

From: Sarah Rothenfluch
To: Rebecca Morris
Subject: Fwd: OPB Debate
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Date: October 11, 2018 at 7:34:39 AM PDT
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Cc: Ryan Haas <rhaas@opb.org>, Samantha Matsumoto <smatsumoto@opb.org>, Anna Griffin <agriffin@opb.org>
Subject: Re: OPB Debate

Josh,

Thank you for writing and for your passion in this race and the future of Bend. Free and open elections are key to keeping democracy alive and well and I am always encouraged to see multiple candidates vying for the same office. However, every day we have challenging editorial decisions to make at OPB. The decision about who to include in this debate follows criteria that we have had in place for the last decade and we plan to stick with that.

As far as the legality of this decision, newscasts, news programs and news stories do not trigger equal time rules because candidate appearances are driven by journalistic decisions, not by the station's desire and ability to offer commercial time to candidates. This is an important provision that protects stations' First Amendment rights to decide what topics and guests merit news coverage based on editorial decisions, not on regulatory requirements.

OPB considers *Think Out Loud* to be a bona fide news program as it is integrated with our newsroom organizationally and reports to me, the Executive Editor of News.

I truly wish all of you well.

Sincerely,

Sarah

Sarah Jane Rothenfluch
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From: Joshua Langlais <joshua.langlais@gmail.com>

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:52 PM

To: Ryan Haas <rhaas@opb.org>, Samantha Matsumoto <smatsumoto@opb.org>, "sallyrussell@me.com" <sallyrussell@me.com>, "bmoseley@bendoregon.gov" <bmoseley@bendoregon.gov>, charles baer <jowzzalajo@gmail.com>, Sarah Rothenfluch <srothenfluch@opb.org>, "bdouglass2014@centurylink.net" <bdouglass2014@centurylink.net>, Michael Hughes <mrhughes@mrhugheslaw.com>

Subject: Re: OPB Debate

Hey folks.

Pardon my brevity - I am en route back to Bend from New England and am punching this message out from my telephone.

I have to say I am very disappointed with OPB's decision to exclude the majority of the candidates from this debate. Each of us is participating in this democratic process because we believe have something to offer. Whether or not we made yard signs or have what is deemed to be an appropriate online presence or accepted and spent tens of thousands of dollars should not factor into our being invited to this conversation. How one runs their campaign is an individual choice.

Illegal or not, this smells terribly of the elitism and exclusionary practices that are evident throughout the American political scene. I am surprised and disheartened to know that it starts at this level.

My recommendation would be that either OPB rights this wrong by apologizing and inviting all candidates to their publicly funded debate or Bill and Sally choose to boycott the event entirely.

Thank you for hearing me. I hope you all are feeling healthy and invigorated as we enter the final stretch of this wild process.

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On Oct 10, 2018, at 7:20 PM, charles baer <jowzzalajo@gmail.com> wrote:

I think we should all work to set up a public meeting in bend where everyone is invited to talk to the public freely about anything for any amount of time

charles baer

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 6:06 PM Sarah Rothenfluch
<srothenfluch@opb.org> wrote:

Dear Brian,

Hello, my name is Sarah Rothenfluch and I'm the executive editor of News at OPB. Samantha Matsumoto and Ryan Haas shared your email with me and explained your concerns about *Think Out Loud's* upcoming discussion with some of the candidates for Mayor of Bend.

As Samantha explained we have certain criteria to determine who will participate in candidate conversations. I understand that you documented some of your work in this email but unfortunately you still do not meet the show's criteria. OPB maintains the right and responsibility to make editorial decisions and based on those I'm afraid we won't be able to include you in this conversation.

If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact me directly at (503) 293-1940.

Sincerely,

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From: Samantha Matsumoto <smatsumoto@opb.org>

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 1:30 PM

To: Sarah Rothenfluch <srothenfluch@opb.org>

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From: Brian Douglass <bdouglass2014@centurylink.net>

Date: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 1:09 PM

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I have made all the debates, forums, endorsement interviews.

I have held public meetings, been to numerous community meetings.

Have some lawn signs.

I personally collected almost all my 150 petition signatures, I know Sally and likely Bill cannot say that.

i have a FB Page.

I am spending a small amount (none of your damn concern).

Been on several TV, Radio newspaper interviews.

How dare you.

I will try to get as much coverage from your CO competitors and bad press for OPB as I can.

This is BULLSHIT!

Brian M. Douglass Sq.D

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