

[Women, People of Color to Gain 6 Full-Power TV Stations](#)

Gray Television, Inc. has [agreed to transfer six full-power television stations to women and people of color](#) in what **David Honig**, whose Minority Media and Telecommunications Council brokered the deal, called the "best day for diversity in television ownership in 10 years!"

Honig told Journal-isms in an email, "One of the winners is 50% owned by an Hispanic woman and 50% owned by an Asian American; the GM of another of the winners is an African American woman (the controlling parties of that firm are two women); and the third firm is owned by an Indian (subcontinent) American. I think we did pretty well. No one has ever tried this before."

Ravi KapurThe Indian American is **Ravi Kapur**, vice president of broadcast for the San Francisco chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association. In an essay last year for Unity: Journalists for Diversity, he wrote that KAXT-CD, the Bay Area low-power station he owns with his family, "[is America's most diverse television station, a point of a pride every time we walk into master control.](#)"



"We've broadcast 24/7 channels for the Hispanic, African-American, South Asian, Filipino, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Korean communities and were nominated as 2010 Station of the Year by Broadcast Engineering, the first ever such designation received by a low-power television station."

Gray retained the brokerage arm of the MMTTC to find owners for the stations it has acquired in multi-station deals and previously operated under shared service agreements, vehicles now frowned upon that allow "same market stations to share resources, such as employees, administrative services, or hard assets, such as a news helicopter," as the FCC defines it.

Michael Malone explained Wednesday in Broadcasting & Cable, "Legacy Broadcasting, owned by **Sherry Nelson** and her daughter, **Sara Jane Ingram**, [takes over KHAS Hastings/Lincoln \(Neb.\), KAQY Monroe \(La.\), KNDX Bismarck \(N.D.\)](#)

[and KXND Minot \(N.D.\)](#). Both have extensive experience in local television. In Grand Junction, Colorado, husband and wife duo **Jeff Chang** and **Gabriela Gomez-Chang** will acquire KJCT. The couple owns stations in San Francisco and Los Angeles through its Chang Media Group.

"Major Market Broadcasting acquires KXJB Fargo (N.D.). Its president is Ravi Kapur. . . ."

The National Hispanic Media Coalition approved.

"[This is a perfect example of something we've been saying for years](#): if the FCC makes serious efforts to stem the tide of media consolidation, more ownership opportunities will be created for women and people of color," **Jessica J. González**, executive vice president and general counsel of the coalition, said in a statement.

"With current ownership levels approaching near-record lows, we need more success stories like the ones we see here to ensure the diverse communities have a voice on our nation's airwaves," González continued. "Hopefully, the FCC will continue steps towards fully enforcing its ownership limits and the next slate of transfers includes new Latino owners."

Honig told Journal-isms, "We had several African American and Hispanic firms in the mix, but on this occasion it didn't quite break their way."

The FCC reported in June that racial minorities owned 41 of the U.S.'s 1,386 full-power commercial TV stations in 2013, [up 32% from the 31 they owned in 2011](#). Women, according to the report, owned 87 of the full-power commercial stations in 2013, down 4% from the 91 they owned in 2011.

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