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## Local Organization Files Lawsuit Against KRFC

Save Grassroots Radio, a local organization dedicated to restoring Fort Collins radio station, KRFC to its original grassroots mission, has reluctantly filed a lawsuit against the station after they repeatedly refused mediation. Save Grassroots Radio was pleased that Larimer County District Court Judge Stephen J. Schapanski ordered the parties to engage in a mediation process by April 25, 2008. A favorable outcome would establish and protect KRFC members' rights as well as redress grievances.

"People who give time and money to KRFC are entitled to have a voice in the organization and fair treatment when disputes occur. KRFC could demonstrate how to resolve disputes in a community-enhancing way", says Paul Bame.

After nearly a decade of foundational work, KRFC went on the air in March 2003 as a grassroots community radio station. Only three years later, KRFC's Board of Directors, despite objections from founders, members, volunteers, and listeners, voted to adopt a new corporate-style mission statement, that omitted references to **democratic management**, **diversity**, and **personal dignity**, all language included in the original mission.

Station members who opposed the change, exercised a right afforded them in the bylaws, to send the proposed mission to a vote of the membership. Ninety-six people signed the petition-ten times as many community members as board members. The station management disregarded the petition and, without due process, revoked the memberships of three longtime volunteers, including two founding Board members. Attempts to share this important information and to hear other members' views failed when KRFC denied a legal request for the membership list.

By April 2007, Free Speech Radio News, Counterspin, Alternative Radio, and Chuck Ogg's political commentaries had all been cancelled. Democracy Now! was rescheduled one hour further from primetime and removed all together from the Friday evening line-up. This trend continues with the removal of Jim Hightower's daily populist commentary, cut in January of this year.

Save Grassroots Radio is an organization of those seeking to restore the original mission of KRFC. To learn more about the history of KRFC, about what we are doing and how you can help, please visit <http://savegrassrootsradio.org> which contains detailed information and documentation on the topics mentioned in this press release.