

Regarding your solicitation of comments on whether people convicted of "pirate broadcasting" should be eligible for the soon-to-be established LPFM service: I think that the case of a local "pirate" in the Allston, Mass. area is instructive. The station, "Radio Free Allston", had a very good rapport with the local community of music D.J.s and politicians. They had a weekly schedule of shows that were regularly produced. The programming was not the result of the ego expression of one lone pirate and his views. The connection to the community was substantial and required time and effort to sustain. It is this sort of experience that should not disqualify a candidate for LPFM based on a pirate broadcasting history and in fact actually qualifies that person above the average candidate. I hope you will not disqualify all former pirate broadcasters from LPFM service - not all are or were menaces to society.

Sincerely, John M. Buzby