

**#RISEFORCLIMATE**

**RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS, AND JUSTICE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH IN SAN FRANCISCO**

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## **SATURDAY, September 8th: Thousands to Join “Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice” March in San Francisco**

*Day starts with 9am press conference, followed by press availability. At 11am, thousands will march from the Embarcadero to Civic Center, where the march will conclude with a massive street mural and choir performance. Full details below.*

**[\\*\\*\\*Please RSVP for press credentials here\\*\\*\\*](#)**

### **WHAT:**

On September 8th, thousands will converge in San Francisco for the [“Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice” march](#), just days before the Global Climate Action Summit, demanding a phase-out of fossil fuel extraction and a just transition to a 100% renewable energy economy. Organizers are emphasizing community-led solutions, starting in places most impacted by pollution and

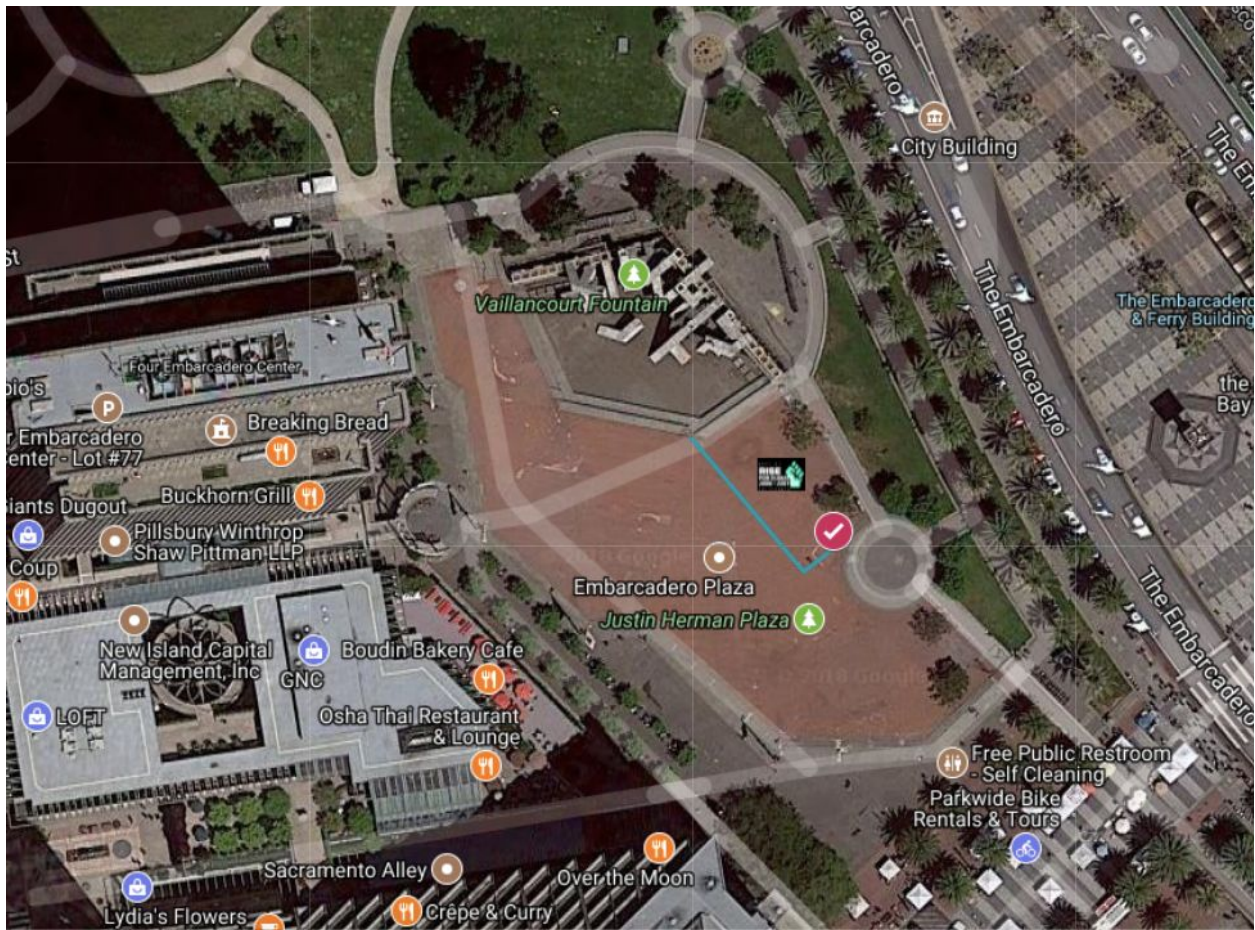
climate change. To start the day, lead organizers are holding a press conference, followed by press availability for an extended group of spokespeople representing the many contingents behind this global day of action.

