

# Forward on Climate – LA

## PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

**\*Prior to Speaking Session speakers are invited to participate in the march**

- 1:00pm Gather for march at Olvera Street – Paseo de la Plaza (South-West Side near old fire department)
- 1:40-1:45pm: Check in with Stage Manager in front of City Hall, Spring Street Steps

**Destination:** City Hall Los Angeles - 200 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA

Start	End	Description
2:00pm	2:05pm	Introduction – Jessica
2:05pm	2:10pm	MC address audience and introduce speakers
2:10pm	2:13pm	GrandMother Gloria
2:13pm	2:15pm	Rachelle Figueroa on Morning Star Foundation and Drum
2:15pm	2:18pm	The Humming Bird Drum
2:18pm	2:23pm	Chief Phil Lane
2:23pm	2:25pm	MC transition
2:25pm	2:30m	Rep. Henry Waxman
2:30pm	2:35pm	Council Member José Huizar
2:35pm	2:36pm	MC transition
2:36pm	2:41pm	Dr. Josh Fischer
2:41pm	2:44pm	<i>Performance: Aja Adeagbo –Treasure in my trash</i>
2:44pm	2:46pm	MC transition (1 min safety net)
2:46pm	2:51pm	Tar Sands – Jack Eidt
2:51pm	2:56pm	Coal – Aura Vasquez
2:56pm	3:01pm	Fracking – Brenna Norton
3:01pm	3:06pm	Nuclear – Torgen Johnson
3:06pm	3:08pm	MC transition (1 min safety net)
3:08pm	3:13pm	Jordan Howard, Youth Sustainability Educator
3:13pm	3:16pm	<i>Performance: Matt Sedillo</i>
3:16pm	3:18pm	MC Transition (1 min safety net)
3:18pm	3:21pm	Kristin Eberhard, NRDC
3:21pm	3:26pm	Religious: Rabbi Jonathan D. Klein
3:26pm	3:27pm	MC transition
3:27pm	3:35pm	<i>Performance: Miranda (2 songs)</i>
3:35pm	3:36pm	MC transition
3:36pm	3:44pm	<i>Performance: Finian Makepeace (2 songs)</i>
3:44pm	3:45pm	MC transition
3:45pm	3:53pm	<i>Performance: The Billionaires (2 songs)</i>
3:53pm	3:56pm	Closing remarks from MC and transition
3:56pm	4:00pm	Closing remarks from Jessica (announce round dance)
4:00pm	4:10pm	<i>Round Dance</i> and start clean up



# *Forward on Climate LA*

Sunday, February 17, 2013

## **SPEAKERS AND PERFORMER/BIOS**

### **MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

#### **Ed Begley, Jr. – Actor, Environmentalist**

As environmental issues become more pressing, there are two possible responses: forget it and hope that government and corporations will figure it out, or take action yourself. In the “take action yourself” camp, a few individuals are leading the way. One such person in California is Ed Begley, Jr. Turning up at Hollywood events on his bicycle, Ed has been considered an environmental leader in the Hollywood community for many years. He serves on the boards of The Coalition For Clean Air, The Thoreau Institute, and the advisory board of the Union Of Concerned Scientists, among many others. His work in the environmental community has earned him a number of awards from some of the most prestigious environmental groups in the nation, including the California League of Conservation Voters, the Natural Resources Defense Council, The Coalition for Clean Air, Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Baykeeper, and the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation. He currently lives near Los Angeles in a self-sufficient home powered by solar energy. He has his own website at [www.edbegley.com](http://www.edbegley.com)



#### **GRANDMOTHER GLORIA ARELLANES** **Elder, Tongva Tribe**



Grandmother Gloria Arellanes Pesagason Havoot (Spirit Blanket), is an Elder of the Tongva Tribe of the Los Angeles Basin and four of the Channel Islands. She is a member of the Ti-at Society, representing the maritime culture of the Tongva Nation & an active Board member of the Native American Healing Center. Grandmother Gloria is one of the 32 Grandmothers of the International Grandmothers Council of Morning Star Foundation and is on their Advisory Council. She also has a 43 year history of grass roots activism in the struggle for civil & social rights and reform within the East LA and greater Los Angeles area.

## GRANDMOTHER RACHELLE FIGUEROA

### Elder, Yamassee Muskogee Tribe

Grandmother Rachelle Figueroa (Oyate Wi Cu Ya Wita Winyan/She Who Gathers the People) is a Clan Mother of the Yamassee Muskogee Tribe, with Arapaho and Tarascan lineage. She is the Founder and Executive Director of the Morning Star Foundation, based in Los Angeles, California. The organization is committed to bring greater awareness to Native/Indigenous Culture, Traditions and Teachings. Their primary service is to support and protect Native/Indigenous Elders, Sacred Ceremony and Sacred Sites/Mother Earth.



