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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

Last week on Election Day I saw a line of students waiting to vote at San Diego State. The line was so long that students were waiting up to and beyond 2 hours to cast their ballot. The polling place at UCSD reported the same thing. It was an amazing sight to see this mobilization of young people engaging in democracy.

Numbers on demographic voting patterns are still being crunched, ballots still being counted, races are still too close to call but there is no doubt in my mind that this was a moment where we saw people act upon their interpretation of “we the people,” regardless of which bubble they colored. It was the purpose behind our Public Matters initiative in action. Public Matters provides content, conversation, and events ensuring all San Diegans understand their opportunity to participate in the democratic process, that we are made stronger when we engage with each other in conversation, and to participate in local decision-making. One way we do this is through our Voter Hub. More than 470,000 people used our Voter Hub for the mid-term general election, and the newsroom produced 92 ballot explainers and stories. We have also seen growing interest in our One Small Step initiative, a Public Matters program which brings strangers together to model effective dialogue. More than 280 people have signed up, signaling a real interest in connecting with and understanding those who have different beliefs and backgrounds.

Now we are preparing to head into our largest fundraising season of the year, and asking the community to help protect KPBS and sustain our essential service. We are making plans in 2027 to lean into our role as a place and a partner where people can come together in shared experiences to learn and thrive. One silver lining following the loss of $4.3 million in federal funding last year has been the community’s interest in learning more about the inner workings of KPBS and how our funding model works. Many have come to realize that while the majority of our content and services are free to access, they are not free to make. That quality, trusted, fact-based journalism and programming is actually quite expensive and requires funding to sustain it. It’s also important to note that any possible reinvestment of federal support to public media will take years. One election will not bring back federal funding. KPBS must continue to move in the direction of being 100% community funded.

And that is what I am incredibly optimistic about. When people value something, they will show up. When people want to ensure a service thrives, even beyond them, they show up. Like you do as a PC member.

In this season of gratitude, I count you among KPBS' blessings. With your ongoing support, KPBS will be here next year, the next decade and for generations to come. Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Deanna M Mackey

Deanna Mackey
KPBS General Manager

PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT



Bingo Night

Game lovers and fans of KPBS, this is our annual game night for Producers Club members! Join KPBS and your fellow Producers Club members for a night of BINGO, food, and fun.

We're planning for two BINGO games, including a music game card and a public media inspired card. We'll have an official BINGO runner along with fun prizes. Our night includes buffet dinner, beverages (including beer and wine options), dessert, and coffee.

Event highlights include:

- Buffet dinner featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, and accompaniments
- Hosted bar featuring wine and beer
- Two game plays, run by an official BINGO caller
- Opportunity for prizes, including 5 in a row and blackout

Thursday, December 10, 2026

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

KPBS Conrad Prebys Media Complex at Copley Center

5200 Campanile Dr, San Diego, CA 92182

Cost: Free

Fair Market Value: $20

Tickets are free. RSVP required. Space is limited.

RSVP

How to Give

Your support helps sustain trusted journalism, local storytelling, and public media in San Diego. In addition to giving online, you can support KPBS through several giving options:

- **Stock Gifts**: Donate appreciated securities and learn more about potential tax benefits at KPBS.org/Give/Stocks.
- **IRA Gifts (QCD/RMD)**: Make a qualified charitable distribution directly from your IRA. Learn more at KPBS.org/Give/IRAs.
- **Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)**: Recommend a grant through your DAF provider. Checks should be payable to SDSU Research Foundation for KPBS and mailed to:

KPBS Public Media

ATTN: Development Department

5200 Campanile Drive

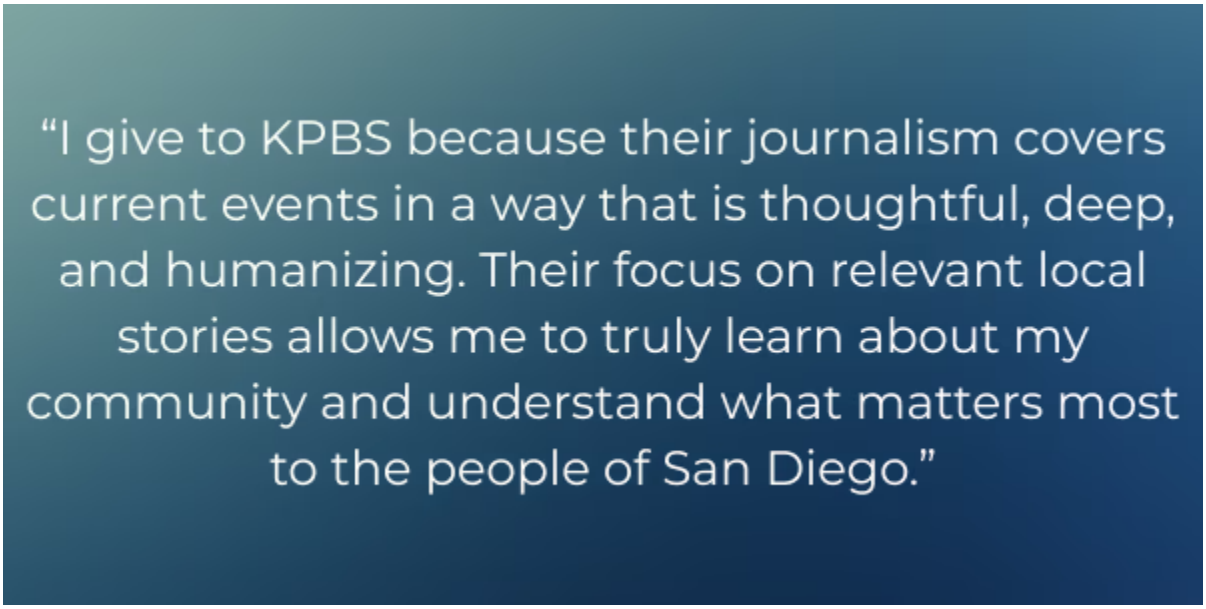
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A few reminders for IRA and DAF gifts:

- Include your name and address in the check documentation so we can properly credit your KPBS account.

Indicate "Where Needed Most" as the fund designation. Please do not mention "Producers Club."

- Please email producersclub@kpbs.org to let us know your gift is on its way. We'll watch for its arrival and notify you once it has been received and attributed to your donor account.
- Allow 2–3 weeks for processing, receipt, and acknowledgment.
- IRA and DAF gifts are not eligible for pledge drive thank-you gifts.



PAST EVENTS

Fall Program Preview



Thanks to all who attended our Fall Preview Night at the Carlsbad City Library last month. We shared a sneak peek at our fall and winter TV schedule followed by a conversation with KPBS Director of Video Programming Jill Linder and two local producers: John Fiske of *The Most Biodiverse Place in America* and Claudia Rodriguez-Biezunski of *The Art of Sewing*.

KPBS Tech Night



KPBS hosted its first-ever Tech Night on November 5, welcoming members for hands-on assistance with KPBS+ and other digital resources. Guests received personalized guidance on downloading and navigating the KPBS+ app, activating their KPBS Passport benefit, accessing podcasts, and streaming content across their mobile phones, tablets, and smart TVs. It was a fun and informative evening dedicated to helping our community stay connected to the stories and programs they love!

If you need help accessing KPBS on your digital devices, please reach out to producersclub@kpbs.org or call Niru at 619.594.2028.

The Producers Club Silver level has increased to $1,500 annually or $125 monthly, though existing members are grandfathered at their current rate through 2026. If you wish to update your sustaining pledge to the new level early, please click here.

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Your Producers Club membership brings trusted news and high-quality programs to the whole community.

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