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Speaker Biographies

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mark! Lopez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
mark! comes from a family with a long history of activism. He was raised in the Madres del Este de Los Angeles Santa Isabel (Mothers of East LA Santa Isabel – MELASI), an organization co-founded by his grandparents, Juana Beatriz Gutierrez and Ricardo Gutierrez. This set his trajectory as a community activist. He has engaged in a wide array of student activism at UC Santa Cruz where he earned his B.A. in Environmental Studies, and taught university courses at UC Santa Cruz, Cal State Northridge, and UCLA Extension. mark! earned his M.A. from the Chicano Studies Department at Cal State Northridge, where he completed his Masters thesis titled The Fire: Decolonizing “Environmental Justice.” mark! joined East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice as a member three years before joining the staff. After serving as Lead Organizer for East Yard Communities and Co-Director with EYCEJ Co-Founder Angelo Logan, mark! is now the Executive Director. He organizes in the area where he was born, raised and continues to live. mark! is the 2017 North American recipient of the Goldman Environmental Prize.

Dennis McLerran, Environmental Protection Agency
Dennis McLerran served as the Regional Administrator for EPA Region 10 during the Obama Administration, leading implementation of federal environmental programs in partnership with the State and Tribal governments in Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Prior to serving at EPA he was the Executive Director of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, the regional clean air agency for Seattle, Tacoma and surrounding communities. McLerran is also a past President and long serving Board Member of the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. He has been a leader in developing programs to address environmental justice issues related to air quality, clean water and tribal communities. He has been a leader in establishing programs to address the air quality impacts of goods movement and has collaborated in developing innovative approaches to addressing air quality impacts such as the Northwest Ports Clean Air Strategy, the Diesel Solutions Program, the Washington State Clean School Bus program. He was a founding member of the West Coast Diesel Collaborative where he Chaired the Marine and Ports Working Group and organized efforts to support development of the now implemented North American Emission Control Area. He has led several US Delegations to China and Asia Pacific countries to share innovations and approaches to reducing air pollution and climate impacts from the port and goods movement sectors.

Fred Potter, International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Fredrick “Fred” Potter is President of Teamsters Local No. 469 in Hazlet, New Jersey, and is an International Vice-President At-Large for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT), where he

**Day 1 Opening Plenary: Grounding our Work with Vision, Possibility, and Direction**
is Director of the IBT’s Port Division. A Teamster member for more than 47 years, Vice President Potter has served more than 38 years as an officer and business agent for the Teamsters. Vice President Potter has a lifetime of commitment to help working families fight for their rights and improve their standard of living. Over the years, Potter has also served on many committees and organizations within the labor movement focused on protecting and expanding workers’ rights. As the Teamster International’s Port Director, his mission is to win justice for America’s port drivers – often described as “modern-day sharecroppers on wheels.” Potter is currently working to ensure these misclassified workers are properly classified as employees under the law. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Fred Potter was a Commissioner of New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority (home of the New York Giants and Jets) for ten years. Mr. Potter is politically active. He served as Chairman of the Ocean County Democratic Organization and still serves on the New Jersey State Democratic Committee.

Martha Matsuoka, Urban & Environmental Policy Institute
Martha Matsuoka ’83 focuses her teaching and research on environmental justice, community-based regionalism, sustainable community development, and social movements. Her current research focuses on policy, planning, organizing, and advocacy related to ports and goods movement. She is co-author with Manuel Pastor, Jr. and Chris Benner of “This Could Be The Start Of Something Big: Regional Equity Organizing And The Future Of Metropolitan America” published by Cornell University. She currently serves on the Board of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation (currently serving as Chair) and the Human Impact Partners and is a member of the Switzer Foundation’s Fellowship Network. Martha received her Ph.D. in Urban Planning from UCLA, a Masters in City Planning from UC Berkeley, and an A.B. from Occidental College.

Christine Loh, Former Under Secretary for the Environment, Hong Kong Special Administration Region Government
Christine Loh stepped down as the Under Secretary for the Environment in July after 5 years in the Hong Kong government. Prior to that, she headed the non-profit think tank, Civic Exchange in Hong Kong. She has been instrumental in changing policy over the past 15 years on air quality, energy and climate change. She continues to work with government and non-government stakeholders in China in her current capacity as Adjunct Professor at the Hong Kong University for Science and Technology’s Institute for the Environment.

Edward Avol, University of Southern California
Ed Avol is Professor of Clinical Preventive Medicine in the Environmental Health Division in the University of Southern California (USC) Department of Preventive Medicine. His undergraduate training was in mathematics and chemistry at the University of California San Diego (UCSD), and he earned a Master’s Degree in Environmental Engineering Sciences at Caltech. His research has focused on understanding the short and long-term effects of air pollution on humans, and on documenting human exposure. He helped design, direct, and perform the Children’s Health Study, a landmark
investigation examining the chronic health impacts of outdoor air pollutants on California school children. He has been a key investigator in multiple studies on both short and long-term health effects of air pollution and has co-authored over 150 peer-reviewed research publications. He has served on United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) expert panel reviews for PM, NOx, SOx, and ozone (to help recommend National Ambient Air Quality Standards) in addition to numerous other advisory committees for a variety of agencies and institutions. He is active in community outreach and education, particularly with regard to children's health and the health and air quality impacts of Los Angeles and Long Beach seaport-related cargo goods movement. He directs (and teaches in) the undergraduate Environmental Health Track through the USC Health Promotion Program, mentors new Environmental Health faculty, and continues to research the impacts of air pollution on human health.

**Keynote Speaker**

**Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr., Hip Hop Caucus**  
Rev. Yearwood Jr. is a minister, community activist, President and CEO of Hip Hop Caucus, and one of the most influential people in Hip Hop political life. A national leader within the green movement, Rev Yearwood has been successfully bridging the gap between communities of color and environmental advocacy for the past decade. Rolling Stone declared Rev Yearwood one of our country’s “New Green Heroes” and Huffington Post named him one of the top ten change-makers in the green movement. Rev Yearwood entered the world of Hip Hop Politics when he served as the Political and Grassroots Director of Russell Simmons’ Hip Hop Summit Action Network in 2003 and 2004. He was also a key architect of P. Diddy’s “Vote Or Die!” campaign. Then in 2004 he founded the Hip Hop Caucus to build a sustainable organization for Hip Hop politics. Rev Yearwood is a proud graduate of Howard University School of Divinity. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. He currently lives in Washington, DC with his family.

**Breakout Sessions Friday Oct 13, 1-2:30pm**

**Leveraging Scientific Research for Community Action: Health Impacts and Goods Movement**  
**Zully Juarez, University of Southern California**  
Zully Juarez lives in Los Angeles. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a B.A. in Ethnic Studies and Gender & Women's Studies. She has experience in developing and implementing programs to
increase community capacity, civic engagement, and movement building. Her work is rooted in community knowledge as the force to address and transform our lived experiences. She has been involved in Communities for a Better Environment - Youth for Environmental Justice program and previously worked at East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, as their Development and Communications for 2 years. Zully is currently the Community Engagement Coordinator at USC Community Outreach and Engagement Program in the Division of Environmental Health.

Garett Sansom, Institute for Sustainable Communities at Texas A&M University
Garett Sansom is the Associate Director of the Institute for Sustainable Communities at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX USA. He is an epidemiologist and environmental health scientist whose research revolves around the human health implications of the environment, urban planning, and local resilience. His empirical focus targets marginalized communities that experience environmental justice issues. Populations within these neighborhoods have been shown to be particularly vulnerable of impacts from the nexus of hazardous substances and natural disasters. Dr. Sansom's research has exemplified the belief that investigators should be afforded the opportunity to achieve dual goals that extend scientific knowledge and build local capacity to enacting positive change within the communities they analyze.

Yvette Arellano, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services
Yvette is a powerhouse organizer and emerging thought leader from Houston dedicated to the causes of environmental and racial justice. Yvette represented the gulf south and T.e.j.a.s at the United Nations COP21 in Paris. In 2015, she led the campaign against H.R. 702, which opened the floodgates to U.S. crude oil exports. Recently, she coordinated a collaborative project between the Union of Concerned Scientists and T.e.j.a.s, resulting in two biting publications revealing deep environmental injustice in south Texas. Throughout her work, Yvette strives to emphasize that access to clean water, air, land and food is a fundamental human right best pursued through vigorous intersectional thinking and organizing. Currently she is reinforcing efforts in Houston to help the city's most vulnerable communities recover from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey.

