

October 2013

TO: Federal Communications Commission
FROM: The Community of Vashon Island
RE: Voice of Vashon's LPFM License Application

Dear Commissioners:

We the undersigned are leaders of the main community institutions on Vashon Island, Washington. We avidly support Vashon Island, Washington's robust community media hub, Voice of Vashon (VoV). For 14 years, Voice of Vashon has epitomized the goals of community broadcasting, thriving on volunteer energy and community financial support. This band of hearty volunteers developed a significant web radio presence, operate a local public access TV station and created a fully functional emergency alert system in conjunction with our town's award winning -- all volunteer -- disaster preparedness organization.

It's now time to add Low Power FM to this community asset. Rest assured, our community group has a proven track record of service and will make the highest and best use of the scarce radio spectrum available in the Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan areas.

Our Island is home to a distinct population that will be well served by having its own public radio service. Mainland big media outlets focus on the millions of people on the mainland. They cannot and do not serve the needs of our cohesive rural Island population of 11,000 that can be reached only by ferry. Vashon Island needs what the mainland big media cannot provide. Vashon Island's vibrant community culture, represented by our diverse arts, educational and public service organizations, deserves to be shared on live radio.

VoV has proven itself a viable media organization committed to serving our community through community access to media, but full access cannot be realized without live radio. We urge you to grant Voice of Vashon the license to serve the needs of our community in the best spirit of the Low Power FM program.

Tim Johnson, President Vashon-Maury Island Community Council

Joined by:

Michael Soltman, Superintendent, Vashon Island School District
Molly Reed, Executive Director, Vashon Allied Arts
Daralyn Anderson, Publisher, Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber
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Sue Harrington, President, Vashon Island Rotary
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To: Federal Communications Commission
From: The People of Vashon Island, Washington

We Need the Proposed Voice Of Vashon Community FM Radio Station!

Underserved Population: Mainland big media outlets focus on the millions of people in the Seattle metropolis. They cannot and do not serve the needs of our rural Island population of 11,000 people.

Vibrant Community Culture: We need what the mainland big media stations can't provide. From arts to agriculture, Vashon Island's vibrant community culture deserves to be shared on the radio.

Proven Track Record: Voice of Vashon has already served our community for a decade, proving its capability by operating a cable TV access channel, an emergency alert system and a Webcast station.

Vital Emergency Alerts: We rely on Voice of Vashon's alert system as our community's primary source of emergency information. A community FM station will extend this crucial capability.

This petition was signed by more than 1,500 people in two six-hour days on July 20 and 21, 2013, at the Vashon Island Strawberry Festival. This represents nearly 16% of the Vashon Island's total population.

Those signing provided their name, street address, signature, and (optionally) their email address. All signatures are available for inspection upon request.

Voice of Vashon is a federally approved 501c3 nonprofit organization.