Growing Clean Energy Jobs in Oakland
Program – April 5, 2014 at Youth UpRising

10:30 am – Doors open, sign in & breakfast

10:55 am – Welcome by Sabaa Shoraka, Youth Uprising
  – Welcome by MC Ambessa Cantave
  – Opening blessing by Mutima Imani, Green Mind Coaching & Consulting

11:10 am – Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Presentation by Jay Jones, PUEBLO & Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Campaign
  – Mindful Movement with Alonzo (Zochi) Young, Njia Movement

11:40 am - Community Leaders Panel
  • Moderator: Christina Medina-Martin, Oakland Climate Action Coalition
  • Nile Malloy, Communities for a Better Environment
  • Jakhiyra McDaniel & Margie Castillano, Youth UpRising & Castlemont High School SUDA (Sustainable Urban Design Academy) Works
  • Agustin Ramirez, International Longshoremen & Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 6
  • Dominic Ware, OUR Walmart - Organization United for Respect at Walmart

12:35 – 2 pm - Lunch & Breakout Workshops
  • Growing Environmental Justice – How can communities take back their right to a clean, healthy and safe environment?
    Facilitator - Nile Malloy, Communities for a Better Environment
  • Growing People-Powered Solutions – How can communities gain democratic control and ownership of energy? How can this create local control and quality jobs?
    Facilitators: Jasmine Shepard, Energy Solidarity Cooperative & Colin Miller, Local Clean Energy Alliance
  • Growing Food Justice – How can our community take control and ownership of food systems?
    Facilitators: Haleh Zandi & Julio Madrigal, Planting Justice
  • Growing Youth Leadership – How are youth stepping into our power as community leaders?
    Facilitators: Devilla Ervin, Christina McGhee, Pamela Tapia, Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment’s New Voices Are Rising
  • Growing our Future – What challenges do youth face today and in the future? What solutions do youth have for economic & climate justice?
    Facilitators: Corrine Van-Hook & Maiha McGee, Bay Localize

2:00 pm – Tabling by Partnering Organizations & Networking

2:50 pm – Closing Performances
  • Iamani I. Ameni & Augusta Lee Collins
Join us in calling on Oakland City Council to support development of an East Bay Community Choice energy program.

The goal of Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland is the establishment of an East Bay Community Choice energy program to provide electricity to Oakland residents and businesses from local renewable energy resources. This type of program would create hundreds of local living wage jobs, and generate public revenues that can be reinvested in our communities.

Community Choice energy, provided for by AB 117 (2002), enables cities and other jurisdictions to choose where the electricity provided to their residents and businesses will come from. This means that local communities can decide to procure their electricity from renewable energy sources: either by purchasing renewable electricity on the market, or more importantly, by developing local renewable energy resources in the community. Under a Community Choice energy program, the incumbent utility company (PG&E) continues to deliver electricity and service customers.

Jobs, Community Benefits and Greenhouse Gas Reductions

By developing local clean energy resources, Community Choice programs can spur local economic development in the community, provide good local clean energy jobs, offer competitive electric utility bills and price stability, reduce pollution, and provide other community benefits. Community Choice energy is also an effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address the impact of climate change by cutting energy consumption, switching to renewable energy sources, and building local renewable electricity generation.

Now is the Time

The East Bay is ripe for a Community Choice energy program. Marin’s program is up and running and Sonoma Clean Power is beginning in 2014. San Francisco has also taken steps to make Community Choice a reality. The mayors of Berkeley, Albany, and Emeryville, as well as Mayor Quan, have expressed an interest in exploring a partnership to establish an East Bay Community Choice energy program. A strong expression of support by Oakland, which represents about a quarter of the electricity use in the East Bay, is essential to move this forward.

Join the campaign! Visit www.facebook.com/Cleanenergyandjobs

The campaign is currently focusing on reaching out to community organizations and to City Council members about the benefits of a Community Choice program. Help us build momentum toward our goal!

This campaign is being organized by the Local Clean Energy Alliance and the Energy Committee of the Oakland Climate Action Coalition (OCAC).

http://www.localcleanenergy.org/policy-platform/campaign2012