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Leadership Team
KBOO Radio
20 SE Eighth Avenue
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RE: Future Service in Corvallis

At the April 18 meeting of the Corvallis City Council, we heard from three Corvallis residents who expressed concern about organizational decisions you are currently weighing that could result in the loss of the transmitter that allows them to access KBOO programming in Corvallis. At least one of the speakers said she had helped raise the funds to install the Corvallis transmitter more than 20 years ago. All are regular KBOO listeners (one also produces content for the station), and all said they did not believe there were large costs involved in serving the transmitter as needed to maintain its operation.

At the request of these individuals and the majority of City Councilors, I agreed to send you a letter and share their comments and concerns about the potential loss of a service they value. I know there is much more to the planning and decision-making process that we are not aware of; and regardless of the decision you ultimately make about serving Corvallis, you do have a devoted cadre of listeners in our community who value your programming and would miss it if it was no longer available. Although the individuals were aware that they could stream the radio content online, they commented that the quality of sound on the radio is far superior.

I wish you good luck in your decision-making. We can certainly empathize with the difficult budget choices many organizations are currently facing.

Sincerely,

Julie Jones Manning, Mayor

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