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Welcome & Congrats to the New Climate Reality Leaders – Trained to Stand in Truth, Reality & Power!

_A note from our 2021 Bay Area Chapter Co-Chair_
Eighteen Chapter members participated as mentors for the 46th training. Sharing the practice of reaching within ourselves to achieve our greatness is the honor we receive every time we serve as a mentor for Climate Reality Project's Leadership Corps. This was especially true during my 5th mentorship for the Climate Reality Project’s US Virtual Leadership Corps.

As a mentor to a group of nine mentees, now matriculated into Climate Reality Leaders in the great state of Georgia, I know that they are equipped as system change agents, with the knowledge of intersectionality (Kimberle Crenshaw), diversity, equity, inclusion, justice, and will not be siloed to fight for climate change and climate/environmental justice.

While we bid a warm farewell to our former mentees, it is a painful truth: The new Climate Reality Leaders will have to contend with the dire need for humans to change their reliance upon fossil fuel AND the continuous reality that Black, Brown and Ingenious people are impacted the most by the climate change crisis.

It's no secret that systemic racism is the reason. Therefore, it is our ask that as we recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, as Climate Reality Leaders, we continue to stand in our reality that racism is the reason for the overwhelming increase in anti-Asian hate, violent crimes against Asian women, the murder of George Floyd, and the continuous acts of white supremacy in our nation’s governance, belief and value systems. And most importantly, that these hideous and senseless acts of oppression must be dismantled through a system of change acts that prioritize creative reparation and equal opportunities.

We welcome the new Climate Reality Leaders into our Bay Area chapter. They are ready to mobilize on the federal, state, and local level as advocates to ensure climate change and climate/environmental justice policies are enacted for the greater good of humanity. Their courageous acts of leadership will generate contagious goodwill within the CRBA.

Our Alliances Chair, Kevin Morrison, was one of the thousands who trained. From Kevin: “It was a pleasure training with the CRP Leadership Corps this week. It was inspiring and refreshing to see so many people who are ready to do the work. And of course, it was great to see Teron putting a question to Mr. Gore and his scientists, and lovely to see Wei-Tai and Gary help me in ‘Mastering the Presentation.’”

We look forward to working with all of you in championing your climate change and
Respectfully,

Teron McGrew

Teron McGrew and Harriet Harvey-Horn
Bay Area Chapter Co-Chairs

A big thanks to the Bay Area Chapter members who served as Mentors during the April US Virtual Training:

Pam Allio          Sandra Hanns          Doug Nunn
Alma Beck          Janice Kirsch        Evangeline Pua
Carter Brooks      Wei-Tai Kwok         Brenna Shafizadeh
Karima Cammell    James Leach          Michael Thomas
Kwok Yin Chan     Teron McGrew         Angela Vincent
Hayley Connors-Keith John Mihalik      Gary White

Welcome new members!

AA warm welcome to these 42 new Bay Area Chapter members: note from the new 2021 Bay Area Chapter Co-Chairs

Alameda County: Noa Joseph (Alameda), Jessica Gallu (Alameda), George Dy (Oakland), Nebiyu Sermollo (Hayward), Joanne Chiu (Oakland), Lisa Pereira (Fremont)

Contra Costa County: Janet Parks (Kensington), Chad Curran (Orinda), Dr Leafy Concha-Leafequus (Richmond), Jess Lin (El Cerrito), Patricia Schally (Walnut Creek), Julie Elie (Richmond), Kirpa Grewal (Pleasanton)

Marin County: Ken Strong (Greenbrae), Jodie Campbell (Vallejo), Remy Barbiero (San Raphael), Kathleen Gundry (San Anselmo)

Napa County: Cameron Shaw (Napa), Ella Marciano (St Helena)

Sonoma County: Maria Solarez (Sonoma), Scott Douglas (Santa Rosa), Abigail
San Francisco: Robin Valicenti, Hannah Watts, Claire Patankar, Tom Whitehead, Gabrielle Hildebrand, Jackie Barshak, Kevelynne Ely, Jolie Bastable, Joann Cai, Jeffery Liang, Caitlin Mack

San Mateo County: Kimberly Hui (South San Francisco), Anusha Sethuraman (San Carlos), Carolina Robertson (Burlingame), Stacia Hanley (South San Francisco), Carolina Robertson (Burlingame)

Solano County: Mariselle Lancero (Benicia)

Santa Clara County: Marn-Yee Lee (Mountain View), Namita Patel (San Jose), Pamela Pillsbury (Stanford), Sandra Corzantes (Sunnyvale), Simona Aksman (Los Altos), Alan Gunshor (Sunnyvale)

New members: If you haven’t already, please take a moment to complete our Member Interest Form.