The march will bring together people from across California, the U.S., and around the world, including those facing health impacts associated with oil & gas production, those recovering from the devastation of the state’s worsening wildfires, those working to resist the expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure, and those advocating for and building solutions to the climate crisis within their communities. Contingents include over 300 groups, including environmental and climate justice organizations, communities of faith, Indigenous-led groups, labor organizations, youth, and many more.

Concurrently, people around the world will join more than **800 events in 90 countries** under the “Rise for Climate” banner. In the U.S., **over 250 events are planned in all 50 states and Puerto Rico**. Find more information about events happening around the country [here](#).

**WHERE:**

**Press Conference:** Embarcadero Plaza, adjacent to the Vaillancourt Fountain. Map available here: <https://goo.gl/Vm2pRf>



**WHEN:**

Saturday, September 8th, 2018.

**TICK-TOCK:**

8:30-8:55 AM -- Press check-in

9:00-9:30 AM -- Press conference

9:30-10:30 AM -- Press availability for interviews with spokespeople

10:00 AM -- Marchers line up

11:00 AM -- March begins

1:00 PM -- March reaches Civic Center; street mural and choir performance

**WHO:**

More than 300 organizations have endorsed the march.

Speakers at the press conference will include:

- **Miya Yoshitani**, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)
- **Rudy Gonzalez**, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council
- **Mirian Cisneros**, President of the Kichwa people of Sarayaku, Ecuadorian Amazon
- **Sophia Benrud** of Black Visions Collective in Minnesota
- **Rev. Ambrose Carroll** from Green The Church
- **Saeng Chantanasak**, Richmond Member Leader, APEN; Our Power Richmond
- **Estela Escoto**, President of Committee for a Better Arvin
- **Juan Flores** of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment in Delano, CA

Additional spokespeople available for interviews after the press conference will include representatives from several coalitions, including the California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA), the Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN), the Global Grassroots Justice Alliance, and many more. Interviews available in English, Spanish, and Mandarin.

**TECH NOTES:**

**All media must RSVP for press credentials [here](#).** A sound splitter will be available for audio at the press conference.

**MARCH ROUTE:**

Starts from Embarcadero Plaza, down Market Street, ending at Civic Center. Map here:

<https://ca.riseforclimate.org/logistics/>



**ADDITIONAL MARCH DETAILS:** Thousands will march through the streets of San Francisco on September 8th, just days before the Global Climate Action Summit, demanding commitments from public officials to phase out fossil fuel extraction and being a transition to 100% renewable energy that centers racial and economic justice.

The march will step-off at 11am, traveling from the Embarcadero down Market Street to Civic Center. Indigenous peoples will lead the march, followed by dozens of contingents carrying signs, banners, and art created for the event. At Civic Center, there will be a Resource Fair alongside artists and volunteers creating the largest-scale street mural of all time using natural clay and charcoal from areas in California impacted by wildfires.



The mural, which is being coordinated by the Society of Fearless Grandmothers and the Climate Justice Mural Project, will be surrounded by the Thrive Street Choir and the Peace Poets who will lead the crowd in song. Please reach out for more information about the mural.

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS THE U.S. (All events on September 8 unless otherwise noted):**