Jill Johnston, University of Southern California
Jill Johnston, PhD is an Assistant Professor and Director of Community Engagement in the Division of Environmental Health at University of Southern California. Broadly, her research focuses on addressing unequal exposures to harmful contaminants that affect the health of working poor and communities of color. Dr. Johnston previously worked as a community organizer on issues of environmental and economic justice in South Texas. She received her PhD in environmental sciences and engineering from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studied hazardous waste sites and industrial animal production. Currently, she engages in collaborations with grassroots organizations to conduct community-engaged action-oriented research at USC to support environmental justice.
Laura Cortez, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
Laura Cortez is Assistant Project Coordinator at the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. Laura received a BA in Spanish from CSULA in 2010 and completed her MA in Sociology CSULB in 2015 while at LBACA. Before LBACA, Laura volunteered with a Long Beach youth organization for two years and was an interpreter for domestic violence victims at the LA courthouse. Laura's fields of experience include youth education for five years, clinical administration for one year, and interpretation for four years. More recently, in her capacity at LBACA, Laura developed a passion to achieve equity through policy that improves the lives of families of color. Laura works toward engaging families with children with asthma to improve their innate leadership skills and enable them to advocate on health and environmental issues they already experience.

Robert Laumbach, Rutgers School of Public Health
Robert Laumbach M.D., M.P.H., C.I.H. is Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health in the Rutgers School of Public Health. Rob has a major research focus in cumulative impacts of multiple chemical and nonchemical stressors on health, particularly on mechanisms by which air pollution interacts with other stressors in Environmental Justice communities in New Jersey. He has collaborated with the Ironbound Community Corporation on an EPA-funded project to measure the effects of diesel exhaust air pollution and chronic stress on asthma exacerbation among children living in communities adjacent to the Port of Newark/Elizabeth. He directs community outreach and engagement for the NIEHS Center for Environmental Exposure and Disease (CEED), at the Environmental and Exposure and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI), and maintains a clinical practice at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Ana Isabel Baptista, The New School University
Ana Isabel Baptista, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at The New School University in New York City where she chairs the graduate Environmental Policy program. Ana is also a member of the Coalition for Healthy Ports in Newark, New Jersey where she works on the environmental, economic and public policy impacts of goods movement industries on local environmental justice communities. Dr. Baptista is a board member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance and the local environmental justice community based organization, Ironbound Community Corp in her hometown of Newark, NJ. She is also the Associate Director of the Tishman Environment & Design Center at The New School focusing on climate and environmental justice research. Ana has a PhD in Urban Planning and Public Policy from Rutgers University.
Hip Hop Caucus: Survival in America’s Urban Jungle

Jordan “Young Hustle” Eversley, Hip Hop Caucus

Jordan is the Marketing and Strategic Partnerships Coordinator for Hip Hop Caucus. He implements Hip Hop Caucus’ messaging strategy across the organization’s digital and events platforms, as well as across its grassroots leadership network. He also cultivates relationships with cultural influencers and media outlets to amplify Hip Hop Caucus’ messages and calls to action. Prior to joining the national staff, Jordan was Hip Hop Caucus’ Leadership Committee Coordinator for Chicago, his hometown. Jordan has an extensive marketing and public relations background. He made a name for himself in the midwest by breaking Chicago artists onto the national music scene, leading to several major record deals. His marketing abilities fostered artists like King Louie, who signed with Epic Records. Other notable clients and past projects he consulted for include: top Billboard charting singer and songwriter Jeremih; Grammy-nominated Producer Kosine of The Internz; Sony artist G Herbo; RCA artist Lil Bibby; Interscope artist Dreezy; and DJ L. Alon. He was mentored by nationally recognized music manager John Monopoly, co-founder of the management firm Hustle Period and former manager of Kanye West. Jordan was previously the Chicago ambassador and is now the National Director of A&R for A3C, the largest hip-hop music festival in the country, which takes place annually in Atlanta, GA. Jordan has a Bachelor’s Degree in Hospitality and Restaurant Administration from Missouri State where he also played Division 1 football. He lives in Los Angeles and has a daughter who he hopes will follow in his athletic footsteps and play lots of sports.

Zero Emission Truck Technology Overview

Jimmy O’Dea, Union of Concerned Scientists

Jimmy O’Dea is a Vehicles Analyst at the Union of Concerned Scientists and expert on clean vehicle technologies and policies. At UCS, O’Dea studies vehicle emissions and technologies, with a focus on heavy-duty vehicles. Dr. O’Dea has over 10 years of research experience studying clean vehicle and renewable energy technologies and earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Prior to UCS, O’Dea was a Science and Technology Congressional Fellow for U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (Hawaii) specializing in climate change and clean energy policies.

Andy Swanton, BYD

Andy Swanton is the VP of Truck Sales for BYD, the world’s largest manufacturer of electric vehicles. Andy has been at BYD for 3 years and oversees product development and sales of all-electric trucks for the North American market, including port trucks, delivery trucks, and refuse trucks. Prior to joining BYD, Andy worked for Danaher as a business manager in the medical device industry and CDM as a design engineer for water treatment systems. Andy holds engineering degrees from MIT and Tufts and a MBA from Harvard.
Urvi Nagrani, Motiv Power Systems
Urvi Nagrani is the Director of Business Development and leads Motiv Power Systems' public policy efforts and contributes to strategic projects from concept through administration. She has led the development of multimillion-dollar multi-stakeholder projects with the California Energy Commission, California Air Resources Board, and private sector stakeholders to align state environmental policies with Motiv's work to develop and deploy zero-emission electric vehicle powertrains and improve air quality in a socially responsible way. Urvi plays an active role in developing business relationships, participating in technology workgroups, interfacing with customers, government representatives, press, and other stakeholders. She has a B.A. in Film & Media Studies from UC Santa Barbara and an A.A. in History from Foothill College.

Hasso Georg Gruenjes, Siemens
Has an international background in electric transport systems. He started his career within Siemens working as a project manager at a high speed railway infrastructure project in the Netherlands from 2001 to 2008. In the following three years he was sales responsible for the Siemens rail electrification business in Scandinavia, Finland and the Baltic states. Since 2011 he is working within Siemens in the field of innovative mobility solutions. In 2016 he become responsible for Siemens eHighway. eHighway is a system providing continuous electric power to heavy duty road vehicles and, amongst others, currently being realized in a public demonstration project in Sweden. Mr. Grünjes holds a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences Oldenburg and the Högskolan i Halmstad, Sweden and a MA in Mediation from the European University Viadrina.

Takehito Yokoo, Toyota Motor North America R&D
Takehito Yokoo is a Senior Executive Engineer for Advanced Fuel Cell with Toyota's Product Development Office (PDO) in Toyota's North American R&D organization. Mr. Yokoo's background includes managing suitability testing for advanced powertrain in North America and coordinating development of new or improved alternate powertrain system controls for Fuel Cell Hybrid Vehicles (FCHV), Gasoline Hybrid Vehicles (HEV), Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV) and Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV). This activity includes a focus on technologies that enable sustainable transportation systems. Currently his responsibilities have been expanded to include large-scale Fuel Cell powertrain feasibility in North America. After earning a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Hosei University, in Japan, Mr. Yokoo began his career at Toyota Motor Corporation (TMC) in 1981 and moved to Toyota's Los Angeles R&D operations in 1990.
The Power In Unity: Movement Vision (Part 1)

Angela Adrar, Climate Justice Alliance
Angela Adrar is the Executive Director of Climate Justice Alliance. Angela, a Latina immigrant from Colombia who grew up in the United States, has been a leader and outspoken advocate for powerful and grounded social movements for decades from legacy organizations such as the Rural Coalition, La Via Campesina North America, the USFSA, and most recently as the Co-Chair of the Building Equity and Alignment for Impact (BEAI) Initiative. She looks forward to offering that expertise to the Our Power Campaign during an exciting time of strategic amplification and implementation.

Strela Cervas, California Environmental Justice Alliance
Strela joined the California Environmental Justice Alliance in 2008, determined to fight for communities who are suffering from asthma and other health issues because of environmental injustice. She is most inspired when community leaders are empowered enough to take on corporate polluters. She became an organizer with the Pilipino Workers' Center for 8 years in LA where she worked on a broad range of issues. She organized low-wage Filipino caregivers to fight for meal breaks and wage theft, taking on intimidating attorneys. She also helped launch the first California Household Worker Bill of Rights campaign along with other women leaders from other organizations. Today, she is honored to sit on PWC's Board of Directors.

