

KRFC's Political and Editorial Policy

FCC and IRS rules do not allow KRFC to endorse a particular editorial or political stance on any election related issue, ballot referendum or candidate for elected office. Although KRFC provides a forum for discussion of important and controversial issues, neither the station nor its programmers, who are the voice of the station, may advocate any particular view or endorse or oppose any candidate. Doing so would constitute editorializing and is not permitted. A good rule of thumb is to let the music/guests/facts do the talking. Violation of this policy can cause the station to lose its non-profit status and/or its FCC license to broadcast.

Per FCC and IRS regulations, KRFC must give equal time to all candidates, all political parties and all points of view pertaining to election related Politics. This is your responsibility as a programmer. Programmers must make every effort to give equal time to all points of view, all candidates and all political parties. Some ways to achieve this are by:

1. Asking all candidates, representatives from each party or points of view to participate either by phone, in person or at another time on your show or on another show.
2. Asking questions during interviews that bring out or reflect alternative viewpoints, including the positions of opposing candidates and other political parties. However, it is important that your questions and/or tone of voice don't reveal a possible personal bias.
3. Telling listeners how and where they can find more information about the topic, candidates and political parties.

Use of air time for election related political topics needs to be documented in writing, including any invitations to participate that were sent to other candidates, guests or representatives of political parties. Written documentation will be placed in the KRFC public file and included in reports due quarterly to the FCC.

The laws surrounding political broadcasts are complex. When in doubt about how to approach these topics (ballot measures, political candidates, issues strongly identified with political candidates or parties) from a programming standpoint, contact the station manager for assistance.