

# EPA Round-Table Discussion for Environmental Justice Communities on the Benefits of Addressing Climate Change

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1	<b>Tina Ndoh</b> <b>Daniel Schramm</b>	<p>Tina Ndoh is the lead for the Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), and has expertise in regulatory development under Clean Air Act sections 111 and 112, and policy development for emerging technologies.</p> <p>Daniel Schramm is the lead attorney for the CEIP within EPA's Office of General Counsel, where he also handles a variety of other Clean Air Act matters. His previous work includes counseling on EPA's remediation and restoration programs such as Superfund and brownfields. Tina and Daniel will discuss the recently proposed CEIP design details rule.</p>	U.S. EPA	919-541-2750 / <a href="mailto:ndoh.tina@epa.gov">ndoh.tina@epa.gov</a> 202-564-3377 / <a href="mailto:schramm.daniel@epa.gov">schramm.daniel@epa.gov</a>
2	<b>Andrea Denny</b>	<p>EPA's Local Climate and Energy Program helps local and tribal governments and community groups develop and implement programs to address climate change-by reducing emissions and building resilience. Recent resources include a suite of case studies and webcasts highlighting barriers and best practices for encouraging energy efficiency and renewable energy in low-income communities.</p>	U.S. EPA	202.343.9268 / <a href="mailto:denny.andrea@epa.gov">denny.andrea@epa.gov</a>
3	<b>Karla Loeb</b> <i>Director of Policy &amp; Government Affairs</i>	<p>PosiGen is a solar leasing and energy efficiency services provider that offers access to solar energy systems and energy efficiency retrofits to the people who need them the most: low-to-moderate income households. PosiGen's mission is to help these LMI households achieve greater fiscal autonomy and energy independence by lowering their overall utility costs and energy consumption. PosiGen operates in 3 states including, Louisiana, Connecticut and New York and has more than 8500 installations, with approximately two thirds of those installations occurring in census tracts at or below the federal median income. PosiGen is currently the #1 fastest growing company in Louisiana according to INC 500, the 6<sup>th</sup> fastest growing energy company and the 58<sup>th</sup> fastest growing company overall.</p>	PosiGen	2424 Edenborn Ave., Ste. 550 New Orleans, LA 7000 M: 512.909.0354   D: 504.293.5665 O: 504.835.2510 <a href="mailto:kloeb@posigen.com">kloeb@posigen.com</a>

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4	<b>Sydney Snow</b> <b>Michelle Romero</b>	<p>Green For All works to build an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. Our goal is to make sure people of color have a place and a voice in the climate movement. That our neighborhoods are strong, resilient, and healthy. That as the clean energy economy grows, it brings jobs and opportunity to our communities. Green For All works with the best and brightest in America to fight for a healthy environment and strong communities.</p> <p><b>Expertise:</b> Nationwide, low-income communities and communities of color live with higher levels of pollution and greater vulnerability to climate-fueled disasters. As green investments bring clean air and good jobs to wealthy communities, frontline communities are consistently left behind. To solve climate change, we need to hold energy systems accountable to the communities they serve. The Clean Power Plan and new carbon pricing schemes present an opportunity to do just that if done right. Green For All is working on passing a "Cap and Invest" policy in our target states, where states can expand clean energy markets, address climate change, and grow health and wealth where it is needed. Greening the frontlines through a "cap and invest" policy means putting a cap and carbon pollution, restricting polluters buying permits or avoiding compliance in "hot spot" communities, and prioritizing climate investments in communities hardest hit by poverty and pollution.</p>	Green For All	<a href="mailto:sydney@dreamcorps.us">sydney@dreamcorps.us</a> <a href="mailto:michelle@dreamcorps.us">michelle@dreamcorps.us</a>
5	<b>Karen Monahan</b> <i>Environmental Justice/Senior Organizing Rep. Beyond Coal</i>	<p><b>Environmental Advocacy:</b> Our members lead work on a breath of issues all across Minnesota to protect our state's natural places and address our most pressing environmental challenges. We share the National Sierra Club's commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity as essential to our mission because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diversity is a conservation necessity and a social imperative that will enable the Sierra Club to remain a leader of the environmental movement.</li> <li>- Inclusion fosters involvement of all persons and organizations that share our vision for a healthy planet.</li> <li>- Environmental equity ensures that everyone has the right to experience nature and access to clean water, clean air, clean soil, and a safe environment.</li> </ul>	Sierra Club	2327 E. Franklin Avenue, Ste. 1 Minneapolis, MN 55406 952-220-1453 (Preferred) 612-259-2451
6	<b>Adrienne Hollis</b> <b>Kerene Tayloe, Esq.</b>	WE ACT can provide information on developing tools for community education, fact sheets, and the use of social media (Kerene), and true community-based participatory research.	WE ACT for Environmental Justice	<a href="mailto:adrienne@weact.org">adrienne@weact.org</a>

