



# AMIA

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Margy Wilkinson  
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Dear Ms. Wilkinson,

The Association of Moving Image Archivists (AMIA), an international organization comprised of individual members dedicated to the preservation and access to the world moving image heritage and audio history, hereby endorses the work undertaken by the Pacifica Radio Archives in this extremely difficult time.

AMIA has long admired the efforts of the Pacifica Radio Archives to exercise its mission to collect, organize, describe, and preserve the creative work generated by, or produced in association with Pacifica Radio. With its emphasis on social justice covering all facets of our society, it has become a repository of our collected cultural memory from the mid-twentieth century to the present that is an essential resource for public research and reference use.

Our members respect the often troubling and difficult choices that institutions face with regard to the health and survival of their cultural collections. We hope that the highly regarded history and long term cultural stability of Pacifica Radio Archives will not be compromised by the recent drastic budget cuts and the loss of experienced and knowledgeable staff.

While we sincerely wish that the recent cutbacks and staff loss can be reversed as soon as possible, we also recognize that this is not an immediate option. Our Board is willing to reach out to our membership if we can in any way assist the Pacifica Radio Archives to continue to care for its precious and irreplaceable collections. We remain at your disposal should you find that consultation with AMIA and its membership might help to find a solution to the current difficulties and uncertainties surrounding the survival of the archives so that they will remain in California, safe, and available to the public.

Sincerely,

Andrea Kalas  
President