

Recall Petition for WBAI Delegate (Board Member) Mitchel Cohen

We the undersigned listener members of WBAI demand the recall of Delegate Mitchel Cohen for the following conduct that is adverse to the best interests of the station:

1. For years Mitchel Cohen has engaged in a pattern of unsubstantiated on-air and on-line public assaults on the competence and honesty of some WBAI managers and staff, calling them “corrupt,” “liars,” “thugs,” and “a cabal of self-serving opportunists,” yet not pursuing proper formal channels within the Pacifica structure for investigating and resolving specific allegations of misconduct.
2. Cohen has repeatedly defended the conduct of fellow board member Steve Brown, the author of a constant stream of racist and defamatory emails directed against Program Director Bernard White and other WBAI staff whom Brown and Cohen opposed. Cohen was elected thanks in part to support from Brown’s expensive, slick and misleading “ACE” endorsement mailing.
3. Cohen is the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against Pacifica concerning problems with the 2007 board elections. The suit has cost the station more than \$100,000 in legal bills and is largely based on frivolous, distorted, and untruthful allegations alleging a plot to deny ballots to Cohen’s allies when in fact people on all sides failed to receive ballots.
4. As board chair, in April 2009 Cohen convened an LSB meeting in secret session which did an on-the-spot instant “evaluation” of General Manager Tony Riddle and Program Director Bernard White in the absence of any of the due process mandated by Pacifica by laws. This led to a recommendation that both men be summarily terminated, which was soon acted upon by Pacifica management.



For all these reasons, we the undersigned assert that Mitchel Cohen is unfit to continue serving on the Local Station Board and formally request a recall election.

Signature	Print Name Clearly	Print Street Address (note if address is recently changed)	Print city, state & zip	Mark “X” if current member
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Please return this completed form by July 7 to the Take Back WBAI Recall Committee Delegate at our Tuesday meetings. Alternatively send the petitions to **Coalition to Take Back WBAI, PO Box 1103, New York, NY 10013** via US mail. Check our website www.takebackwbai.org or 212-561-7231 for more info.

