

Protest Chevron – Join the Mobilization for Climate Justice!

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SATURDAY, August 15th, 2009

Richmond BART Station

(16th St & MacDonald Avenue)

11:30am Festival/Rally, followed by 1:00pm March on Chevron oil refinery

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Website: <http://actforclimatejustice.org/west>

In solidarity with Richmond community groups, the Bay Area will come together THIS SATURDAY to fight for healthy communities and healthy jobs in Richmond and other communities around the world. This action marks the launch of the Mobilization for Climate Justice West (MCJ-West) whose goal is to empower community-based activists and networks to lead a global movement in confronting the root causes of climate change at home, while defining self-determination pathways for a new energy economy.

We will gather at the Richmond BART station for a festival/rally of inspirational live performances, speakers, live art and food. At 1pm, we will march towards the Chevron oil refinery, where there will be an orchestrated non-violent civil disobedience against the refinery. JOIN US!!!

FEATURING:

A Welcome by Richmond Mayor Gayle McLaughlin

Dr. Henry Clark (West County Toxics Coalition)

Ana Orozco (Communities for a Better Environment)

Torm Nompraseurt (Laotian Organizing Project - APEN)

Jeff Ritterman (Richmond City Council)

& MORE

And revolutionary PERFORMERS:

Deuce Eclipse & Bangdata (<http://www.myspace.com/bangdata>)

Kiwi (www.illafonte.com)

Teatro Familias Unidas of Somos Mayfair (www.somosmayfair.org)

Virtuous(www.myspace.com/vturf)

Brass Liberation Orchestra (www.brassliberation.org)

& Spoken Word Artists (TBD)

****Please come prepared for the march! Bring water and prepare for sun. Transportation alternatives will be provided for those in need.**

Join us to support :

* Clean air and good jobs for Richmond! Cap the Crude!

Rather than retool the refinery to burn dirtier, more polluting crude oil - Chevron should maintain the current slate of lighter, less polluting crude and make the refinery cleaner and safer for the community and its workers.

* Corporations Out of Copenhagen!

People, not corporations, should drive the critical climate talks in Copenhagen. We want Chevron and all corporate lobbyists banned from these talks, while amplifying the voices of frontline communities.

* Environmental, Labor and Economic Justice!

Chevron is trying to drive a wedge between community interests of jobs and public health - in a community needing BOTH. For the long-term resilience of our communities, we need a clean, safe energy economy that creates local, family-supporting jobs in Richmond.

What You Can Do :

* Help paint and make signs, flags and banner for Aug 15 at our next art build!

Thursday, Aug 13, 5-8pm at 326 Clifton Street, Oakland

(off the South end of College Ave, just before it runs into Broadway - just a few blocks from Rockridge BART)

Please bring friends to paint and snacks/drinks to share. Questions?: David 510 967-7377

* Become a volunteer to help on Aug 15! Interested?: Email Joseph at joaelst@gmail.com. Volunteer check-in at 10am on Saturday.

* Come out on August 15! Bring you friends, colleagues, and family!

* Join us for MCJ-West's future actions and events - including West Coast Climate Convergence (Sept 18-20) and or next mobilizations on Oct 24th and Nov 30th!

* Learn more by visiting our Website: <http://actforclimatejustice.org/west> or watching our video teach-in on climate justice, Chevron and Copenhagen, filmed by Bill Carpenter.

Mobilization for Climate Justice West is a collaboration of:

Art in Action – Asian-Pacific Environmental Network – Bay Area Labor Committee for Peace and Justice – Bay Localize – Burmese American Democratic Association – Communities for a Better Environment – Contra Costa Greens – Direct Action to Stop the War – Earth First! – Environmental Justice & Climate Change Initiative – Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity (FACES) – Forest Ethics – Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives – Global Exchange – Global Justice Ecology Project – Greenpeace – Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice – Headrush – International Forum on Globalization – Justice in Nigeria Now! – International Rivers – Movement Generation – Pacific Environment – Poor Magazine – Rainforest Action Network – Richmond Mayor's Task Force on Environmental Justice and Health – Richmond Progressive Alliance – Ruckus Society – Rising Tide North America – Solidarity – West County Toxics Coalition – Youth In Focus – 350.org