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The Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Campaign of the Oakland Climate Action Coalition Hosts Growing Clean Energy Jobs in Oakland, April 5

Dynamic Cross-Sector Community Forum to Explore Clean Energy Job Creation

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Oakland, CA — The Oakland Climate Action Coalition is hosting a community forum in East Oakland on Saturday, April 5 to explore how the community can help create hundreds of local clean energy jobs for Oakland residents.

What: Growing Clean Energy Jobs in Oakland - A free community event

Where: Youth Uprising, 8711 MacArthur Blvd, East Oakland

When: Saturday, April 5, 11 - 3 pm

“We really need to engage the East Oakland community,” said Colin Miller, the event coordinator, “to create more jobs for our community, especially our youth. We face both a critical economic situation and a serious climate challenge in Oakland. We need jobs that are good for people, for the planet, and for the community we live in.”

The event will provide a forum for exploring how a Community Choice energy program can speed development of local renewable energy and result in a host of community benefits, including clean energy jobs.

The program will feature:

- FREE LIVE MUSIC and food provided
- Community Leaders Panel: East Oakland community leaders discuss their views on Community Choice energy, including job creation and other community benefits.
- Workshops: Growing Healthy Communities, Growing Food Justice, and People-Powered Solutions
- Youth Workshops: Growing Youth Leadership and Growing Our Future
- Tabling and networking with clean energy employers and job trainers

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Partnering Organizations: Youth Uprising, Communities for a Better Environment, Allen Temple Baptist Church's Prophetic Justice Ministry, East Oakland Boxing Association, Sustainable Economies Law Center, Planting Justice, PUEBLO (People United for a Better Life in Oakland), Movement Generation Justice & Ecology Project, Bay Localize, RE-volv, Energy Solidarity Cooperative, Kehilla Community Synagogue, Emerald Cities Oakland, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter, Local Clean Energy Alliance, Ecology Center, Artos Consulting, Roots of Success.

Program: Growing Clean Energy Jobs in Oakland:

11 am - Welcome and Cultural Presentation

11:15 am - Short power point presentation with background on Community Choice energy by the Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Campaign

11:25 am - Panel Discussion - Moderator: Christina Medina-Martin, Oakland Climate Action Coalition, Nile Malloy, Communities for a Better Environment, Agustin Ramirez, ILWU Local 6, Margie Castellano & Jakhiyra McDaniel, Youth UpRising / Castlemont High School SUDA Works, Dominic Ware, OUR Walmart

12:25 pm - Breakout workshops/lunch (provided):

1. Growing Healthy Communities – How can communities take back their right to a clean, healthy and safe environment?
2. Growing People-Powered Solutions - How can communities gain democratic control and ownership of energy? How can this create local control and quality jobs?
3. Growing Food Justice – How can our community take control and ownership of food systems?
4. Growing Youth Leadership – How are youth stepping into our power as community leaders?
5. Growing our Future – What challenges do youth face today and in the future? What solutions do youth have for economic & climate justice?

2 pm - Tabling / Networking

2:45 pm - Cultural Presentation and Closing

About the Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland Campaign

The Clean Energy & Jobs Oakland campaign has the goal of developing local clean energy resources through establishing, in conjunction with other cities, an East Bay Community Choice energy program. In this way, Community Choice 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 benefits to residents of Oakland. The campaign also seeks to maximize participatory community governance of the Community Choice program. The campaign is currently focusing on reaching out to community organizations and to City Council members about the benefits of a Community Choice program.

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