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Welcome to the 2014 Our Power National Convening in Richmond!

As we approach the 2-year anniversary of the Chevron refinery explosion that sent 15,000 people to seek medical care, we are in full organizing mode challenging the extractive economy – multiple refinery projects in the region, growing crude-by-rail, and expanding port infrastructure. Ironically, many people think of the Bay Area as the epicenter of green, not realizing that we have our own toxic Oil Alley: home to the largest source of greenhouse gas pollution in the state, higher rates of asthma & cancer, and a growing web of dangerous pipelines and rail lines.

In the one hour that we will spend welcoming people at the start of this program, Chevron will make $3.3 million in profit. From Peres Elementary School, we can see the storage tanks that house this liquid gold, generated at the expense of the majority working class people of color who live on the frontlines.

Richmond and our neighboring communities in the region are fighting to replace the toxic Oil Alley with Our Power. Richmond is the first majority people of color community in the nation to have Community Choice Energy that will foster creation of local renewable energy projects. The city also has a growing and robust urban agriculture and workers cooperative movement.

We are incredibly excited to host the Our Power National Convening and to welcome all of you in joining us as we build local living economies that reclaim our energy, our democracy, and our work. Together we can begin a transition away from fossil fuels and towards community clean energy, good jobs, and thriving healthy communities.

Power without Pollution, Communities United for a Just Transition!


*Members of the Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition
FROM OIL ALLEY TO OUR POWER: RICHMOND UNITED FOR A JUST TRANSITION

Richmond is a working class, and predominantly people of color community impacted by decades of environmental pollution and economic divestment. It is one of a growing number of “Our Power Communities” and home to a 3,000 acre Chevron oil refinery — one of the largest stationary greenhouse gas emitters in the State of California, causing profound cumulative health impacts, such as asthma, respiratory illnesses, and cancer affecting kids and families. Nearly 80% of people living within one mile of the Chevron refinery are people of color, and the majority is working class. So it comes as no surprise that Chevron’s strategy has been to divide these communities – pitting workers against communities of color, prospective jobs against community health. For over a hundred years, Chevron has not only polluted Richmond’s air, but also polluted its democracy by spending millions of dollars in local elections and manipulating the community with misleading advertising.

In the shadow of Chevron’s pollution, Richmond community members are on the frontlines of challenging a pollution-based economy. Our grassroots environmental justice community built organizing power and filed a lawsuit in 2009 that halted the expansion of Chevron’s dirty energy project, resulting in preventing nearly 1 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions. In 2012, we were the first responders in the aftermath of the Chevron refinery explosion, fighting for worker & community safety.

Currently, we are continuing to challenge the extractive economy on multiple fronts. Recently, we sued Kinder Morgan and the regional air district for allowing shipments of highly flammable Bakken crude oil by rail to a railyard that sits near an elementary school. We are organizing for worker safety and community health protections in Chevron’s proposed changes to the refinery, in the face of hundreds of thousands of dollars spent by Chevron on public relations to sell a project that would emit more than 700,000 tons of greenhouse gases and increase toxic air contaminants. All of this is happening in the context of a major election year in Richmond, with five of seven City Council seats up for election and Chevron having a history of spending millions to influence local, regional, and state politics.

At the heart of our movement are Richmond community members who are leaders of this struggle. As a diverse and progressive community, we have been resisting fossil fuel companies and the extractive economy for generations. Richmond’s progressive and working class community, with the Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition, is leading the way to building a just and sustainable city that will improve the health and quality of life for all Richmond residents. We must divest from unsustainable fossil fuel energy, corporate power, and the focus on profits at the expense of people. Instead, we can transform Richmond by investing in jobs & the economy, health, and safety, strengthening our communities, and acting on climate change. We must restore democratic participation in transitioning to an economy with quality jobs that support families while meeting our needs for safe housing, clean water, healthy food, inspiring education, long-lasting goods, and meaningful work. Richmond is leading the way for a just transition – getting to work developing local living economies that foster community resilience. This is a critical time to organize, inform, and educate the Richmond community, region and the nation; and the Our Power Convening is a place to catalyze our vision for a Just Transition.
The 2014 Our Power National Convening is hosted by the Richmond Environmental Justice Coalition (REJC), along with the Climate Justice Alliance (CJA). The Our Power Campaign is a growing national movement working to build interconnected power bases of impacted communities across the US to end the era of extreme energy and implement a Just Transition to local living economies. This convening has a special focus on bringing together frontline communities impacted by fossil fuel infrastructure projects like crude and coal by rail, refinery expansions and pipelines, while centering on community-led, solution-oriented just transition strategies.