Jose Bravo, Just Transition Alliance
José is a leader in California and national chemicals policy reform work, and Green Chemistry as a member of Safer Chemicals Healthy Families and Californians for a Healthy and Green Economy (CHANGE). CHANGE is an alliance of health, environmental, labor, resource organizations and EJ organizations throughout California. Also, José is on the steering committee of the State Alliance for Federal Reform of Chemicals Policy (SAFER). SAFER is an alliance of organizations in key states working to create a pre-market testing system and regulation for all chemicals. José works directly with Environmental Justice (EJ) Communities and Labor (Organized and Unorganized). José's work in social justice issues is rooted in his upbringing in the Southern California farm fields alongside both his parents. José has also worked on immigrant rights issues since his days as a student organizer in the 80's to the present. José has participated in the Environmental Justice movement since 1990, over the years he has gained recognition as a national and international leader in the EJ movement. José is also serves on the board of Communities for a Better Environment.

Angelo Logan, Moving Forward Network
Angelo is the Moving Forward Network, Policy Director out of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College. Angelo grew up in the City of Commerce and lives in Long Beach CA. Angelo is the co-founder of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice and has worked with a wide variety of coalitions to achieve health protective policies specifically regarding goods
movement and Green Zones. Currently Angelo serves on several committees, such as: SCAQMD’s Environmental Justice Advisory Group, I-710 Corridor Advisory Committees, Southern California Association of Governments Goods Movement Task Force and City of Commerce’s Environmental Justice Task Force and Green Zones-Policy Working Group.

**Fernando Losada, National Nurses United**

National Nurses United, with more than 150,000 members in every state, is the largest union and professional association of registered nurses in U.S. history. NNU was founded in 2009 unifying three of the most active, progressive organizations in the U.S.—and the major voices of unionized nurses—in the California Nurses Association/National Nurses Organizing Committee, United American Nurses, and Massachusetts Nurses Association.

**Antonia Bruno, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives**

Antonia is a Communications and Network Development Coordinator at GAIA. Prior to this she worked with the Citizen Engagement Lab, the Story of Stuff Project, and Democracy Matters. She is the co-author of a children’s book series about taking action on climate change, Josie Goes Green.

**Technology Solutions and Strategies to Reduce Pollution**

**Joel Ervice, Regional Asthma Management and Prevention**

For over 20 years, Joel Ervice has advanced public health and equity through organizational and program leadership, coalition development, and advocacy on health and environmental policy. He is the associate director of Regional Asthma Management and Prevention (RAMP), a project of the Public Health Institute, which reduces the burden of asthma through clinical management and environmental protection. In coordination with RAMP’s director, Joel manages financial planning and communications activities. Joel is also an effective advocate. In collaboration with environmental health and justice organizations, Joel has helped reduce California’s diesel pollution through regulatory and planning efforts. He also leads policy efforts to increase patient access to essential asthma services.

**Heather Tomley, Port of Long Beach**

Heather Tomley is the Director of Environmental Planning for the Port of Long Beach. She joined the Port in 2005 and progressively moved into positions of greater responsibility. She was named to her current post as Director in February 2014 by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. Ms. Tomley leads the Division most directly responsible for the Port’s signature environmental programs, such as the 2005 Green Port Policy, and coordinates programs to improve air, water and soil quality, preserve wildlife habitat and integrate sustainability into Port practices. She co-wrote, implemented, and assisted with updates to the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP), which serves as a guideline for programs focused on cleaning Port related air emissions. She is also responsible
for developing the Port’s Energy Initiative. Ms. Tomley earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and her Master of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Ruben Garcia, Advanced Environmental Group (AEG)**

Garcia’s remarkable innovations are helping to clean up the shipping industry. Garcia’s technology, called the Advanced Maritime Emission Control System, or AMECS, skips what’s known as “shore-side power” altogether. The integrated emissions-control process, which Garcia has patented, sucks more than 90 percent of the particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, and sulfur oxides out of the ship’s diesel engine while it is waiting to be unloaded. His company is based in Long Beach, California.

**David Alba, GRID Logistics**

David Alba is a native Angeleno and has been involved in commercial logistics for over 25 years with 7 years at Port of Long Beach’s largest container terminal. As a manager, David learned every aspect of operations from moving containers between vessels, trains, trucks and inland facilities. David is the inventor of SuperDock(TM), a globally patented zero-emissions system capable of loading container-ships and trains three times faster than ports today. David is Co-founder GRID Logistics Inc., a Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI) portfolio company. David is an alumni from USC’s School of International Relations, happily married, and father of four.

**John A. Thornton, Clean Future Inc.**

John Thornton is president of CleanFuture, a nationally-recognized firm working on electrification of transport refrigeration and refrigerated fleet efficiency. CleanFuture, Inc. helps foodservice and grocery distributors reduce fuel burn and refrigerated transport operating costs by up to 70% with clean electricity instead of diesel fuel. John has over 27 years’ experience in industry. Prior to founding CleanFuture John was vice president for an electric vehicle technology company for 2 years. Previously John spent 11 years Hyster-Yale Materials Handling Group, Inc., producer of Hyster® and Yale® forklift trucks, John earned a B.S. degree from Oregon State University, and an M.B.A. from Portland State University.

**We Are Seeds**

**June Marisa Kaewsith**

June Marisa Kaewsith, also known as “Jumakae”, is a multidisciplinary artist, educator, and wellness consultant based in Long Beach, CA. She has conducted spoken word workshops and mural projects with various youth groups from detention centers to college campuses, theater skits with residents addressing local issues from wage theft to environmental racism, and self-care workshops for community organizations and individuals experiencing vicarious trauma. In her journey toward social justice and healing, she has learned that art and creativity must be central to movement building and collective action. To read more, visit www.jumakae.com
Using Civil Rights Laws for Environmental Justice

Sara E. Imperiale, Natural Resources Defense Council
Sara E. Imperiale is a Staff Attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council in New York. She advocates and litigates on behalf of low-income communities of color nationwide to achieve environmental justice, and has experience working with community partners on ports, healthy housing, safe drinking water, detention facilities, and food justice. Before joining NRDC in 2013, Sara worked as an organizer for a variety of groups, including PIRG and Clean Water Action. She holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Muhlenberg College and a joint J.D./master’s degree from Vermont Law School.

Ramya Sivasubramanian, Natural Resources Defense Council
Ramya Sivasubramanian is a Staff Attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Santa Monica. She works with communities of color and low-income communities to advocate and litigate for environmental justice. She has expertise using environmental and civil rights laws to ensure these communities are not disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and get their fair share of environmental benefits. Before joining NRDC in 2014, Ramya served as assistant director and counsel for the City Project and worked for the National Wildlife Federation as well as in private practice. She received her undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University.

Jobs, Labor, and Clean Air in Freight

Jessica Durrum, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
Jessica is the Director of LAANE’s Clean & Safe Ports campaign. Jessica began working at LAANE in 2012 as a researcher, analyzing the port trucking industry and driver misclassification, and supporting port drivers in fighting wage theft and asserting their rights as employees. She completed UCLA’s Master’s in Urban and Regional Planning program, conducting research to support labor and community campaigns. Previously Jessica worked for seven years at Centro Presente, an immigrant rights organization in Boston, playing a central role in the organization’s transformation from service provision to organizing. She holds a BA from Wellesley College in History and Spanish.

Jennifer Kropke, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Jennifer Kropke is a graduate from UCLA’s School of law. She began her career at a large, multinational firm in Manhattan, and realized that she was eager in public interest law. She then became an attorney for the City of New York, litigating child welfare abuse and neglect cases. Jennifer back to California and opened her own law firm representing children with learning and other disabilities. She presently works as the director of Workforce and Environmental Engagement at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. In this capacity Jennifer is focused on
economic and workforce development that pays family-sustaining wages in the renewable energy arena, including CCA.

**Erika Patterson, Jobs to Move America**

Erika Thi Patterson is the National Policy Director for Jobs to Move America. She recently oversaw JMA’s coalition negotiating the first Community Benefits Agreement with an electric bus manufacturer, which will ensure 40% of the company’s workforce includes women, people of color, and reentry workers. Before JMA, Erika worked on the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy’s Don’t Waste LA project doing research, where she supported a broad coalition in passing a Zero Waste LA Franchise policy that expanded recycling and composting in LA, while cleaning up a dangerous industry for workers. Erika holds a master’s degree from UCLA in urban planning and a bachelor’s degree in Ethnic Studies from San Francisco State University.