- **In Miami, Florida** thousands will rally at a high-profile concert to call attention to the impacts of hurricanes and sea level rise on the city's communities, calling on Miami Mayor Francis Suarez to walk the talk on real climate leadership. Details [here](#).
- **In Puerto Rico**, 1,500 young people and their families will join together to urge the government to take bold and meaningful climate action, and motivating communities to initiate their own renewable energy projects. Community leaders in Ponce and Vega Baja are hosting events. More details [here](#).
- **In New Orleans, Louisiana** advocates will focus their action on stopping the Bayou Bridge pipeline (BBP) and transitioning to 100% renewable energy, and traveling to neighboring St. James, in so-called "Cancer Alley" where community members are demanding Governor John Edwards create an evacuation route pending an inevitable spill from BBP. Details [here](#).
- **In Tacoma, Washington** communities will use arts and storytelling to show the intersections between those impacted by an LNG facility and those detained at the neighboring ICE detention facility. Details [here](#).
- **In Portland, Oregon** a coalition fighting Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) in Jordan Cove will lift up frontline communities most impacted by LNG.
- **In Flint, Michigan**, a combination of labor, racial justice, faith, and environmental justice groups are gathering for the Michigan Environmental Justice Summit, which will work to develop a list of comprehensive demands for a just transition to a clean energy future.
- **In Colorado**, labor, faith and environmental leaders will bring hundreds of people together for a broad discussion to develop a clear set of demands for the next governor, who will be asked to support a just and equitable transition to clean energy.
- **In Chicago**, workers from the nation's largest warehouse hub in the suburb of Joliet, will be joined by local labor leaders, community activist groups, advocates for the immigrant community, and environmental justice groups to make a series of demands of local elected leaders and business owners related to the area's temporary low-wage jobs and diesel truck emissions and the need for 100% clean energy.

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS GLOBALLY:**

- Large marches and rallies in major European cities including Copenhagen, Paris and Lisbon
- Women spearheading anti-coal marches in countries across Asia where one of the first ever virtual mobilisations will project holograms into public spaces
- Groups in the UK and Germany are pushing for more fossil fuel divestment commitments
- Creative actions in Latin America, the Pacific islands and Africa including local renewable energy summits
- Activists in Australia and Canada are taking aim at town-halls and in Japan actions are targeting banks for continuing to support and finance fossil fuels

- Protests outside the UN climate talks in Bangkok, Thailand

To see a map of events happening across the world, click [HERE](#).

For more global highlights, click [HERE](#).

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## Q&A

### **What's happening on September 8th?**

*As part of a global day of action, thousands of people will march through the streets of San Francisco under the banner of "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice" to demand that public officials at all levels commit to phase out fossil fuel extraction and support a just transition to 100% renewable energy. It will be the largest climate march in California's history.*

*The day will begin with a 9:00 a.m. press conference at the Embarcadero Plaza featuring frontline leaders in the effort to end an extraction-based economy and support community-led solutions to the climate crisis. A press availability immediately after will provide opportunity to hear from dozens of community members speaking to issues of environmental and climate justice, indigenous sovereignty, faith, workers rights, issues facing youth, and much more.*

*From there, the march will begin at 11:00 a.m. heading down Market Street from the Embarcadero to Civic Center Plaza, where thousands will participate in the creation of the largest street mural of all time. A resource fair will provide information and ways for marchers to take the momentum of Saturday's events into the many activities leading up to the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco and beyond.*

### **What are your demands?**

*In California specifically, people are urging Gov. Jerry Brown to stand up to the oil and gas industry by denying permits for new drilling and moving the state off of fossil fuels toward clean energy solutions in communities most impacted by climate change. Thus far, the governor has not confronted Big Oil's stronghold on the state and the industry's impact on already marginalized communities. Organizers are demanding support for community-led -- not profit-led -- solutions that support the rights of workers and center racial and economic justice.*

### **Who has endorsed the march?**

*Over 300 organizations have endorsed the "Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice march in San Francisco, including environmental and climate justice groups, labor organizations, faith groups, Indigenous-led organizations, youth groups, and many more. A list of groups endorsing the march can be found [here](#).*

## **Why now?**

*While Trump and his fossil fuel cronies spend their time obliterating hard-won protections to profit the already-wealthy few, we're uniting to resist these attacks and build solutions that work for all of us.*

*We're at a crossroads. The impacts of climate change are impossible to ignore in California, from an unprecedented barrage of intensifying wildfires to record-breaking temperatures across the state's land and oceans. Meanwhile, the oil & gas industry continues to profit from extraction at the expense of communities, from fracking in the Central Valley, to neighborhood drilling in south Los Angeles and refineries dotting to coastline.*

*As Governor Brown prepares to host world leaders at the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco, communities in California are calling and public officials at all levels to heed our demands for an end to fossil fuel extraction and a just transition to 100% renewable energy that protects people's lives and livelihoods.*

*California's communities are rising up as part of a global day of action to show the urgency of real action on climate. We want more than empty rhetoric.*

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## **PRESS CONFERENCE SPEAKER BIOS**

### **Miya Yoshitani, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)**

Miya is the Executive Director of Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN). She has been building the environmental justice movement since she was student. She participated in the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit in 1991, and was on the drafting committee of the original Principles of Environmental Justice, a defining document for the environmental justice movement.