The 2014 Our Power National Convening will unite local and national frontline communities, community-based organizations, environmentalists, labor unions, climate activists, food justice groups, and allies to advance a Just Transition strategy that serves our communities, heals the planet, empowers the people, and improves our quality of life. Just Transition is the pathway from a pollution-based extractive economy (exploitive of labor and dependent on energy like nuclear, fracking, and dirty Tar Sands oil) to implementing a strategy to build local living economies that are environmentally grounded, produce community well-being, democratize decision-making, and promote local control of resources (including land, water, and food systems).

The 2014 Our Power National Convening seeks to:

- Highlight and build the Our Power Campaign in Richmond
- Strategize across frontline communities impacted by fossil fuels and the extractive economy
- Build relationships to deepen and expand the Our Power Campaign locally in Richmond and nationally
- Expand the Our Power base of supporters locally, nationally, and internationally
- Grow grassroots knowledge and build skills to WIN

BUILD OUR POWER ONLINE!

While you’re here, make sure you’re connected to Our Power Campaign’s social media accounts:

- Twitter: @CJAOurPower
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/ourpowercampaign
- Instagram: Our_Power_Campaign

And be sure to tag #OurPowerRichmond2014!

Additional hashtags we’ll be using:

- #OurPower
- #JustTransition
- #PowerWithoutPollution
- #ItTakesRoots
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Art & Culture Build for the Day of Action continues in Kindergarten 1
SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTIONS OF
PLENARIES, WORKSHOPS AND STRATEGY SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6 ➤ VISION, FRAMING AND BUILDING

WELCOME AND OPENING
Location: Auditorium • Time: 9 - 10:30AM

Masters of Ceremony: Vivian Yi Huang, Asian Pacific Environmental Network and Diana Lopez, Southwest Workers Union.

Richmond, California and the Climate Justice Alliance will provide a warm welcome to start off the Our Power National Convening, featuring an Ohlone Welcome, Laotian Drummers, Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin, and Richmond artist and poet, Donte Clark of Raw Talent.

PLENARY: VISIONS OF TRANSITION
Location: Auditorium • Time: 10:30AM - 12:30PM

As the face of the environmental and climate justice movement, we are leading the way in creating solutions for a Just Transition. This plenary will make the connections of how the concept of Just Transition builds upon the historical struggles and victories of our movement and offers a vision for the future.

- Cindy Wiesner, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance
- Jihan Gearon, Black Mesa Water Coalition
- José T. Bravo, Just Transition Alliance
- Lipo Chanthanasak, Asian Pacific Environmental Network
- Pam Tau Lee, First and Second National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summits (contributor) and Jobs with Justice (member)
- Antonio Díaz, People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights

Throughout the convening, please share your ideas, thoughts, visions, and principles of Just Transition on the “Living Wall of Just Transition,” here at the Our Power Convening. A CJA working group will be drawing from these to craft the principles that make Just Transition real in our dreams and on the ground!
WORKSHOPS SESSION 1 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
TIME: 2:00–3:30PM

OUR POWER ORIENTATION
Location: Room 1
Led by Our Power Campaign member organizations and campaign staff.

This session is for grassroots organizations and allies interested in joining the campaign. Learn about the Our Power Campaign, the vision and strategies for Just Transition, and the nuts and bolts of engaging the campaign – from becoming an Our Power Community to supporting existing communities.

CLIMATE, ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
Location: Room 2
Presenters: Carla M. Perez, Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project; Armael Malinis, National Alliance for Filipino Concerns and Movement Generation.

In this interactive workshop, we explore the root causes and impacts of ecological disruption, with an emphasis on the role of racial and economic injustice; and the real solutions we need. We will also discuss the history and principles of Environmental Justice as a foundation for the Climate Justice movement.

ENERGY DEMOCRACY
Location: Room 3
Facilitated by Local Clean Energy Alliance and Center for Social Inclusion.

