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## **AM 870 The Answer in Los Angeles Extends Commitment to The Morning Answer**

CAMARILLO, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 12/12/13 -- [Salem Communications](#) Corporation (NASDAQ: SALM), a leading U.S. radio broadcaster, Internet content provider, and magazine and book publisher targeting audiences interested in Christian and conservative opinion content, announced today that Los Angeles radio veteran Brian Whitman has signed a contract extension to remain part of 'The Morning Answer' on [AM 870 The Answer](#), KRLA Los Angeles. Whitman, who has worked at KIIS-FM, KLSX-FM and KABC-AM in Los Angeles, and WABC in New York, is part of the three person team with Elisha Krauss and Ben Shapiro. Both Krauss and Shapiro have also agreed to remain with Whitman in this unique three person morning show.

"Brian Whitman is one of the most talented voices on Los Angeles radio, and we are delighted to keep this growing show together for the foreseeable future," said Salem VP/Director, Spoken Word Format, Phil Boyce. "I have worked with Brian since 1996 when I hired him at WABC in New York, and used him across the country as one of the funniest voice over guys on the air. But his skills go much beyond comedy voices. He has grown into a very talented talk show host doing morning drive in Market #2," said Boyce.

Salem began creating this morning show when Brian and Ben joined the morning team in May of 2012. KRLA added Elisha Krauss in April of 2013, and this three person team has jelled into one of the most unique morning shows in LA, or anywhere. Shapiro, author of 5 best-sellers, remains as Editor-At-Large at Breitbart.com. Krauss was well known as the senior producer for the Sean Hannity show, before taking time away to run a congressional campaign.

Whitman was excited for the opportunity ahead at KRLA, adding, "I've been truly blessed to be on the air here in Los Angeles since 1991. I am excited about the continued growth of our radio show, our station and our brand." Whitman added: "I am so grateful for the truly overwhelming support I've received from Salem's Chief Executive Officer Ed Atsinger, and the entire management team."

"I am thrilled that Brian is on board for the long haul. He is crazy fun to work with," said Chuck Tyler, Program Director of AM 870 The Answer. "The Brian/Ben /Elisha team is really breaking new ground in Los Angeles morning radio," added Tyler. KRLA Vice President and General Manager Terry Fahy said, "With all the changes in LA talk radio coming up, we are excited to keep 'The Morning Answer' consistent and growing into 2014!"

Tri-Host Ben Shapiro was also excited about the new opportunity, adding: "I couldn't be more excited about the future of 'The Morning Answer.' It's a great show with a variety of

perspectives, and the camaraderie between Brian, Elisha, and me makes it a joy to bring the news and issues of the day to an ever-growing audience." Elisha Krauss added: "Both Brian and Ben have welcomed me to the team with open arms. We have more fun in the morning than anybody should be paid to do, and we are making a difference at the same time."

'The Morning Answer' airs weekday mornings, 6-9am on KRLA.

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