### **Corrina Gould with Indian People Organizing for Change**

Corrina Gould is the state Spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone born and raised in Oakland, CA- or the ancient village of Huichin. She has three children and two grandchildren. She is the Co-Founder and a lead organizer for Indian People Organizing for Change, a small Native run group that works on Indigenous peoples' issues. She is a leading voice on land, liberation, and indigenous led climate justice solutions.

### **Estela Escoto, President of Committee for a Better Arvin**

Estela Escoto is a long time resident of Arvin CA. Estela is a hard-working woman that currently serves as the president of the non-profit organization Committee for a Better Arvin (CBA). For 11 years she has been a leader for the local fight on Environmental Justice. She took on this fight after moving from Los Angeles to Arvin with the hope of living in a better environment. Sadly, after purchasing a house in Arvin she discovered that Arvin is the most polluted community in the Valley and has rank as the most polluted community in the nation.

### **Juan Flores of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment in Delano, CA**

Juan Flores is a Community Organizer for the Center for Race, Poverty, and the Environment (CRPE). Juan was born in Colima, Mexico and raised in Mexicali, Mexico. He is the proud son of parents who are farm workers in the Central Valley. In 2000 Juan with his parents and siblings, immigrated to Delano, California. At the age of 14, Juan worked as a farm laborer in the grape fields during the summer months of vacation from Delano High School. As an organizer, he has worked on the Climate Justice Campaign

in the Central Valley where he has fight extreme methods of extraction of oil and gas. Juan's primary role at CRPE is to advocate on behalf of communities that are disproportionately affected by air and water pollution in Kern county.

**Sophia Benrud of Black Visions Collective in Minnesota**

Sophia received her Culinary Arts degree from the Art Institutes International Minnesota in 2012. Her expertise extends further than the kitchen, as she received her Certified Postpartum Doula in 2015. She has been an active member of Mixed Dialogues and Midwest Mixed in Minneapolis for three years and is committed to continuing this important work through co-directing dialogues focused around multicultural and mixed race identities while sitting on the leadership table. Sophia is an active organizer through Black Visions Collective with a focus on environmental justice. She has organized and protested against the Line 3 Pipeline.

**Mirian Cisneros, President of the Kichwa people of Sarayaku, Ecuadorian Amazon**

Mirian Cisneros is one of the first women to serve as the President of Sarayaku. From a young age she has been involved in community and regional organizations, including the Sarayaku women's organization. This spring, she took part in historic dialogues between indigenous leaders and Ecuadorian President Lenín Moreno, and leads her community's efforts to confront oil extraction in indigenous territories and promote alternative development pathways like Kawsak Sacha.

**Rev. Ambrose Carroll, Church By The Side of The Road**

Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll serves as the senior Pastor of The Church by The Side of the Road which was founded as an interdenominational congregation in Berkeley, CA in 1956, and is the founder of Green the Church, which is an organization that exist to be a repository and a catalyst for sustainable practices at the intersection of the Environmental Movement and the Black Church!

**Saeng Chantanasak, Richmond Member Leader, APEN; Our Power Richmond**

Saeng and her husband Lipo Chantanasak came to Richmond, CA as refugees from Laos in the early 1990s. Their family began experiencing allergies and chronic migraines after an explosion at the Richmond Chevron refinery. Since then, they've become involved with APEN's organizing to stop big polluters and build a community-owned 100% renewable energy infrastructure.

**Rudy Gonzalez, acting executive director of the San Francisco Labor Council**

Rudy Gonzalez joined the San Francisco Labor Council as its Interim Executive Director in May 2018. The San Francisco Labor Council is the center of labor activity in San Francisco and is comprised of 150 local unions, representing over 100,000 working men and women. The mission of the Council is to promote social and economic justice for all working people. As Executive Director, Rudy leads and coordinates labor's political activities, organizes events and rallies, and supports affiliates in their bargaining and contract negotiations when necessary.