**Regina Townes, International Longshoreman Association**

Regina Townes have been rooted with The ILA Local 1233 since 1992. Regina currently works for Ports of America transporting freight to and from the rail yard. She have worked with the ships for over 25 years also. She has various certifications including: CDL Driver, 5 and 7 high empty handler, Reachstacker, Toploader and many more. Regina served on several committees for Local 1233. She is currently a member of Coalition for Healthy Ports (since 2012). She currently serves as an independent voice to facilitate issues concerning zero emissions in the ports that directly affect the Longshoreman.

**Amplifying Resident Voices by Documenting Port of Los Angeles Off-Port Impacts**

**Beth Altshuler, MCP MPH CPH, Epidemiologist and Urban Planner (Senior Associate), Raimi + Associates**

Beth works with cities, counties, foundations, and CBOs to apply a Health (and Equity) in All Policies lens to the challenges and opportunities in their communities. Beth has extensive experience in designing and implementing innovative community planning processes, conducting and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data, and writing innovative policy. At the forefront of the healthy communities discipline for over 13 years, Beth is committed to creating livable places, reducing health and social inequities, and engaging residents in the future of their communities. Beth holds masters’ degrees in both City and Regional Planning and Public Health Epidemiology/Biostatistics from the UC Berkeley and a BA in Sociology from Cornell University.

**Sean B. Hecht, UCLA School of Law**

Sean B. Hecht is the Co-Executive Director of the Emmett Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, and Evan Frankel Professor of Policy and Practice, at UCLA School of Law. He works with students to serve environmental organizations agencies in his role as co-director of the Frank G. Wells Environmental Law Clinic. Sean's research interests include climate change, environmental
justice, and environmental impact analysis. Sean is a past chair of the State Bar of California’s environmental law section, and the founding (past) board chair of the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation.

**Meghan Reese, Interim Executive Director, Harbor Community Benefit Foundation**

Meghan is the Interim Executive Director for Harbor Community Benefit Foundation, serving as Program Manager for four years. Meghan oversees the award of approximately $1.1 million a year in grant funding that benefits the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington. Meghan is committed to addressing the impacts of the Port of Los Angeles on these two communities and continues to focus on not only the past and present impacts, but also the future impacts of port and port-related operations.

**Jesse N. Marquez, Coalition For A Safe Environment**

Jesse N. Marquez is the founder and executive director of the non-profit community based environmental justice organization the Coalition For A Safe Environment (CFASE). He is also a founding board member of the Harbor Community Benefit Foundation. CFASE’s Mission is to eliminate, reduce and mitigate the environmental, public health, public safety and community socio-economic impacts caused by International Trade Marine Ports, Freight Transportation Industries, Petroleum Industries and Energy Industries. CFASE is involved in community organizing, family assistance, public education, leadership development, community empowerment, urban planning, community sustainability, emergency preparedness, economic development, public policy assessment, social justice and civil rights.

**Day 1 Closing Plenary: From Local to Global: Highlighting Points of Connection, Contention, and Collaboration**

**Robert Gottlieb, Research Professor, Urban & Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College**

Robert Gottlieb is the author and co-author of twelve books and numerous other publications, including Food Justice with Anupama Joshi (MIT Press, 2010), Reinventing Los Angeles: Nature and Community in the Global City (MIT Press, 2007), The Next Los Angeles: The Struggle for a Livable City with Mark Vallianatos, Regina Freer and Peter Dreier (UC Press 2006); Forcing the Spring: The Transformation of the American Environmental Movement (Island Press, 1993); A Life of its Own: The Politics and Power of Water (HBJ 1989), and Environmentalism Unbound: Exploring New Pathways for Change (MIT Press, 2001). He is also the editor of two MIT Press series, “Urban and Industrial Environments” and “Food, Health, and Environment.” A long time environmental and social justice activist, Professor Gottlieb has been engaged in researching and participating in social movements for more than 50 years.
Simon Ng, Board Member, Clean Air Network, Hong Kong

Simon Ng is an independent consultant working on air quality, urban transportation, and sustainability issues. Trained as a geographer, Simon is known for his groundbreaking work on ship emissions inventory and control policy in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta. He is the lead author and principal investigator of several research projects and academic papers, including a marine vessels emission inventory study commissioned by the Environmental Protection Department of the Hong Kong SAR Government. Outside Hong Kong, Simon also served as international advisor to support green port and green shipping development in port cities including Shanghai. Simon is Fellow and formerly Chief Research Officer of Civic Exchange, an independent public policy think tank based in Hong Kong. Simon co-authored with Robert Gottlieb Global Cities: Urban Environments in Los Angeles, Hong Kong, and China, published by the MIT Press in 2017.

Jennifer Shearer French, Residents Against Intermodal Development, West Sydney, Australia

Dr. Jennifer Shearer French is vice president of Residents Against Intermodal Development (RAID), a small community organization with committed members. RAID is working on the immense Moorebank Intermodal project, a railroad depot placed in the middle of a residential area. The organization hopes to bring attention to health, traffic and wildlife issues, to protect endangered plants, create a buffer zone, and protect residents from curved rail noise known as “wheel squeal.” The group gathers expert knowledge in animal and river ecology, health, particularly in the diesel emissions area, traffic modelling, acoustical engineering, and have to be able to engage local expertise and knowledge. Dr. French brings her previous experience as a foundation member of the committee which set up the commercial domain name space in New Zealand. As policy chair, she was also writing on privacy and cryptography for her doctorate program. She has also been a journalist, and now writes futuristic science fiction.

Magdalena Cerda, Environmental Health Coalition

Magdalena joined EHC in 2000. She was technical coordinator for the Mexican government agency INEA (Instituto Nacional de Educación para los Adultos), where she worked with adult literacy programs in the border region. She served as president of a community group in Colonia Guadalupe Victoria in Tijuana that secured land rights and infrastructure from the Mexican Government. In 2009, she received the Grassroots Organizer award from the United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries. Magdalena likes EHC’s environmental and social justice efforts to create a world where many worlds can co-exist. Her family and friends are her joy, strength, and inspiration.

Day 2 Opening Plenary: Impact! National Collaborations, Campaigns in the United States

Moderator: Xugo Lujan, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice

A graduate of the University of California at Santa Cruz. His organizing background is rooted in facilitating educational spaces. Previously, Hugo worked as an educator at a student led/student-
facilitated class at UC Santa Cruz entitled Engaging Education. He also participated in organizing students and workers at UCSC around fair and livable wages. Hugo helped organized with East LA community for immigrant right for the first May 1st march in downtown Los Angeles, and around LGBTQ rights for youth in k-12 schools.

**Melissa Lin Perrella, Natural Resources Defense Council**
Melissa is a Senior Attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. Her work focuses on improving air quality in environmental justice communities affected by the freight transportation system. She is an expert on the health effects of diesel emissions, technologies for reducing air pollution from ships, trucks and locomotives, enforcing the National Environmental Policy Act, and defending landmark state and local clean air programs against federal preemption claims. Before joining NRDC, Melissa worked in private practice at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in Los Angeles, CA as a general litigation associate. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and U.C. Berkeley. Melissa is a proud finisher of the Boston Marathon and a mother of two children.

**Yuki Kidokoro, Climate Justice Alliance**
Yuki Kidokoro is the National Organizer. After graduate studies in Urban Planning at UCLA, Yuki spent 15 years at Communities for a Better Environment as a Youth Organizer, Lead Organizer and Southern California Program Director. She also helped carry out CBE’s movement building work with the California EJ Alliance and with the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance at the state and national levels. Raised in Southern California, Yuki helped to create a 40+ unit housing cooperative at the Los Angeles Eco-Village in Central Los Angeles where she is an active member.

**Nicky Sheats, Thomas Edison State College, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance**
Dr. Sheats, Esq., is the Director, Center for the Urban Environment at the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College and the Board Chair of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance. Dr. Sheats is also a member of the Coalition for Health Ports and a national expert on climate justice policy, specifically co-pollutant emissions. He is a member of EJ Leadership Forum on Climate Change and a leader for the EJ and Science Initiative and Northeast EJ Attorneys Group. Dr. Sheats serves on the US EPA’s National EJ Council and Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. Dr. Sheats has a B.A. in Economics from Princeton University a J.D. from Harvard Law School an MPP from the Kennedy School, Harvard University and a Ph.D. from the Earth and Planetary Sciences program at Harvard University.