This workshop brings together a broad set of organizations for discussions on energy democracy, which sees resistance to the corporate energy agenda as a struggle for social and economic justice, community health, resilience, and empowerment. This struggle is not simply to decarbonize the economy, but to transform it to a new, equitable, ecologically-sound, life-affirming economic system. This transformation involves restructuring the energy system toward decentralized renewable energy development, where energy resources are under community control and ownership. In this session, workshop participants will engage with each other on issues of energy democracy: such as worker’s rights, community control and ownership of energy resources, and vehicles such as Community Choice energy, that can move control of energy from the investor-owned utilities into the public sector, to help move us towards a more democratic energy future.

BUILDING LABOR–COMMUNITY UNITY FOR A JUST TRANSITION
Location: Room 4
Presenters: Bill Gallegos, Communities for a Better Environment and Miya Yoshitani, Asian Pacific Environmental Network.

Jobs vs. The Environment: the myth that divides our movements. This workshop will directly address this false contradiction, one that divides the environmental justice and labor movements.
This workshop will help us understand the systemic causes of the problems facing both movements, share experiences in building unity, and help us create a response that shows how protecting the environment and public health is the BEST way to revitalize our economy.

**COOPERATIVES: CREATING COMMUNITY WEALTH**

**Location:** Room 5  
**Presenters:** Sustainable Economies Law Center and Cooperation Jackson.

Learn about the principles of cooperative economics and how movement muscle is being applied towards creating resilient, community controlled economics, from Jackson, MS to the Bay.

**BUILDING BROAD ALLIANCES FOR JUST TRANSITION**

**Location:** Room K3  
**Presenters:** Kalila Barnett, Alternatives for Community and Environment; Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy; Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.

Central to the success of any Just Transition strategy must be building a broad alliance across organizations, organizing models, structures, and sectors. No one group or one sector can lead the transition alone. Building on the experience of Just Transition campaigns and efforts in Boston, Kentucky and the Gulf Coast, engage in a conversation about how to build broad alliances, what are the challenges and strategies to overcome them.

**IT TAKES ROOTS TO WEATHER THE STORM: YOUTH LEADERSHIP ON THE FRONTLINES**

**Location:** Room 6

This workshop is for and about young leaders from across the country who are on the frontlines of building a just transition in their communities/barrios/hoods. The workshop will include young people telling their stories of leadership, interactive activities, and chances to meet & build solidarity with other youth/young people in the movement.

**RICHMOND REGIONAL EJ TOUR**

**Location:** Meet outside Peres Elementary School, 719 5th St., Richmond, CA  
**NOTE:** This will be a double session and will run from 2pm till 5:30pm - Space limited to 40 people.  
**Led by Andrés Soto, Communities for a Better Environment.**

The tour will combine examples of both the toxic legacy and the new commitment to sustainability in Richmond, mixed with strong doses of local history and Richmond’s place in the world economy. We will leave from Peres Elementary School and end at Civic Center Plaza to join the Vigil commemorating the 2nd Anniversary of the Chevron Fire on August 6th, 2012.
WORKSHOPS SESSION 2 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
TIME: 4–5:30PM

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR UNION ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE
Location: Room 1
Facilitated by Brooke Anderson, Movement Generation; and Ananda Lee Tan, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives.

This session is a conversation for union members and leaders about the impact of climate disruption on workers and the economy, and the role of labor in leading a just transition. We will share curricula and resources available to lead a conversation within your union about climate change. Open to union and community folks alike.

BLACK TO THE LAND: BLACK POWER, FOOD AND LAND
Location: Room 2
Presenters: Doria Robinson, Urban Tilth; Zachary Xavier Murray; Kelly Carlisle, Acta Non Verba Farm; Gail Myers and Will Scott, Farms to Grow; Full Harvest Farm; and AfroEco.

Explore the intersection of black power and food sovereignty, with a specific emphasis on the urban context and Urban-Rural alliance building. Looking at the history of black-land projects and movements, as well as current organizing efforts, locally and beyond.

MAPPING OUR FUTURE YOUTH WORKSHOP
Location: Room 3
Presenters: Bay Localize, People Organized for Environmental and Economic Rights, and Youth United for Community Action.

Learn about a collaboration that is co-developing a program for youth leaders to identify community resilience assets, learn about GIS mapping from urban planning mentors, develop resilience policy recommendations for their local cities and counties, and advocate to get them implemented. In this interactive workshop we’ll share some of the processes we’re developing, and discuss how they could be useful for other groups.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WORKER COOPERATIVES
Location: Room 4
Facilitated by: Sustainable Economies Law Center; and featuring members of worker-owned cooperatives.