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**CALIFORNIA QUOTE SHEET**

**Miya Yoshitani, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN):** "We are marching alongside thousands of people from around the world who are on the frontlines of fighting big polluters and building new ways to power our neighborhoods through 100% community-owned renewable energy. We're sending a message to the elected officials and corporate executives gathering for the summit next week that we need equitable, community-led solutions, not profit-driven approaches like cap-and-trade that allow big polluters to buy and sell our right to clean air and a stable climate."

**Saeng Chantanasak, Richmond Member Leader, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN):** "My family came to Richmond as refugees from Laos. Shortly after we moved to Richmond, the Chevron



refinery exploded. That was 25 years ago. Since then, the whole family has had allergies, coughing, and migraines. That's why we got involved with APEN - we need to stop big polluters and build solar energy in our communities. Poor people like us that are affected by the crisis of pollution from the refinery need to fight for ourselves. Rich people don't care about us, that we have bad health from the pollution. If we don't fight, nobody else is going to fight for us. We want the next generation - our children and grandchildren - to have clean air so that they don't get sick and die like us now."

**Pan Hai Bo, Oakland Member Leader, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN):** "I worked for over 40 years, transporting coal on China's railways. We battled the coal dust for decades, but we never beat it. The dust covered every inch of our bodies until all you could see was the white of someone's eyes and teeth. All over the world coal movers and miners do not live very long. Many of my co-workers, especially those worked at the dock, became sick with Silicosis. It hardens and scars your lungs until you can no longer breathe. That's why I got involved with the effort to stop a big developer from building the West Coast's largest coal terminal in Oakland. We must take care of this earth and air so that human beings can truly live good lives."

**Antonio Diaz, Organizational Director, People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER):** "We foster climate resilient neighborhoods by organizing for parks and urban farms, affordable housing near transit, and by bringing investments to underserved neighborhoods. We also build grassroots political power to take action. These are the kind of community-led solutions that are needed to tackle the climate crisis and restore our community's health. Real climate leadership needs to address the racial, social and economic injustices we face, especially for those most impacted by the climate crisis — low-income immigrant communities, indigenous communities and communities of color."

**Alondra Aragon, Farm Apprentice, People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER):** "Real climate leadership must be rooted in community solutions. As a mother, it is my responsibility to provide a healthy life for my son. The climate crisis contributes to not just pollution but economic inequality, violence on our people, and forced migration from our homelands. Immigrants and working families are hit first and worst by climate change. At Hummingbird Farm, we are cultivating space for healing and reconnections to the land. It is our duty to relearn our ancestral ways of taking care of the land so it can take care of us. By fighting for climate justice we are restoring the balance so we can grow our own food, be our own healers, doctors, and leaders. It is time to rise and make that just transition from extractive economies to local living economies."

**Gladys Limon, Executive Director, California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA):** "Climate change, economic inequality, the housing crisis, increased criminalization, attacks on immigrant communities — all these challenges are driven by systemic devaluation of the lives of people of color and choosing profit over people and the planet. Environmental justice communities are leading the way for all of California and the country. We are standing up to life destructive industries, from Big Oil to natural gas companies, that obstruct progress toward a healthy, sustainable and just society. On September 8th, we urge our decision-makers to follow our lead and stand for real climate leadership that does not bow to industry pressure, that goes beyond watered down policies, and rather meaningfully protects the health of our communities and embraces a life sustaining economy."

**Darryl Molina Sarmiento, Executive Director, Communities for a Better Environment:** "We are rising up for climate, jobs, and justice because we are building power in 4 of the most impacted black and brown frontline communities in the state of California impacted by toxic facilities and the fossil fuel based extractive economy. In Richmond, East Oakland, Wilmington, and Southeast Los Angeles we are fighting the rampant expansion of toxic oil wells, refinery expansions, freeway expansion, ships with dirty tar sands oil, and expanding toxic facilities. From droughts, fires, oil spills, deadly air pollution, we're seeing the impacts first hand and understand the urgency of climate action. We need real climate leadership from elected leaders instead of the constant denial of our communities' reality on the ground. We need leadership to support and advance a just transition to a renewable equitable energy economy that centers grassroots frontline solutions."