**Daniel Aneseko Uaina, Change to Win, Teamsters**
Daniel is a Port Truck Driver of Samoan descent fighting for the rights of all truck drivers and warehouse workers. As the son of the late Minister Peleti Togilau Uaina, he has instilled in him to always fight for righteousness. Daniel will always stand strong with his fellow man in the light of justice.
Breakout Sessions Saturday October 14th, 11:00-12:30pm

Zero Emission Policy: Barriers and Opportunities

**Moderator: Hector de la Torre, Transamerica Center for Health Studies**
Hector De La Torre serves on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as a gubernatorial appointee, where he focuses on goods movement, mitigation in impacted communities, and bringing the benefits of new technologies to these communities. De La Torre is the Executive Director of the Transamerica Center for Health Studies, a nonprofit focused on empowering consumers and employers to achieve the best value and protection from their health coverage, as well as the best outcomes in their personal health and wellness. De La Torre is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Occidental College (his alma mater) in Los Angeles and the Board of L.A. Care, the largest public health plan in the United States. De La Torre served as a State Assemblymember for California's 50th District from 2004-2010. Prior to that, he was Mayor and Council Member in his hometown of South Gate.

**Andrew Papson, Electric Bus Program Manager with Foothill Transit**
Andrew Papson is the Electric Bus Program Manager at Foothill Transit, where he supports one of the largest fleets of electric buses in the nation. Andrew works to overcome many of the barriers to growing to 100% electric. This includes charging and grid issues, regulatory and legislative actions, and funding opportunities. In addition, he shares lessons with transit agencies and industry partners on how to successfully deploy electric buses. He works with industry groups, environmental nonprofits, and other stakeholders to advance electric bus goals. Andrew has deep experience in electric transit, and the environmental impacts of transportation. His career has included environmental consulting and clean transportation nonprofit work. He holds a master’s degree in Transportation Engineering and Energy from the University of California, Berkeley, and a bachelor’s degree in Materials Science Engineering from Stanford University.

**Laura Renger, Southern California Edison**
Laura Renger is the Principal Manager of Air & Climate in the Regulatory Affairs organization at Southern California Edison (SCE). In this position, Laura leads a team responsible for the utility’s regulatory and legislative policy concerning air quality, climate change and transportation electrification. As the regulatory lead for transportation electrification programs, Laura routinely speaks to a wide-variety of audiences, including conferences and industry events domestically and internationally. She has testified twice before California Public Utilities Commission concerning the
implementation of the transportation electrification provisions of SB 350 and serves as SCE’s lead for the transportation electrification proposal that was filed at the CPUC on January 20, 2017.

**Naveen Berry, South Coast Air Quality Management District**

Naveen Berry holds a B.S. degree in Biochemistry from the University of California, Riverside, with Masters’ in Environmental Science and Toxicology from the University of California, Los Angeles. He has over 25 years of experience in air pollution control and public policy development. In his current post as the Technology Demonstration Manager, he manages a team of professional staff in implementing the Clean Fuels Fund used to develop Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment projects for the Technology Advancement Office, focusing on near-zero and zero-emission light-duty through heavy-duty on-road vehicles, including fueling/charging infrastructure. These projects include vehicles and equipment supporting local port operations, transit authorities, refuse trucks and numerous other fleets, leveraging a portfolio of low-emission engines using RNG/CNG/diesel, battery electric, plug-in range extended hybrids, and fuel cells. This entails close coordination with other funding agencies, including CARB, CEC, USEPA, DOE, and FTA, as well as private companies including OEMs, technology providers, transit agencies, municipal fleets, and local ports to leverage funds. Naveen also coordinates with the Mobil Sources Group on techno-economic feasibility in support of the 2016 AQMP, the Fleet Rules, the Clean Air Action Plan, and the Sustainable Freight Strategies Plan.

**Richard D. “Rick” Cameron, Port of Long Beach**

Rick is the Managing Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs for the Port of Long Beach, California, named to the post in January 2014 by the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. Mr. Cameron joined the Port in 1996 as an Environmental Specialist, was promoted to Manager of Environmental Planning and named Director of the newly-created Division of Environmental Planning in 2007 before being appointed Managing Director. As Managing Director, he oversees the Planning and Environmental Affairs Bureau that includes Environmental Planning, Master Planning, and Transportation Planning. As Director of Environmental Planning, he led the Division most directly responsible for the Port’s signature environmental program, the Green Port Policy, and the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. Under the Green Port Policy, the Division coordinates programs to improve air, water and soil quality, preserve wildlife habitat and integrate sustainability into Port practices. Early in his Port career, as an Environmental Specialist, he worked in the areas of water quality, air quality, and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation. Prior experience included management of various environmental programs for the Port of Los Angeles and other clients as a Project Manager for Essentia Management Services. Mr. Cameron has a bachelor's degree in urban and regional planning from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.
Adenike Adeyeye, Earthjustice
Adenike works at Earthjustice as a Sr. Research Policy Analyst / Advocacy Representative. Her work focuses on administrative advocacy and coalition building related to air quality, clean energy, and environmental health. She also serves on the steering committees of the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition and the California Cleaner Freight Coalition. Prior to joining the California regional office’s San Francisco location, Adenike worked as a community forester at the Urban Resources Initiative in New Haven, CT, and as a research associate at the Environmental Law Institute. She holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from Yale University and a master’s degree in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

T-Shirt Printing 101
Genaro “ENIKONE” Gascon
Genaro “ENIKONE” Gascon, is a Los Angeles based visual artist on that hustle and grind. EnikOne has created designs and artwork for Chevy, Toyota, Sony Pictures, Levi’s, XBox360, Stonesthrow Records, Dissizit, Hlt+Run, Stoked Mentoring, Dublab, Red Stripe and more. Working in stencils, typography, graphic design, and mix media, EnikOne compliments his gritty stylistic tendencies with a positive vibe that is attributed to his eclectic influences and unique background.

Using Low Cost Sensors to Assess Local Air Quality: a Hands-on Workshop
Eric Kirkendall, Diesel Health Project
Eric is a retired Federal, corporate, and nonprofit manager with 30+ years experience in strategic and IT planning, program and project management, and operations. He has been involved in community organizing for over 15 years and was instrumental in stopping two very large projects in the Kansas City area, and reducing the environmental health impacts of a large BNSF intermodal facility. He is an IT, business, and environmental consultant, and assisted in the development of the national Moving Forward Network. Eric is co-founder of the Diesel Health Project and Lawrence Creates Makerspace, and founder of the CleanAirNow coalition.

Humberto Lugo, Comite Civico del Valle
Humberto Lugo’s is an advocate for environmental justice communities . Today he leads the largest community based air monitoring network in the US called IVAN Air at the Comite Civico del Valle, engaging and partnering with communities, academics and government throughout CA and the nation by way of citizen science. In an effort to affect change he works on policy regarding issues of air quality, climate change, natural resources, land use and zero emission technologies. He serves as a policy advocate with multiple organizations including La Union Hace La Fuerza, California Environmental Justice Coalition, Moving Forward Network and serves on advisories committed to environmental justice including South Coast AQMD EJ Community Advisory Council.
Miss Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
Ms. Margaret Gordon is the co-founder and co-director of the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project (EIP). EIP works with neighborhood organizations, physicians, researchers, and public officials to ensure West Oakland residents have a clean environment, safe neighborhoods, and access to economic opportunity. Gordon’s expertise has earned her roles in a number of local and state advisory boards and steering committees including the California Environmental Health Tracking Project’s Alameda County Pilot Project, the West Oakland Project Area Committee, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Community Air Risk Evaluation Program. In 2005, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Gordon to the Cabinet Level Goods Movement Working Group. She is an at-large member of the state Air Resources Board’s Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, and she co-chairs the planning process for the Port of Oakland Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan. Gordon has won the Purpose Prize, the Bay Area Business Roundtable Spotlight Award, the Healthy Communities Oakland Environmentalist Award, the ACLU Grover Dyer Award, and the Multi Ethnic Hall of Fame Humanitarian Award.

Nancy Meza, The Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
Nancy Meza is the Climate Justice Organizer at The Little Village Environmental Justice Organization in Chicago. She leads two major and intersecting LVEJO Campaigns, Diesel Campaign and Park Campaign. Nancy graduated from Farragut high school and went on to study abroad in Puerto Rico at the University of the Sacred Heart seeking a major in Social Work. Upon her return she began getting involved and volunteering in her Chicago southwest side neighborhood of La Villita. She joined LVEJO’s summer youth internship program in 2013 scaling her way up to become an official part of the LVEJO family in 2015.