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7	<b>Jamez Staples</b>	Renewable Energy Partners (REP) is a certified minority owned solar installation company providing training programs - specifically targeting low income communities of color that are unemployed, underemployed, and hard to employ – in the development of green infrastructure. REP also works with the Minnesota Energy Consortium to provide education about careers in energy to communities of color.	Renewable Energy Partners	Lake Calhoun Executive Center 3033 Excelsior Blvd. S. #50 Minneapolis, MN 55416 O# 612.924.6514 C# 612.282.2573
8	<b>Phil Hull</b> <i>Training Director</i>	Community Housing Partners is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that specializes in housing related services for low income/underserved population. One mission is to deliver energy conservation training and services across the nation. CHP's programs encourage community revitalization, foster financial stability for our residents, and promote a healthier planet for future generations. Community Housing Partners has a state of the art training facility in Christiansburg, VA.	Community Housing Partners	550 Industrial Drive, Christiansburg, VA 540-260-9081 x4012 (office)   540-239-0917 (cell)   540-260-9084 (fax) <a href="mailto:phull@chpc2.org">phull@chpc2.org</a> <a href="http://www.communityhousingpartners.org">www.communityhousingpartners.org</a>
9	<b>Cecilia Martinez</b> <b>Shalini Gupta</b>	The Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy's (CEED) mission is to ensure that communities and policy makers have the tools and information they need to create just, sustainable energy and environmental policy. Working in collaboration with grassroots communities, policy makers and researchers, CEED conducts research and provides community education on important energy, environment, and development issues – so that all members of society may effectively participate in public decision-making. CEED strategically work to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Build a deeper body of climate and energy research/analyses that fundamentally addresses racial and class justice.</li> <li>- Provide energy and climate policy technical assistance based on CEED research to support the environmental justice movement.</li> <li>- Promote strategies for cross learning and sharing of information around environmental justice, energy and climate issues.</li> </ul>	Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy	<a href="mailto:cmartinez@ceed.org">cmartinez@ceed.org</a> <a href="mailto:sgupta@ceed.org">sgupta@ceed.org</a>
10	<b>Kehla West</b> <i>Recovery Planning Coordinator</i>	The Federal Emergency Management Agency's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. Increasing community resilience is a key part of that mission, from individual and household preparedness to whole community pre-disaster recovery planning.	FEMA Region V Community Planning and Capacity Building RSF	<a href="mailto:Kehla.west@fema.dhs.gov">Kehla.west@fema.dhs.gov</a> 312.408.5242 (office) 202.527.0251 (mobile)
11	<b>Khalil Shahyd</b> <i>Project Manager Urban Solutions Program</i>	Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA) coalition is working in 12 states to increase the investment from utility financed energy efficiency programs going to the affordable multi-family housing sector. This coalition been developing resources for advocates on how to ensure that CPP compliments and increases investments in low income energy efficiency programs.	Natural Resources Defense Council	1152 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 202.513.6264   <a href="http://www.nrdc.org">http://www.nrdc.org</a> <a href="mailto:kshahyd@nrdc.org">kshahyd@nrdc.org</a> <a href="http://www.energyefficiencyforall.org">http://www.energyefficiencyforall.org</a> <a href="https://www.nrdc.org/experts/khalil-shahyd">https://www.nrdc.org/experts/khalil-shahyd</a>