**Juan Flores, Community Organizer, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment:** "In the Central Valley, low-income communities and communities of color are the most overburdened with air, water and soil pollution. Extreme methods of oil extraction, like fracking, play a key role in this devastating situation. The political atmosphere at a national level is so demoralizing for our communities, which is why it is so important to celebrate this success. Arvin community members were able to exert their political power, and win. While 300 foot buffer zones are not big enough, they are very significant for Kern County. It will take local victories like this one to move us away from extractive oil and gas practices. Communities in the Central Valley understand that in order for our state to be a real climate leader, we have to invest in clean, renewable energy."

**Estela Escoto, President of the Committee for a Better Arvin:** "California needs to phase out fossil fuels because all communities deserve access to the benefits that renewable energy can bring to California. In the City of Arvin in the Central Valley, we live in a community that for many years has been one of the most polluted in the country. Our community's victory against the oil industry is the result of many years of fight and sacrifice. The updated ordinance is a great success for us, but we will continue fighting for more until we achieve a better air quality for all the residents of our community. On September 8th, I'll be in the streets marching with other residents from frontline communities like Arvin as we continue to demand real climate leadership to stand for clean air and clean energy so we can breathe easier."

**Mirian Cisneros, President of the Kichwa people of Sarayaku, Ecuadorian Amazon:** "I come from where the forests, rivers, and mountains have life. I come from where human beings and Mother Earth live in harmony. I come from Kawsak Sacha, the living forest. I also come from a people that has fought for years and years against the threat of oil drilling. I am here in this large march with brothers and sisters from the whole planet because we understand that we have to leave fossil fuels in the ground in the Amazon rainforest—and everywhere. We are also here because we want the world to know that communities like ours have innovative solutions to climate change—like our Kawsak Sacha proposal—that will provide permanent protection to all forests and life in our ancestral territories. The world needs just and noble solutions like this one to confront climate change and respect indigenous rights to self-determination and autonomy. In this way, we can guarantee the survival of humankind and live in peace."

**Leila Salazar-López, Executive Director of Amazon Watch:** "Indigenous peoples and frontline communities are building real solutions to the climate crisis every day. We rise in solidarity with these climate leaders, and we rise for for a world in which indigenous rights are respected and forests and sacred territories are protected. To make such a world a reality, we must say no to new oil and gas extraction from California to the Amazon and begin a just transition to clean, renewable energy. Our futures depend on it."

**Rudy Gonzalez, Executive Director of the San Francisco Labor Council:** "From firefighters to electricians, from nurses to truck drivers, working people see the impact every day that climate change has on our work and our health. We do not have to choose between a healthy economy and a healthy planet. With the ballot box and in the streets, we will stand up for a world where all working people have union jobs with living wages, and that these jobs support a sustainable future where we can all thrive."

**Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll, Green The Church:** "We are facing challenging times across the country when it come to climate change. Extreme weather is having an impact on everyone everywhere throughout our nation. Flames of fire are burning California. Record temperatures are heat waves of harm from Texas to Louisiana to Florida. Rivers are overflowing and flooding small towns and cities. And the Trump Administration is denying climate change and tearing down successful and achievable climate change and air pollution protections endangering everyone, particularly the least of these—our most vulnerable—our elderly, low-income and children."

**Laura Muraida, Research and Communications Director, Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE):** "On September 8th, I along with a delegation of South Los Angeles residents will be marching at the international People's Climate March because as our state lauds itself for taking action on climate change, our communities continue to suffer as a result of oil drilling and extractive economies. We march to demand a just transition off dirty extraction like neighborhood oil drilling in Los Angeles and toward community solutions that protect the health and dignity of workers and residents. We march because climate change is exacerbating economic conditions in our community and our leaders must take real action to ensure that frontline communities like South LA are at the forefront of a thriving local economy."

**Guadalupe Casco, North Bay Organizing Project, Justice for the Environment Taskforce:** "The October 2017 fires were a wake-up call; a call to action coming directly from mother earth. It is our responsibility to respond in unifying manner acting with respect to one another and the land on which we live. In order to build a stronger Sonoma County we must look beyond our county lines and come together at the Rise for Climate march to make an impact on our policies governing our interaction with our planet."

