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A MESSAGE FROM DEANNA MACKEY

On July 18, Congress approved the elimination of all federal funding to the public broadcasting system. We have been preparing for this moment, both financially and mentally. While a loss of nearly \$4.3 million annually is significant, financial scenario planning is the easier of the two. Trying to prepare for the emotions of arriving at this point takes a herculean effort. There is no denying this is a very sad moment. We are watching colleagues make difficult decisions, including the Corporation for Public Broadcasting announcing it will shut down by September 30.

While this is a challenging time, KPBS is not going anywhere. This moment in history will not unravel what we have spent 65 years building - an essential public service for San Diego. We are fortunate to be heading into this new chapter from a place of financial stability because of your support. Now we need your additional help to keep us going strong into the coming years ahead as we face this multi-million dollar funding gap.

There are a few ways you can help:

+ [Buy tickets to the 65th Birthday Celebration](#) on Tuesday, September 9th. 100% of the ticket sales will be going to KPBS.

+ [Upgrade your Producers Club membership to the next level](#) to provide sustained support

+ Help us grow the Producers Club by inviting your friends and family to join us.

In the midst of the sadness of this time is also joy. We have our upcoming inaugural [KPBS San Diego Book Festival](#). More than 7,000 people have registered to attend, and more than 120 authors will be in attendance. It will be a book lovers' paradise! I will be stopping by the PC Lounge to talk to PC members in the morning. You can ask me any questions you may have. I hope to see you there.

I am also excited to announce the launch of our new streaming service, KPBS+. Please read the article below for more details. This has been a couple of years in the making and I hope you download KPBS+ and let us know what you think.

Thank you, as always, for your friendship and support. Your words and actions during this difficult time for public media has helped me and staff stay positive and forward-thinking about our future and mission to super serve this region we all call home.



Deanna Mackey

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KPBS General Manager

PRODUCERS CLUB EVENT



KPBS San Diego Book Festival Producers Club Lounge

Need a break from all that activity that KPBS San Diego Book Festival offers? For our Producers Club members, we've created a cool spot to relax and enjoy a snack, refreshment and conversation with members of our public media family. Meet show hosts, station leadership, and more. [Add the code, "PC" at checkout to reserve your spot!](#)

We're excited to announce that the following guests will be stopping by our lounge*:

10:15 a.m.: KPBS General Manager [Deanna Mackey](#)

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.: A Way With Words Hosts [Martha Barnette and Grant Barrett](#)

11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: [The Finest](#) Host [Julia Dixon Evans](#) (members of the podcast production team may also appear)

Noon to 12:30 p.m.: The [Great American Recipe Season Four](#) Contestant, San Diego's Waigal Safi

*subject to change

Saturday, August 23

10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

University of San Diego

5998 Alcala Park Way San Diego, CA 92110

Cost: Free (with select ticketed opportunities)

Fair market value: \$40

RSVP

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!



KPBS 65th Birthday Celebration

KPBS is turning 65 and we'd like to celebrate with you!

Join us for food, music, and cheer along with special guest [PBS News Hour Co-Anchor and Co-Managing Editor Amna Nawaz](#).

This is more than an event—it's a celebration of **65 years of public service in San Diego**. It's also a chance to invest in the next chapter of KPBS: one where truth matters, curiosity is encouraged, and every voice counts. Thanks to our generous underwriters, 100% of ticket sales will go to support KPBS.

Tickets are limited, so please RSVP by September 2, 2025.

Tuesday, September 9

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

Hangar 858

3760 Glenn H Curtiss Road #Ste. 3 San Diego, CA 92123

Cost: \$165 per ticket

Please RSVP by September 2, 2025

RSVP

Did you know? You can secure tickets to our 65th Birthday Celebration by upgrading your Producers Club membership to the next level. Contact Ashley Carbonell at acarbonell@kpbs.org or 619-594-6731.

Early Access to KPBS+ for Producers Club Members



KPBS has created a new streaming service called KPBS+ and, as a Producers Club member, you're invited to try it first with **exclusive early access now**.

[KPBS+ is a new free streaming video app](#) designed for ease and enjoyment everywhere you watch including Roku, smart TVs and mobile devices. It's locally curated for San Diego by the KPBS programming team. With a clean and intuitive

design, discovering and enjoying KPBS and PBS content on-demand has never been easier.

You can also tune in live to watch our four TV channels in real time: KPBS, KPBS 2, Create, KPBS Kids 24/7. We also added a new channel - FNX (First Nation Experience).

Your KPBS Passport member benefit works on KPBS+ too! After downloading KPBS+, simply log in with your KPBS Passport account.

Please share your feedback on KPBS+

Once you try it out, let us know what you think. [Fill out the survey](#) found in the app. If you spot anything wrong or find something hard to use, we want to know about it! Your early input will help us make KPBS+ even better before we announce the public launch in September.

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EVENT RECAP



Producers Club New Member Reception

KPBS was thrilled to welcome our newest Producers Club members at this year's *New Member Reception*. Guests enjoyed a fun night of connection, dinner, and hosted drinks, topped off with a special appearance by Emmy-nominated journalist and documentary filmmaker Elsa Sevilla of *Historic Places with Elsa Sevilla*. Elsa shared insights and behind the scenes looks at the process of filming and producing the *Historic Places* special surrounding the renovation of the historic Hotel Del Coronado.

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