The Power In Unity: Movement Visioning: Small Group Dialogues (part 2)

Session facilitator: Angela Adrar, Climate Justice Alliance
Angela Adrar, the new Executive Director of the Our Power Campaign and the Climate Justice Alliance, has long worked to advance the role of the grassroots sector, empower local communities, and influence national and international agendas. She has worked with many organizations, including: La Via Campesina North America, US Food Sovereignty Alliance (USFSA), the Building Equity and Alignment for Impact Initiative (BEAI), the Rural Coalition, and others.

Small group facilitators:
Communities for a Better Environment Representative
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice Representative
Little Village Environmental Justice Organization Representative
National Nurses United Representative
Just Transition Alliance Representative
Leveraging Brownfields to Promote Healthfields in Freight Impacted Communities

Suzi Ruhl, EPA Office of Environmental Justice
Suzi Ruhl is currently Senior Attorney Advisor for the US EPA Office of Environmental Justice. In this capacity, she works to integrate environmental justice in agency decision-making, supports community based action, and fosters administration wide action that promotes healthy, equitable, resilient and sustainable communities for overburdened populations. She is Co-Chair of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Committee of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice and is Co-Chair of Team-EJ of the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities. Ms. Ruhl has won three National Honor Awards: 2010 Gold Medal for the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities; 2011 Gold Medal for MountainTop Mining Guidance Team; and, 2011 Silver Medal for Keystone Pipeline NEPA Review.

Richard Mabion, Sierra Club
Richard was born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas. He served a 2-year tour of duty for the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict (66-68), after which he graduated from college in 1971 with a BS in Education and a minor in Psychology. Since 2006 he has worked as an independent community organizer in the environmental movement, in Kansas City, Kansas. In 2007 he founded an Environmental Literacy organization called Building A Sustainable Earth Community. He has since then been recognized for his commitment to involve more people of color in environmental causes; a commitment that lead to the creation of an Environmental Literacy conference called Breaking The Silence. Because of his efforts, the Pitch News organization selected J-14 Inc., an organic farm and the “Q” Brew Coffee Shop, two Black owned Quindaro businesses that Richard personally promoted, as their choice for ‘the best of’ in Kansas City in 2007, and then Richard himself as their 2008-Activist of the year for the state of Kansas. In 2011 Building A Sustainable Earth Community was one of two organizations selected by the Midwest Sociological Society for its annual Social Action Award, given to exceptional grassroots organizations working to further social justice in the Midwest. In January 2012, the Kansas Sierra Club elected him as their first statewide Black Board member. Then in 2013, the National Sierra Club, selected Richard as their 2013 Achiever of the Year. In 2014, The Kansas City, Kansas NAACP Branch elected Richard as the president of their Branch. In 2016 he along with he was selected as man of the year for the EPA Region 7 Environmental Justice department.

Omar Muhammad, Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities
Mr. Muhammad has worked as a community advocate and activist since 2007 with the Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC). Currently, he serves as LAMC’s Executive Director. Mr. Muhammad facilitates the LAMC Mitigation Workgroup which advises LAMC on implementation of three Mitigation Agreements. He serves on the executive board for the Union Heights Community Council and serves as research staff for the Charleston Community Research to Action Board (CCRAB). Mr. Muhammad recently completed a 9 month training with the United States Environmental Protection (US-EPA) Region IV’s Environmental Justice Academy and was selected Valedictorian for the inaugural class.
Kim Gaddy, Clean Water Action
Kim develops and implements the NJ Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund’s grassroots environmental justice campaigns and coalition building efforts. She is a Newark School Board Member, former Chair, Newark Environmental Commission, for Chair of the Essex County Environmental Commission, Vice-Chair of the NJDEP’s Environmental Justice Advisory Council, Port Commissioner for the City of Newark and founding member of the NJ Environmental Justice Alliance. Previously, she worked in Municipal government in Newark for 12 years and served as the first female Chief of Staff, for Councilwoman Mildred Crump. Kim is a 2007 recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Environmental Community award, selected as 100 People of Newark, Women on the Move by Ariagna Perello Civic Association, graduate of Rutgers University and mom of Sonny, Frankie Mo’Nay and Julian.

Jessica Prieto, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice
Jessica Prieto was born and raised in East Los Angeles. She graduated from San Francisco State University with a B.A. in Urban Studies and Planning with a minor in Race and Resistance Studies. She was a researcher in the Marina Pando Social Justice Research Collaborative’s first cohort, focusing on brownfield truthing and remediation processes, then served as co-facilitator the second year of the program. Soon after she worked as a Research & Policy analyst at EYCEJ, working on building resident retention in Southeast LA. She is currently a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning candidate at UCLA and is focusing on community-driven planning and policy development in communities of color.

Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma: Health, Knowledge, and Leadership

Community Health Workers: Phaktra Huch, Herendira Razcon, Maria Garcia, Jessica Figueroa, and Irene Mineses are experienced Community Health Workers (CHW’s) serving the impacted populations in Long Beach, the Harbor Area, and Southeast LA. In their role as CHW’s, these women build capacity of families who have children with asthma to control the child’s asthma through trigger reduction and removal, elimination of barriers with schools and doctors, and promoting wellness in the home.

Community Leaders: Silvia Reyes, Maria Reyes, Evangelina Ramirez, Maribel Mireles, Maria Lopez, Concepcion Garcia, Yemili Perez, Itzel Torres, and Selene Zazueta are community leaders in the harbor communities of Long Beach and Wilmington - all of whom have a passion for improving our community’s health now and for future generations. These community leaders have developed leadership skills through the LBACA community engagement program and strengthen their community by providing education and advocacy for a healthier environment.
Building Environmental Justice and Cumulative Impacts into Local Decision Making

Ana Isabel Baptista, See biography above

Nicky Sheats, See biography above

Love Wins! Grand Strategy & Art of War for Social Movement

Bill Moyer, Backbone Campaign
Bill is the co-founder and executive director of Backbone Campaign. Over the last 14 years, Backbone has emerged as an innovative force in the theory and practice of “artful activism.” Backbone applies lessons of the performing arts and the Art of War to invigorate nonviolent campaigns for social change. They’ve designed and produced hundreds of creative protests using innovative tactics from lights to project messages on buildings to the kayaktivism of sHellNo! Bill found the idea of rail electrification and its intersectional strategic potential so compelling that he assembled a team to explore it. Last fall, they co-authored the book Solutionary Rail.

Community-based Planning and Development: Strategies for Working with Policymakers

Carolina Martinez, Environmental Health Coalition
Carolina joined EHC in 2010 as the Policy Advocate for the Toxic-Free Neighborhood Campaign's efforts in National City. She has M.A.s in Urban Planning and in Latin American Studies. Her experience includes environmental justice policy advocacy in Oxnard, California, collaborating with community groups in Orange County on cultural and social justice campaigns, and researching international labor rights. Carolina enjoys working at the intersection of race, culture, gender, civic engagement, environmental issues, health, and city planning in the struggle for environmental justice.

Zenobia Fields, North Jersey Transportation and Planning Authority
Zenobia L. Fields is Department Director of Planning with the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA). She has over 15 years of diverse experience including optimizing business processes, capacity-building, asset planning, performance planning, urban design, transportation related design, data sharing, policy analysis and general community development. Ms. Fields has a Bachelor's of Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Master's in Urban and Regional Planning with concentration in Community Development from Virginia Tech.
Isela Gracian, East Los Angeles Community Corporation
Isela joined ELACC in 2004. A graduate of UC Davis, Isela began with ELACC as coordinator for a job-training program and in her 12 years of service since, has held various progressive positions, including Director of Community Organizing. The California Women's Foundation recognized Isela for her thought-leading work formulating solutions to community issues by appointing her a California Women's Policy Institute Fellow in 2006/2007. She currently serves on various boards, including Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Political Education (SCOPE) and the California Reinvestment Coalition. Isela is distinguished as an authority between Los Angeles area equitable community development and anti-displacement leadership.

Elva Yanez, Prevention Institute
Elva has experience in policy advocacy, strategic planning, civic engagement and communications for non-profit organizations, government agencies and foundations in the areas of public policy, urban parks, public health, land use and the built environment. She has served as director of the Center for Health and Parks at the Trust for Public Land; grant liaison officer at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's SmokeLess States national initiative; deputy director of the RWJF Policy Advocacy on Tobacco and Health initiative; and senior associate director at Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights (ANR). She has been active in numerous local and statewide efforts to enhance access to parks and open space. Elva was appointed to the California State Parks and Recreation Commission in 2011 by Governor Jerry Brown.

