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**Press Release**

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**Community Groups Harness the Airwaves to Build a Movement**

*Local voices to get amplified on new community radio station*

**Philadelphia, PA** – Community groups will come together at the public library next week with hopes of soon taking their issues - and their voices - to the airwaves. They are preparing to apply for a license to start a new community radio station that will be added to the dial in upcoming years. The new station will be the first low power community radio station to ever broadcast in the area, and is part of a national expansion of community radio stations.

“Movements begin with the telling of untold stories, and we have here a tremendous opportunity to get the true stories of our region on the air,” said Amendu Evans of the Media Mobilizing Project. “This station will broadcast news, stories, and analysis by and for poor and working people. We will feature voices and information you won’t get anywhere else on the dial. This is truly the people’s radio station!”

Radio airwaves are currently controlled by a small number of giant broadcasting corporations, and community stations are few and far between. But all that will soon change. Last year, Prometheus Radio Project and a wide coalition of social justice and media advocacy groups won a decades-long struggle to expand community radio and give ordinary people access to the airwaves. Community groups across the country are now preparing for the largest expansion of community radio stations in U.S. history.

“Community radio stations are places for workers, nonprofits, school teachers, local musicians, and emergency responders to project voices that serve their communities,” said Vanessa Maria Graber of the Prometheus Radio Project. “Radio can be a powerful tool. We are excited to help diverse groups nationwide get on the air and amplify their voices!”

Community groups and nonprofits interested in learning more about this opportunity are invited to join the meeting on July 24th at 7pm in Room B of the public library. The event is part of Radio Summer, a national outreach campaign to spread the word about community radio opportunities to social justice groups and other communities who have been excluded from the airwaves. For more information visit radiosummer.org.

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