In this session we’ll learn from active members of worker cooperatives and cooperative support organizations on the nuts-and-bolts of being cooperators, how to get along when we organize our work outside the boss.
ENERGY FINANCING
Location: Room K3
Presenters include: Chris Woolery, Mountain Association for Community Economic Development; and Mari Rose Taruc, Asian Pacific Environmental Network.

Financing the Future: Investing in local efficiency and clean energy projects. This session will explore how we finance local, efficiency and clean energy projects that will not only create clean energy, but help spur and drive a healthy and vibrant economy. In this session participants will engage with presenters for a conversation on how to seek public dollars to finance community projects, capacity and leverage other forms of capital. Furthermore, the participants will learn about policy ideas and opportunities to make this possible including Energy Investment Districts, PACE, cooperative financing and more.

WATER RIGHTS AND CLIMATE JUSTICE
Location: Room 5
Presenters: Colin Bailey, California Environmental Justice Water Coalition; Sara Mersha, Grassroots International; Black Mesa Water Coalition.

Climate change and privatization are two threats to our source of life - water. This session will explore the impact of climate change and privatization on our use and access to water, the implications these challenges have to our water rights and the models and examples of communities standing up to create community-scale models for change and protecting the water from environmental harm and corporate degradation. Additionally, the session will identify policy, organizing, and narrative strategies needed to change the story.

TRANSIT JUSTICE FOR A CLIMATE-SUSTAINABLE FUTURE
Location: Room 6
Presenters: LA Bus Riders Union’s “No Cars in LA” campaign, the work of the Boston T-Riders Union.

Transit justice begins with protecting the human and civil rights of the transit-dependent, majority Black, Latino and Asian Pacific Islander working classes, but it is also a lynchpin in the fight for climate and environmental justice. Investment in affordable and accessible mass transit is a key strategy to reduce toxic pollution, promote public health, create and protect real green jobs, and massively reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

It can challenge the single passenger auto as the dominant form of transportation, meet the needs of the transit-dependent, and catalyze the transformation of our cities. Yet transit policy is also a forum for the promotion of false solutions that serve the privatizing, polluting and policing agenda of corporate and political elites.
COMMUNITY VIGIL
Commemorating the 2-Year Anniversary of the Chevron Fire & Explosion
Location: 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond  •  Time: 6PM-8PM

On August 6, 2012, the Chevron refinery exploded, sending a huge black plume of smoke into the sky. Nineteen workers narrowly escaped injury, and 15,000 people sought medical care. Join community members as they tell their stories about the devastation that the refinery has had on their lives.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7  ▶  SOLUTIONS, STRATEGIES, SKILLS

PLENARY: WHAT WILL IT TAKE?
STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS FOR JUST TRANSITION
Location: Auditorium  •  Time: 9 - 10:30AM

If we want life-giving and sustaining communities and a healthy planet, the solution to the climate crisis cannot focus on carbon reduction alone. It must tackle the roots of an extractive economy that exploits workers, communities and nature, and that benefits the few at the cost of the many. To do this, we must reframe the climate struggle as an economic one, and we must build a powerful movement with creative strategies to win true transformative change. We must organize across the climate, environmental, economic and racial justice movements, across sectors of the economy and across local, state and national boundaries.

• Sara Pennington, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
• Doria Robinson, Urban Tilth
• Miya Yoshitani, Asian Pacific Environmental Network
• Brendan Smith, Labor Network for Sustainability
• Ana Manuela de Jesus Chã, Landless Workers Movement (MST)
• Ananda Lee Tan, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives
• Arsenio Mataka, California Environmental Protection Agency
• Michael Leon Guerrero, Climate Justice Alliance Our Power Campaign

REGIONAL BREAKOUTS
Time: 9 - 10:30AM

The regional breakouts will continue conversation sparked by the plenary at the local level.
OUR POWER ORIENTATION
Location: Room 4
Led by Our Power Campaign member organizations and campaign staff.

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STORIES OF VICTORY AND TRANSFORMATION:
LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BELLY OF THE DIG, BURN, DUMP ECONOMY
Location: Room 2
Presenters: Ironbound Community Corporation, CERO Cooperative, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives

Grassroots organizers fighting incinerators across the country are working to protect health and the environment and to democratize economies and control of resources. Learn about lessons from community organizing for a just transition from the bottom up. You will be invited to share your own stories and join the discussion.