Martha Matsuoka, Urban & Environmental Policy Institute/Occidental College (Moderator)
See biography above

Community Planning Campaigns: Clean Up Green Up and Green Zones

Michele Prichard, Liberty Hill Foundation
Michele is the Director of Common Agenda at Liberty Hill. Today, Liberty Hill's reputation as one of the country's most innovative public foundations can be attributed significantly to Michele's early and ongoing leadership. As director of the Common Agenda program at Liberty Hill, Michele guides collaborative efforts that seek to change public policy through a combination of cutting-edge research, alliance building and community organizing. She facilitated the LA Collaborative for Environmental Health & Justice that won the Clean Up Green Up ordinance in the City of LA in 2016 to establish Green Zones in toxic hotspot communities. She currently helps lead the STAND-LA coalition that is working to end neighborhood oil drilling in the City of LA due to health, safety and climate impacts. Michele is co-author of Building a Regional Voice for Environmental Justice (2004); Hidden Hazards: A Call to Action for Healthy, Livable Communities (2010); LA Rising: The 1992 Civil Unrest, the Arc of Social Justice Organizing, and the Lessons for Today's Movement Building (2012); and DRILLING DOWN: The Community Consequences of Expanded Oil Development in LA (2015).
Bahram Fazeli, Communities for a Better Environment
Bahram has been with CBE for the past 15 years, is Director of Research and Policy. Bahram has served on many advisory groups including those at the US Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He has also been guest speaker at various universities and schools and a panelist at numerous conferences. Working with CBE staff and academic partners from different disciplines on collaborative projects, Bahram has authored, coauthored, and contributed to reports, articles, and academic papers covering wide range of topics. He attended UCLA for his undergraduate and graduate training in Environmental Studies and Urban Planning.

Yvette Lopez-Ledesma, Pacoima Beautiful
Yvette is Deputy Director of Pacoima Beautiful, an organization committed to promoting environmental justice through education, policy, and cultural arts in the San Fernando Valley. She has over 14 years of experience in program planning, project management, social justice, sustainability, and community engagement. She currently serves on the RE:Code LA Zoning Advisory Committee, and the San Fernando Valley METRO Service Council. Yvette earned her master’s degree in public administration as well as her bachelor’s degree in urban studies and planning at Cal State University, Northridge.

Introduction to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) & California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Morgan Wyenn, Natural Resources Defense Council
Morgan is a Staff Attorney on NRDC’s Environmental Justice Team. She focuses on working with a broad coalition of community partners to improve air quality in Southern California and across the country by advocating for enforcement and improvement of federal, state, and local law and policy. Morgan is a graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School, where she was Editor in Chief of the Environmental Law Review and earned a Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Law, and UC Santa Cruz, where she majored in Environmental Studies.
Saturday October 14th, 1:00-2:30pm

Top 10 Tips for Engaging in the Legal Administrative Process

Melissa Lin Perrella, Natural Resources Defense Council
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defending landmark state and local clean air programs against federal preemption claims. Before joining NRDC, Melissa worked in private practice at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP in Los Angeles, CA as a general litigation associate. She is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center and U.C. Berkeley. Melissa is a proud finisher of the Boston Marathon and a mother of two children.

**Sylvia Betancourt, Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma**

Sylvia is Program Manager at the Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma. She has extensive experience in community outreach, engagement & policy advocacy in health and environmental justice, particularly in the context of freight transport industries. She is driven by her lived experience and passion for justice and healing. Sylvia has served on the Building Healthy Communities – Long Beach Steering Committee, the South Coast Air Quality Management District’s Environmental Justice Advisory Group, currently serves on the Miller Children’s & Women’s Hospital’s Asthma Center of Excellence Leadership Team, and was recently appointed to the Long Beach Board of Health & Human Services. Sylvia has been actively involved in efforts to decrease pollution at the Ports of LA and Long Beach, inclusion of community voices and health concerns related to the proposed 710 freeway expansion, and efforts to ensure equitable access to quality health education and care resulting from air pollution through LBACA’s Asthma Intervention health promotora model. Sylvia is a graduate of UCLA, and adoring mama to 6 year old Joaquin!

**Solutionary Rail - Rail Electrification as an Intersection Just Transition Strategy**

**Bill Moyer,** See biography above

**Diane Wittner**

Diane Wittner is the producer of Solutionary Perspectives, an interview series examining the perspectives of Solutionary Rail stakeholders and allies. Previously, she worked at Backbone Campaign as co-host/producer of a progressive shadow cabinet podcast. With three decades of experience as an educator, artist and activist, Diane also experiments with non fossil-fuel transport, and is a fan of trains. She was a behind-the-scenes United Workers/Free Your Voice member in their successful campaign at preventing a new incinerator in Baltimore, and is the owner of a zero-waste business.

**Breaking the Fourth Wall: Brownfields to Healthfields in Action**

**Suzi Ruhl, Environmental Protection Agency**

B. Suzi Ruhl is currently Senior Attorney Advisor for the US EPA Office of Environmental Justice. She also serves as Co-Chair of the Rural Communities Committee and is the Immediate Past Co-chair of the National Environmental Policy Act Committee of the Federal Interagency Working Group
on Environmental Justice. She has served as Co-Chair of Team-EJ of the HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities. In this capacity, she works to integrate environmental justice in agency decision-making, supports community based action, and fosters administration wide action that promotes healthy, equitable, resilient and sustainable communities for overburdened and underserved populations. She is also an Assistant Clinical Professor at the Yale School of Medicine, Child Study Center.

Stan Buzzelle, Environmental Protection Agency
Stan Buzzelle is an Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Environmental Justice at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Stan works primarily on environmental justice issues concerning the National Environmental Policy Act and issues related to the commercial transportation of freight (goods movement). Stan also serves as co-chair of the Goods Movement Committee for the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice. Stan has a J.D. from Barry University School of Law, and an LL.M. from The George Washington University Law School.

Pauline Louie, Housing and Urban Development
As the Urban Waters Los Angeles River Watershed Ambassador, Pauline Louie coordinates a partnership to facilitate revitalization projects on the Los Angeles River. Currently supported by the USEPA, she comes to the role from the US Department of HUD, where for over 16 years she was a liaison on sustainability, housing, community and economic development. Prior to federal service, Pauline consulted on redevelopment and BRAC reuse for Keyser Marston Associates, Inc., and was a Contracts and Grants Administrator for the University of California. She attended UCLA for a BA in Political Science, BA in Geography/ Environmental Studies, and her MA in Urban Planning, with a focus on environmental and transportation planning. Pauline has also completed an executive program in Community Building at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Lori Gay, Neighborhood Housing Services
Lori R. Gay is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Los Angeles County, a nonprofit lender, developer, and neighborhood revitalization corporation. She has worked in the community development field for over 20 years, and has focused her efforts on rebuilding impoverished communities and creating mechanisms for community empowerment and ownership. She is a board member of the National NeighborWorks® Association and a member of the FDIC’s Alliance for Economic Inclusion Steering Committee. Mrs. Gay has worked for NHS since 1990, holds an MBA degree from Pepperdine University and a BS degree in Development, Resource and Consumer Economics from the University of California at Davis.

Lynda Arakelian, Redhorse Corporation
Lynda Arakelian, Environmental & Sustainability Manager, is a project and program manager who has worked for many years on data-driven environmental research projects to inform public policy. She is
currently an Environmental & Sustainability Manager with Redhorse Corporation, where she provides support to federal agencies on natural resources management, sustainable building practices, environmental security, and cleanup of contaminated properties in disadvantaged communities. Lynda previously served as Director of Grants & Project Management with the Environmental Working Group in Washington, D.C., and as Communications & Monitoring Specialist with Chemonics in Beirut, Lebanon. She holds a B.A. in Ecological Studies from Seattle University, M.A. in International Affairs from American University, and M.A. in Natural Resources & Sustainable Development from the U.N. University for Peace.

Maryam Tansnif-Abbasi, Department of Toxic Substances Control
Maryam Tansnif-Abbasi’s eleven years with the Department of Toxic Substances Control has focused on community revitalization through the redevelopment of underutilized Brownfields properties. As the Southern California Brownfields Coordinator, she has facilitated agreements with developers, property owners and government agencies, leading to successful environmental restoration and reuse. Her role as a Project Manager is focused on fast-paced redevelopment with time-sensitive schedules. Additionally, Ms. Tansnif-Abbasi coordinates the State Response Program Grant, which provides funding to government agencies and nonprofits for Brownfields assessment and planning. Prior to DTSC, Ms. Tansnif-Abbasi was a Senior Project Manager at the Bechtel Corporation for twelve years, working with both military and private sector clients. Through Bechtel, Ms. Tansnif-Abbasi spent five years as a Regional Project Manager for the Chevron Environmental Management Company.

