12 years of service at the station were a gratifying conclusion to my 45-year career in broadcasting.

Finally, it should be noted that it has been the consistent practice of the on-air staff at KALW to adhere to the highest standards of public broadcasting service. It would be helpful if the record could be corrected to reflect the true nature of our commitment to that service.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph Hughes  
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