**Allen Hernandez, Executive Director, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCA EJ):** "California needs a new vision for transportation and land-use planning that is truly climate resilient and prioritizes the health of our communities. On September 8th, we'll be in San Francisco to Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice because we need a rapid transition to zero emission vehicles, starting with an aggressive effort to regulate and phase out dirty diesel trucks on our roads. We cannot allow corporate interest developers to keep ravaging our communities with highly polluting projects that do nothing but damage our children and health. We march for clean air, healthy communities and for our children and demand real climate leadership that advances strong land-use and transportation regulations that will clean up our air and protect our health."

**Carolina Martinez, Associate Director of Policy, Environmental Health Coalition:** "California must re-shape our land-use planning to promote investments without displacement and move away from a car-centered culture. Communities across the state need a wider range of healthy, safe, reliable and zero emission transportation options, which must include massive investments in public transit, buses, and active transportation options to facilitate walking and biking. Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in California. Emissions from cars and heavy trucks clog the lungs of communities living next to our state's largest freeways, ports, rail yards and warehouses. On September 8th, we will rise to demand climate justice and transportation justice for the health of our communities."

**Gus Vallejo, IFPTE Local 21 President:** "Public sector workers across the country are directly affected by climate change. We work on policy to decrease climate change, study the effects of sea rise, and design the sea walls. We are charged with providing clean water to our communities, and work on energy efficiency and conservation. As public sector workers, we are called to service because of our desire to serve public good, and the most vulnerable among us are our priority. Climate Change is a union issue."

**Jonathan Kocher, IFPTE Local 21 member, Associate Engineer:** "I am an energy engineer for the City and County of San Francisco at San Francisco International Airport and I'm also a volunteer with 350 Bay Area helping to organize the Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice march here in the Bay Area. I work on projects to increase onsite renewable energy and to promote energy efficiency technologies. I believe climate change is the most complex, ubiquitous and urgent problem that humanity has ever faced. This movement must be led by frontline communities since they are at an immediate threat of being destroyed by climate change-fueled droughts, floods, fires, rising seas, hurricanes, and famines. That's why it's important to march on September 8th."

**Osprey Orielle Lake, Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International:** "As climate disruption increases globally, women are fervently rising up and speaking out to protect and defend the web of life. From the Standing Rock movement and pipelines resistance camps across North America - to struggles to protect the Boreal, Amazon, and Congo Basin forests - women are standing on the frontlines of global efforts to defend the land, water, and climate, and to revision a healthy world. From renewable energy initiatives, agro-ecology, to policy forums - women are working to change our current destructive and violent trajectory. It could not be more important to highlight how violence perpetrated against the Earth is directly connected to violence against women through exploitation and extractivism. We need new worldviews and social constructs of gender and racial equity; respect for human and Indigenous rights; and governance systems that respect the natural laws of Mother Earth. It is clear that this September the global community needs to address systems of oppression in an intersectional manner to move towards justice and real climate solutions."

**Cindy Margulis, Executive Director of Golden Gate Audubon Society:** "Just as canaries once warned humans to beware of treacherous conditions within a coal mine, so more than 50% of all our nation's birds are warning us of imminent risks from climate dangers today. Birds function as crucial bioindicators of the ecology upon which all Life on our planet depends. We dare not ignore so many distinctive voices warning us to change course to avert the climate crisis before it's much too late."

**Amy Kiser, Program Director at Ecology Center:** "Ecology Center, as conveners of the Berkeley Climate Action Coalition, are thrilled to be a part of this powerful gathering of allies. Between fire, drought, and sea level rise, the consequences of fossil fuels are coming home to roost and our most marginalized communities are paying the highest price. We are ready for a cleaner, greener, more just and equitable future."

**Allen Myers, Founder/Director, The Earth Day Film Festival:** "History will remember this moment when we all rose demanding climate justice. We are the leaders we seek and our actions are setting the course to a just future. See you all in the streets!"

**Marisa de Belloy, CEO of Cool Effect:** "California has been a leader in galvanizing individuals and accelerating action in the fight against climate change. As we work together as a state, a country and a planet, we must not lose sight of our ability to take tangible action. As CEO of Bay Area based non-profit Cool Effect, we are inspired daily by the power of individuals to unite to fight a global issue – we know we are just one small piece of the puzzle, but with other organizations, scientists, politicians, and global leaders, this fight is ours."

**Rafael Jesús González, Poet Laureate of the City of Berkeley, for Xochipilli, Latino Men's Circle:** "For too long have we violated sacred Earth of whom we are part and now we suffer the pain of her wounds. The hour has come for the healing or we perish."