SEEDING THE GROUND: SOVEREIGNTY, DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE IN OUR FOOD SYSTEM
Location: Room 3
Featuring: Tania Pulido, Urban Tilth; Roberto Nutlouis, Black Mesa Water Coalition; Navinna Khanna, Movement Strategy Center; Anthony Giancatarino, Center for Social Inclusion.

The US industrial food system, controlled by a handful of multinational corporations, accounts for over 1/3 of greenhouse gases, and employs 20 million people from field to plate. But small farmers and community food systems can cool the planet. A just transition to a new economy will be rooted in respect for the land, dignity of workers, the celebration of community – and food that truly nourishes people and the planet. This workshop will explore strategies at various scales to create policy and culture change for local, living, loving, linked food economies.

FOSSIL FUEL DIVESTMENT FOR MOVEMENT BUILDING
Location: Room 4
Facilitated by: Deirdre Smith, 350.org; Greta Neubauer, Student Divestment Organizer; Iliana Salazar-Dodge, Student Divestment Organizer; Lex Barlowe, Student Divestment Organizer

This workshop will introduce non-students to the fossil fuel divestment movement. We will talk about the reasoning behind using divestment as a political tactic while also discussing the history
and current state of the movement. Lastly, we will articulate how reinvestment in just transition will broaden and deepen our campaign by allowing us to join in solidarity with frontline and grassroots groups.

**DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT, HOUSING RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE**

*Location:* Room 5  
*Presenters include:* Causa Justa::Just Cause and Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, Richmond

As the economic crisis worsens and working-class people are left without work, services are being cut and foreclosed homes are left vacant, our fight for housing and justice needs to be even stronger, with bolder demands. Group across the country are working with local partners and city and state officials to implement strategies that fights against displacement, demand tenant rights protections, force Big banks to modify home loans; getting cities to implement the state law that allows them to collect fines on banks and other property owners who fail to maintain vacant properties, and model local projects like community land trusts and benefits agreements that will rebuild our neighborhoods.

**UNDOING BORDERS: CLIMATE JUSTICE AND IMMIGRANT RIGHTS**

*Location:* Room 6  
*Presenters include:* Colin Rajah, Global Coalition on Migration and National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

This workshop explores the importance of intersectional analysis between climate justice and immigrant rights movements. The issues surrounding climate change provide some answers as to the causes of migration globally and vice versa, and why it is not a disconnected occurrence. It is within the intersections, however, that we are able to unpack the root causes that transcend these issues. Consequently, we can begin to dismantle the systems of oppression that are perpetuating and exacerbating the social, economic, and environmental issues we face today.

**LOCAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING**

*Location:* Room 7  
*Presenters include:* Christina Medina-Martin, Oakland Climate Action Coalition; Nile Malloy, Communities for a Better Environment; and Margaret Gordon, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project

Energy and Climate Action Planning at the local level creates a powerful opportunity to build multi-sectoral climate justice agendas in cities and towns across the country; asserting local democracy and regional planning. Transit, housing, land-use, local food systems, adaptation & resilience, clean energy; all fall within the ECAP framework. Learn about successful campaigns as well as challenges.
RIGHTS OF NATURE AND PEOPLE POWER  
**Location:** Room 23  

The basis of any revolution is the assertion of new rights or rights denied. Learn how Rights of Nature are being used at the local level to stop corporate abuses and destructive practices such as hydro-fracking.

NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION TRAINING  
**Location:** Room K3  
*Facilitated by The Ruckus Society ([www.ruckus.org](http://www.ruckus.org))*

This training provides an interactive introduction to Nonviolent Direct Action and Civil Disobedience. Participants identify the benefits of using NVDA, explore what makes an action effective and how it applies to your campaigns and organizing work in frontline communities.

WORKSHOPS SESSION 4- THURSDAY, AUGUST 7  
**TIME:** 4–5:30PM

NON-EXTRACTIVE FINANCE AND REINVESTMENT  
**Location:** Room 1  
*Presenters include: Black Mesa Water Coalition, Cooperation Jackson, Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project and The Working World.*

As the fossil fuel divestment movement takes off, where the money goes matters. Will it go back into the “banks and tanks” economy, or will it support community-based, cooperative development that transforms the economy? Learn about a radical approach to financing Just Transition that puts power and resources in the hands of the people.