A Brief Word From Our Committee Chairs

We will rotate updates and announcements each month

Climate Justice Update:

Please save the date: Becoming Better Allies for an Authentic, Unified Climate Movement -- Dismantling Racism, Anti-Semitism, Classism, and Other Oppressions, Sunday, June 6th, 2:30 – 6:00pm PST
skills-building workshops from Sustaining All Life and United to End Racism – no prior experience required!

This skills-building workshop will continue our conversation about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) in our Chapter and in the climate movement. We will discuss the dynamics of superiority, privilege, and oppressor material on the one hand, and internalized oppression, doubt, and silence on the other.

Come join us to learn together, strengthen our connections with each other, and continue building our DEIJ awareness and skills in our Chapter. Questions? Contact us at almasoongi@gmail.com and mrg144.pol@gmail.com.

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**Our Climate Moment Update:**

**Please join us!**

Climate Reality Bay Area’s Our Climate Moment is off to a great start. Join our team to impact federal legislation at this critical juncture of opportunity and the tremendous need to tackle the climate crisis! Next meeting is on Monday, May 10th at 5:30 pm. Contact Karen Harrington for more information and the meeting link: karenjo.harrington@gmail.com or 510-833-0492.

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**YCAT Update:**

**Calling all youth!**

Open invitation to all youth (high school) climate activists: Come join our next meeting, Friday, May 14th from 5:00-6:00 PM. Our YCAT (Youth Climate Action Team) is recruiting for three youth Co-Chairs to help lead new youth-led, youth-created and zero carbon school initiatives!

For more information and to register for the Zoom meeting, contact Co-chair, Alice Sung at BayAreaCRL@gmail.com with "YCAT" in the subject line and provide your name and school affiliation BEFORE May 13th to receive the ZOOM link invitation.
Join us for these events and check out our events calendar. All times Pacific.

- **Monthly Indigenous Voices Reading and Listening Circle**, May 16th, 4:00 – 5:30pm
- **2021 Indigenous Voices Speaker Series: U.S. Native History & Building Relationships with Native Communities for Effective Climate Work**, May 17th, 6:00 – 7:30pm
  - Co-Sponsored by The Michelle Meow Show at The Commonwealth Club
  - Our first speaker event features Jim Warne of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Nation, motivational speaker, President of Warrior Society Development. Check with your team or county squad leader for specifics on other recurring meetings.
- **New Member Welcome and Happy Hour**, May 20th, 5:30 – 6:30pm
  - Bring your beverage of choice and join the Bay Area Chapter leadership team for a relaxed and fun hour where you will meet other chapter members and learn about the many ways you can engage in climate and climate justice action through the Bay Area Chapter.
- **New Member Welcome and Coffee Hour**, May 22nd, 10:30 – 11:30am
  - Pour up your morning beverage of choice! See details above.

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### Bay Area Chapter Blogs

**Climate Justice: Help Bayview Hunters Point, Treasure Island & Richmond Residents**

The Climate Justice Planning Group on Radioactive Waste and BIPOC Resilience in Bayview Hunters Point, Treasure Island and Richmond Waterfront Neighborhoods
Bayview Hunters Point since World War II. Read more...

How Bay Area Companies Honored Earth Day 2021

We’ve been highlighting Bay Area companies and their sustainability efforts for the past six months. Now is a great time to check in and see what these companies did for Earth Day 2021. Read More →

Read more news and views on our chapter’s blog.

Chapter Resources

Reminder: Don’t forget to log your Acts of Leadership!

An important part of being a Climate Reality Leader is reporting your Acts of Leadership on the Climate Reality Hub. It gives the Climate Reality Project visibility into what leaders are doing, how best to support our efforts, and importantly helps the Climate Reality Project justify funding ad grants that make its leadership training and other critical climate advocacy work happen.

Thank you all for your efforts, and for posting your Acts!

- **County climate action:** Local squads are racking up an impressive number of policy wins. Get involved by finding your county squad.
Events you want to share? Many members are involved in other climate organizations and want to share information about their events. Best way to do that: Post it in our Facebook Group with active 600+ members.

**Wear Your Climate Activism: Order today!**

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Membership Chair Mary Ruth Gross and Past Co-Chair Wei-Tai Kwok getting ready to co-present to Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek.

**A Message from the Editor:**
Please submit your updates by the last Friday of each month. Longer pieces may run on our blog. Photos are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit submissions for length and flow.

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