**Laura Lee Cascada, Director of Corporate Outreach, Compassion Over Killing:** "Our diverse coalition is marching on September 8 with a powerful message: We can choose to protect the planet and our future every time we sit down at the dinner table. Please join us in taking a bite out of climate change, habitat destruction, pollution, and resource shortages—it starts with filling your plate with healthy and delicious vegan meals!"

**Molly McGettigan Arthur, Elders Working Group with Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice:** "The Elders Working Group is standing up to show that elders are committed to a better world for our grandchildren and all future generations. We feel a moral responsibility to address the many challenges facing our communities and to offer our resources, wisdom, and creative initiative in service of the preservation and protection of life for the future. We, understanding that much of the current harms developed during our lifetimes, are committed to speaking up in the public square for all life. We are going to be together at the March in San Francisco under the banner of Elders Standing Up, showing our love and care for all our kinfolk and our Mother Earth."

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## NATIONAL QUOTE SHEET

**May Boeve, Executive Director, [350.org](http://350.org):** "Climate change is the defining issue of our time, it is a crisis of democracy, justice and human rights. The climate movement is made stronger by its sister movements: for human rights, economic justice, democracy, and much more. This weekend Rise for Climate will demonstrate the growing strength and diversity of the climate movement. People power is accelerating the change we need to see, and usher in a new era of clean air and better health. Communities everywhere will show loudly and clearly what is expected from decision-makers to deliver on real climate leadership and build a fossil-free economy."

**Paul Getsos, National Director, Peoples Climate Movement:** "PCM is building alliances around climate among different sectors by rooting our work in justice. We are bringing people from frontline and communities of color, union-members, environmental activists, people of faith, and young people together for both a moment: in the streets and at community forums, rallies, and vigils in more than 40 states across the country; and a movement: connecting the actions of Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice September 8th to building power at the local and state level, and from the mid-terms to 2020 and beyond. We won't stop until we've won a 100% clean and renewable energy economy that protects our planet, livelihoods, and democracy."

**Angela Adrar, Executive Director, Climate Justice Alliance:** "This is not the first time the Climate Justice Alliance and our communities march for Climate, Jobs and Justice or stand in solidarity with solutions for people on the frontline of climate disasters across the world. It will not be the last. Every time we rise to defend communities, our voice gets stronger, the movement gets bolder! With each step, people are awakening to a different way of living with each other and with the planet. We are paving the path to march to the sound of our ecological and cultural roots and with it putting forth the solutions that will protect all people and the planet. The time is upon us to act out of love and compassion for each other and our future; join us!"

**David Turnbull, Strategic Communications Director, Oil Change International:** "As our state burns around us, our leaders are hiding behind a smokescreen of action that is simply not up to the task of saving our climate. We're demanding real climate leadership that stands up to the fossil fuel industry and keeps fossil fuels in the ground. Governor Brown has one final chance to show that leadership by announcing a managed phase out of oil and gas production here in California as the summit kicks off. If he needs some inspiration, he need only look to the streets full of marchers and communities around the world fighting fossil fuel extraction in their backyards to see what that real leadership looks like."

**Michael Brune, Executive Director, Sierra Club:** "Today, people across the country are rising up for climate, jobs, and justice in their communities to fight back against Trump's toxic agenda and to send a message to every politician that the time for action is now. Families living in the shadows of coal plants and oil refineries, losing homes and livelihoods to wildfires and extreme weather, and struggling to make a living wage are coming together because we know we don't have time to waste. That's why we're rising with environmental justice leaders, labor unions, and partners and allies from Miami to San Francisco to Chicago to Big Stone Gap, Virginia and Laramie, Wyoming so we will be heard loud and clear now, in November, and in the months and years to come. We will take every opportunity to rise up together, united against Trump's hate and fight for a 100% clean energy economy that leaves no one behind."



**Varshini Prakash, co-founder, Sunrise:** “Our generation is fed up with a corrupt and complacent political establishment that time and again prioritizes the profits of fossil fuel CEOs over the safety and well-being of millions of people across the world. Sunrise is transforming young people’s outrage at witnessing a lifetime of inaction on climate change into grassroots political power and making clear to our leaders: take bold action to stop this crisis, our generation demands it and will not settle for anything less.”

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