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 Subject: Comments to the Chairman

Jeff Burgess (RFB925fm@aol.com) writes:

I was happy to see that the FCC is considering allowing low powered stations onto the airwaves. I was involved with Radio Free Bakersfield for almost three years and must say it was one of the best experiences of my life. So many people either wrote or told us how wonderful it was. And so many people expressed sympathy to us when we were shut down. We never tried to compete with any other station. Our goal was to just play the music that would normally never be heard. We were voted third best station in the city by the largest high school in Bakersfield. With the closure of A&M Records and Geffen it is so easy to see the choices are becoming fewer and fewer. We took great caution in that we maintained a clean signal which did not interfere with others and proved that it could work. We received a great deal of publicity from the station and almost everyone seemed to have something positive to say about what we doing rather they liked the music or not. Months later people are still telling me how much they miss what we offered.

Please don't overlook stations such as ours if the decision is a favorable one. Our station dj's consisted of many races and we never once would tolerate racist views of any sort. Just because we weren't a church group or a minority interest station or a school, (we did feel as though we had somewhat taken the place of the local college station which was shut down a few years ago due to lack of funding) We feel we have just as much right to a place on the dial as one of these groups. We funded this ourselves and were very proud of the results. I feel a station like ours with a somewhat proven track record should have some sort of preference over a start up station. Actually we would be happy just to be used as a test example as to how this thing would work. We have the ability and the drive and it has all been done with a hard working volunteer effort.

Sincerely
 Jeff

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