WINNING THE BATTLE OF THE STORY FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE  
**Location:** Room K3  
*Presenters: Center for Story-based Strategy ([www.storybasedstrategy.org](http://www.storybasedstrategy.org))*

The power of stories shapes our understanding of the world around us. When it comes to this work, telling the story about the need for communities and community-rooted solutions at the center of solving the climate and economic crises is not easy. Our efforts as organizers, advocates and communicators require an understanding of how to win the “Battle of the Story” for public opinion. Center for Story-based Strategy ([www.storybasedstrategy.org](http://www.storybasedstrategy.org)) will cover the fundamentals of story-based strategy: framing, memes, elements of story, and narrative power analysis, with an eye towards climate justice.
PRICE PRESSURE: CARBON TRADING, TAX, DIVIDEND AND INVESTMENTS
Location: Room 2
Presenters: Vien Truong of Greenlining, Marybelle Nzegwu of Public Advocates, Bill Gallegos of Communities for a Better Environment, Jeff Conant of Friends of the Earth, Mari Rose Taruc of APEN.

The ‘Polluters Pay’ principle is complicated by putting a price on carbon emissions. Hear about state experiments on carbon trading (“Cap and Trade”), carbon tax, cap and dividend, and climate investments in communities. Check out our tool-belt of lawsuits, legislation, regulation and organizing.

CAN WE VOTE OUR WAY TO A JUST TRANSITION?
Location: Room 3
Presenters: Malcolm Amado Uno, Asian Pacific Environmental Network; Mike Parker and Marilyn Langlois, Richmond Progressive Alliance; Esperanza Tervalon-Daumont, Oakland Rising; Juan Reynoso, Southwest Organizing Project.

Frontline communities have developed sophisticated civic engagement strategies to fight for a Just Transition at the polls. This workshop profiles organizations that have successfully deployed electoral & grassroots organizing tactics to strengthen and expand democracy at the local, regional and state level.

DISASTER COLLECTIVISMS: PEOPLES’ RESPONSES TO CLIMATE DISRUPTION
Location: Room 4
Presenters: National Alliance for Filipino Concerns; Helena Wong, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance (formerly of CAAAV); Colette Pichon Battle, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy

As climate disruptions wreaks havoc on communities, creating acute crises and economic disruptions, corrupt governments, “relief agencies,” and disaster capitalists mobilize to make the most of the suffering. But even if they have the best of intentions, these outside forces cannot effectively respond to peoples’ real needs. Social movements have been building people-powered responses that directly respond to peoples’ needs, build power and connect the crisis to its causes. From the Philippines to the Gulf Coast to Sandy and beyond, “Disaster Collectivism,” is proving the right response to climate shocks.

ZERO WASTE IN THE JUST TRANSITION: VIRTUAL TOURS AND EMERGENT MODELS
Location: Room 5
Virtual tour includes: CERO Cooperative, International Longshore and Wherehouse Union Local 6, Recology and others.

Virtual tours from a range of exciting models for Just Transitions through zero waste systems, including nonprofit operations, employee-owned companies, workers organizing at a multinational corporation’s recycling facility, and cooperatives.
INTERNATIONALIST PERSPECTIVES ON CLIMATE JUSTICE AND JUST TRANSITION
Location: Room 6
Presenters: Mithika Mwenda, Pan African Climate Justice Alliance; Ana Manuela de Jesus Chã, Landless Workers Movement (MST), Brazil; Dipti Bhatnagar, Friends of the Earth Mozambique; and moderated by Cindy Wiesner, Grassroots Global Justice Alliance

Fundamental system change that takes on the triple crisis of economy, ecology and empire will be led by internationalist social movements rooted in the Global South, Indigenous Communities and Peasant Struggle. Within the US grassroots social movement, we must take inspiration and leadership from our comrades in the Global South and coordinate our strategies. Hear from a panel of international partners on campaigns, strategies and movement building opportunities across the globe. Hear their perspective on our role in the US context, and what we can do together to build an economy for life.

SPIRIT–BASED ACTIVISM
Location: Room 7

Whether we see ourselves as stewards of God’s creation or tied in the network of mutuality (or both), our moral compasses point towards love and justice. Yet, many of us find it hard to maintain purpose and love in the midst of the horrors of injustice. Come hear a panel of local clergy & faith based community organizations and join the discussion about being centered, focused, and communal in our justice work.