Francisco Dóñez, Environmental Protection Agency
Francisco works in the Technology and Partnerships Office at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9, and is based in Los Angeles. He leads the Ports, Marine, and Locomotive Sector Workgroups for the West Coast Collaborative, a partnership to reduce emissions from heavy duty diesel engines. He is also the lead staff person for EPA Region 9’s engagement with the Moving Forward Network. Francisco has a Mechanical Engineering degree from MIT, a Public Policy degree from Georgia Tech, and a Ph.D. from the Energy and Resources Group at the University of California, Berkeley.

Ignacio Dayrit, Center for Creative Land Recycling
Ignacio is the Director of Programs and coordinates CCLR’s technical assistance program for redevelopment projects. Ignacio is a redevelopment expert having spent 20 years with the City of Emeryville’s Redevelopment Agency, where he was responsible for the city’s Brownfield Program. He has over 25 years of experience in public sector development including: community participation, training, fiscal and financial analysis, public debt financing, feasibility analyses, and urban design. Ignacio was instrumental in the City’s redevelopment of hundreds of acres of blighted property.
Richard Mabion, See biography above
Kim Gaddy, See biography above
Jessica Prieto, See biography above

Screening Tools, Public Health Data and Goods Movement

Walker Wieland, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
Walker is a Research Scientist with the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment. He has been working on CalEnviroScreen for six years, and specializes in geographic information systems (GIS) and trainings on how to use the tool.

Daniel Madrigal, California Environmental Health Tracking Program
Daniel is a health educator with the California Environmental Health Tracking Program where he works to make environmental health information accessible and practical for the people of California.

Chuck Swanson, Environmental Protection Agency Region 9
Chuck has worked at U.S EPA Region 9 since 2003. He is the Region's lead for EJSCREEN, EPA's environmental justice screening tool. In his role in Region 9's Enforcement Division, he analyzes data and develops tools and approaches to plan and target the Region's compliance and enforcement work. Chuck previously was a member of EPA's EJ team where he played a leading role in advising the national development of EJSCREEN and in training internal and external audiences on the use of EJSCREEN.

Gaining Media Attention: Identifying and Pitching Your Story

Ira Arlook, Fenton Communications
Ira Arlook is Fenton's Chief of Advocacy Campaigns. He's led Fenton's work on campaigns for organizations battling sweatshops abroad, the invasion of Iraq, support of President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran, an end to toxic diesel emissions from container trucks serving all of America's sea and inland ports, and many others. Prior to joining Fenton, Ira worked in the nonprofit sector for more than two decades, with a strong emphasis on issues of social and economic justice. He serves on the board of the Public Defender Service of Washington, DC.
Youth and Community Based Research

**Floridalma Boj Lopez**
Floridalma Boj Lopez is Maya K’iche’ and traces her family’s migration from Quetzaltenango (Xela), to Guatemala City and South Central Los Angeles. She is now raising a family in East Los Angeles and has been a member of East Yard for four years. Flori received a PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity at the University of Southern California and her research focuses on Guatemalan Mayan community in Los Angeles.

**Andrea Luna**
Andrea Luna is a first-generation junior transfer student, majoring in Society and the Environment at the University of California, Berkeley. She is originally from Southeast Los Angeles, where she experienced the intersections of environmental injustices that impact her community. She has worked with organizations in Los Angeles working towards environmental justice. She is passionate about environmental justice, food justice, and human health.

**B. Iris Verduzco**
B. Iris Verduzco is a first generation student, finalizing her undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California majoring in Law, History, and Culture with a minor in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. She is a resident of the city of South Gate where her interest for environmental and social justice issues were nurtured by the organizations Communities for a Better Environment, California Fund for Youth Organizing and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice where she has actively participated as a community member and youth organizer. The work that Iris contributes to in academic settings as a Norman Topping Scholar, HSBC Research Fellow, Ronald E. McNair Scholar and Gateway Scholar is one that is inspired and reflective of the narratives present in southeast Los Angeles.

**Storytelling For Your Advocacy Work**

**Genevieve Erin O’Brien** is a Queer mixer race Vietnamese/Irish/German/American women. She is an artist, filmmaker, an organizer, a cook/private chef, and an educator who lives and works in Los Angeles. O’Brien has spent 20+ years working with and organizing in communities for social justice. She was a founding member of Arts in Action, a Los Angeles political art collective and has worked for CFJ, APALA, UCLA, Labor Center, where she coordinated the Summer Internship Program. She holds an MFA in Performance from the School of Art Institute of Chicago. O’Brien was a Fulbright Fellow in Vietnam, a recipient of the Department of Cultural Affairs, City of Los Angeles and Center for Cultural Innovation’s Creative Economic Development Fund. In 2016 she to Hanoi, Vietnam as a US Dept. of State/ZERO1 American Arts Incubator Artist for a project highlighting LGBTQ visibility.
and equality. Her newest work More that Love in the Horizon: West Coast Remix and Sugar Rebels were recently commissioned and presented by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center.

Mariana Mendoza, Trainer, Center for Storybased Strategy
Mariana grew up in the class-divided, ironic Mexico City. She became involved in environmental and social justice campaigns in Mexico and moved to Los Angeles, CA to pursue a Masters in Urban Sustainability. For the last two plus years, Mariana has been working with Enlace, facilitating capacity building and organizing training for grassroots organizations and womxn in Mexico and in the U.S., organizing to fight against the corporate for-profit in criminalization immigrants and people of color with the Prison Divestment Campaign and advocating for reinvestment in community solutions. She worked to develop curriculum and programming to launch Enlaces Womxn Rise Fellows Program. Mariana undertook original research on the rise of private prison in Mexico and the increasing influence of the private prison industry in Los Angeles, sparking efforts to cancel private contracts for detention, jails, and reentry facilities in the Los Angeles area. Mariana strongly believes in the power of communities for sustainability and self-determination.

Using Your Political Power to Get The Change You Seek

Amy Goldsmith, Coalition for Healthy Ports
Amy is the Chair of the Coalition for Healthy Ports (NYNJ) and NJ State Director of Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund. Almost 40 years of organizing, coalition building and voter engagement experience at the community, state and national levels on a wide range of environmental issues.

Environmental Justice, Climate, and Development: Perspectives from Funders

David Fukuzawa, The Kresge Foundation
A Yale University graduate, David also holds a master of divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a master of science in administration degree from Central Michigan University. David joined Kresge in 2000 and has served as a program officer and senior program officer. Presently he is managing director of Kresge’s Health and Human Services Programs, has more than 20 years of experience in philanthropy, with a special focus on children and youth.

Bill Gallegos, Building Equity and Alignment for Impact (BEA) Initiative
Bill Gallegos is an environmental justice activist and leader. For eight years he served as executive director of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), one of the leading environmental justice organizations in the US. In 2011, CBE prevented Chevron oil from building a major refinery project in Richmond, California that would have enabled them to refine dirtier grades of crude oil. Bill was the recipient of the Liberty Hill Foundation’s Changemaker of the Year award, and has been recognized by the LA Weekly as one of Los Angeles’ community leaders. Bill is a founding participant of Building Equity and Alignment for Impact (BEA-I).
Jumana Vasi, Consultant
Jumana Vasi helps nonprofit clients design programs and strategies to take advantage of, and respond to, current political, social, and economic realities. She is currently advising the Building Equity and Alignment for Impact and Midwest Environmental Justice Network. These are national and regional networks of community-based organizations working to improve coordination and increase resources for solving environmental problems in ways that also reduce racial and economic injustices. She is also working with the U.S. Water Alliance to research and develop a paper connecting the dots between water management, climate change, and equitable outcomes. Jumana previously worked for eight years as a program officer in the C. S. Mott Foundation’s Environment Program. In response to the drinking water crisis in Flint, Jumana developed a new grantmaking area to help communities deliver safe, affordable, and efficient water services to all residents.

Martha Matsuoka, Urban & Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College (Moderator)
See biography above

How to Submit Comment Letters on Project Environmental Impact Reports: Tips and Strategies

Jesse N. Marquez, Coalition For A Safe Environment, See biography above

Day 2 Closing plenary: The Power In Unity: Movement Forward

See biographies above
Angela Adrar, Executive Director of Climate Justice Alliance
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Kim Wasserman-Nieto, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization
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