RHYMES, RHYTHM, AND RESILIENCE: PERFORMANCE & OPEN MIC
CELEBRATING THE ARTIST WITHIN ALL OF US
TIME: 7PM
MC Will See, East Michigan Environmental Action Council and Detroit Recordings

Speak your truth, serenade with a song, show us some dance moves. The stage is open for anyone who wants to share art and culture!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 ➤ STRATEGY SESSIONS

OUR POWER STRATEGY SESSIONS
TIME: 9AM–5PM

The final day of the National Convening will be dedicated to discussion and development of strategy to advance Just Transition, building on the workshops and plenaries of the previous days. Participants can choose to join one of the concurrent strategy sessions:
• Organizing for the Next Economy Now Action Lab: Our Power Communities and Pilot Sites
• Ending the Extreme Energy Era
• Moving the Money: Divest/Invest Strategy
OUR POWER DAY OF ACTION: AUGUST 9TH, 2014

Held on the last day of the Our Power National Convening, the Day of Action will amplify the grassroots-led solutions of Richmond and other communities on the frontlines of energy injustice and social injustice. Communities are taking action to directly meet their needs by creating jobs that foster healthy communities, by building up the local economy through clean community power, local food systems, worker cooperatives and strengthened housing rights, while addressing pollution, health, and safety issues at the Chevron refinery and in the community.

OPENING CEREMONY & MARCH FOR A JUST TRANSITION
TIME: 9:30AM
Location: The Kinder Morgan Railyard Gate Entrance on South Garrard Blvd
Opposite the Garrard Commercial Center @ 144 South Garrard Blvd
*** FREE SHUTTLES PROVIDED FROM RICHMOND BART STATION starting at 8:30AM***

The day’s events will commence with an opening ceremony in collaboration with Idle No More and the Native American Health Center. We will highlight the toxic Oil Alley with the transport of crude oil by rail into the railyard and continued health & safety impacts of the Chevron refinery. We will ground ourselves by honoring the land we are on, illuminating the unjust and disproportionate impacts on frontline communities like Richmond posed by unjust extractive energy industry and corporate greed.

We will then march from the Kinder Morgan Railyard to the Richmond Greenway, celebrating the notion of a just transition away from dirty fossil fuels and corporate greed, to local living economies rooted in justice, sustainability and community resiliency.

“OUR POWER, OUR VOICES” – COMMUNITY SPEAK-OUT
TIME: 12:30PM
Location: Richmond Greenway – 16th St entrance (between Ohio & Chanslor Ave)

The march will arrive at the 16th street entrance of the Richmond Greenway where a community speak-out will be held, amplifying stories of resistance and resiliency of Richmond and other frontline communities at the junction of environmental, health, work and housing injustices. Community members of frontline communities and representatives from labor, health, housing, and environmental justice organizations will speak out about the climate crises facing our communities and share their visions of community resiliency and a just and sustainable Richmond.

“OUR POWER, OUR HARVEST” COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS FESTIVAL
& UNPLUG THE EMPIRE SOLAR-POWERED CONCERT
TIME: 2PM–5PM
Location: Richmond Greenway – 16th St. entrance (between Ohio & Chanslor Ave)

The festival will highlight demonstrations of community-led just transition strategies inspired and anchored by some of the local work in Richmond, including urban gardening, a bike clinic, a pop up health clinic for HIV testing, solar demonstrations & workshops, live mural painting, teach-ins, and live music by Richmond and Bay Area artists — all powered by the sun!
OUR POWER NATIONAL CONVENING
RICHMOND LOCATIONS

1. Kinder Morgan Railyard entrance, 144 Garrard Blvd.
   Start of March. Opening Ceremony for Aug. 9th Action

2. Peres Elementary School, 719 5th St.
   Location of Our Power National Convening

3. Bobby Bowens Progressive Center, 1021 MacDonald Ave.
   Aug. 5th 5-7pm Welcome & social for those arriving early from out of town.

4. Richmond Greenway, 16th St. Entrance
   Festival & Unplug The Empire Solar Concert. End of the Aug. 5th March.

5. Richmond BART Station, 1700 Nevin Ave, Richmond, CA

6. City of Richmond, Civic Center Plaza, 440 Civic Center Plaza.
   Aug. 6th Vigil to commemorate 2nd Anniversary of Chevron Fire.

7. Asian Pacific Environmental Network Richmond Office
   3727 Barrett Ave. Staging and storage area for August 9th Action.

8. Courtyard Richmond Berkeley, 3150 Garrity Way
   This is a non-union Marriott Hotel. The best we could do in Richmond, sadly. There are no union hotels in Richmond, CA.