## MORNING STAR FOUNDATION INDIGENOUS

### GRANDMOTHER'S COUNCIL

#### With Hummingbird Drum – Intertribal Women's Native Drum

Morning Star Foundation is committed to educating and creating public awareness for the protection and preservation of Native/Indigenous Nations. Our *service* is supporting the needs of Native/Indigenous Traditional Elders, Women & Youth. Our *responsibility* is protecting Sacred Traditions, Ceremony, Songs/Language, Sacred Sites, Burial Grounds and our Environment. MSF's *vision* is working towards Unity, Balance & Peace with all Nations living on Mother Earth. <http://TheMorningStarFoundation.org>



## CHIEF PHIL LANE, JR.

### Indigenous Activist, Idle No More

Phil Lane Jr. is a member of the Yankton Sioux and Chickasaw Nations. In 1982, Phil co-founded, with Elders from across North America, the Four Worlds International Institute (FWII). With the guidance of the [Four Worlds Elders Council](#) and Phil's leadership and applied experience, FWII has become an internationally recognized leader in human, community and organizational development because of the Institute's unique focus on the importance of culture and spirituality in all dimensions of development. In August, 1992, Phil was the first Indigenous person to win the prestigious Windstar Award, presented annually by the late John Denver and the Windstar Foundation to "a global citizen whose personal and professional life exemplifies commitment to a global perspective, operates with awareness of the spiritual dimension of human existence and demonstrates concrete actions of the benefit for humans and all living systems of the Earth." Phil is active with Idle No More and has won many awards during his 44-plus years working to benefit Indigenous People Across the Earth.



**HENRY WAXMAN**  
**United States House of Representatives**  
**California, 33<sup>rd</sup> District**

Representative Waxman represents California's 33rd Congressional District, which covers an area from Bel-Air to Venice to Hermosa Beach and down to parts of Harbor City. In 2011, Rep. Waxman became the Ranking Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. A leader on health and environmental issues, Rep. Waxman has fought for universal health insurance, comprehensive Medicare and Medicaid coverage, tobacco regulation, AIDS research and treatment, air and water quality standards, pesticide regulations, nursing home quality standards, women's health research and reproductive rights, affordable prescription drugs, and community rights to know about pollution levels.

**COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR**  
**Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 14**

José Huizar was first elected to the Los Angeles City Council in 2005. As chair of the City's Energy and Environment Committee, he is committed to transitioning Los Angeles to cleaner, renewable sources of energy and to more sustainable, local supplies of water. He is a staunch environmental advocate, having helped bring hundreds of acres of open space, new parks and park upgrades to park-poor areas of his district and a leading proponent of "Complete Streets," ushering in groundbreaking pedestrian and bike-friendly policies that are seen as the model for the entire City. Born in Zacatecas, Mexico, he is the first Mexican immigrant elected to the City Council in Los Angeles' history. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the UC Berkeley, a Master's degree in Public Affairs and Urban Planning from Princeton University and a Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law.



**DR. JOSH FISCHER**  
**Climate Scientist**  
**Topic: Climate Change**

Dr. Josh Fisher is a Climate Scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. Dr. Fisher grew up in Los Angeles, did his undergraduate and graduate degrees at UC Berkeley, and worked at Oxford University as a lecturer and researcher before returning home to JPL. His work focuses on the land component of Earth's climate system—that is, plants, vegetation, forests, as well as the cycling of carbon, water, and nutrients, and their response and vulnerability to climate change. To conduct his work, Dr. Fisher utilizes satellite remote sensing, runs and develops complex mathematical models on JPL's supercomputer, and leads field expeditions throughout the Amazon and Andes.

## **AJA JANAE**

**Poet/Songwriter/Activist**

**Song: "Treasure in my Trash"**

Aja Janae was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. She attended Crenshaw High School where she performed and toured with the Crenshaw High School Elite Choir. Aja Janae continued her journey in music by becoming heavily involved in The Recording Academy's Grammy U program. She recently earned her certificate in Recycling and Resource Management at Santa Monica College and is pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies.



## **JACK EIDT**

**Editor, WilderUtopia.com and**

**Organizer Tar Sands Action Southern California**

**Topic: Overcoming Dirty Tar Sands & the Keystone XL Pipeline**



Jack Eidt is an urban planner, environmental advocate, and literary novelist. As Editor of WilderUtopia.com, he publishes articles on earth sustainability, urban design and invention, and indigenous thought and culture. He co-founded Wild Heritage Planners, an organization

dedicated to sustainable environmental planning advocacy. He also represents Tar Sands Action Southern California. <http://www.wilderutopia.com>

## **AURA VASQUEZ**

**Sierra Club Organizing Representative**

**Topic: Sierra Club Beyond Climate Change**

Aura Vasquez joined the Sierra Club in 2011. She has been instrumental in the club's leadership development, and intergovernmental relations. Last year, Aura, an activist of the Beyond Coal campaign in conjunction with the city of Los Angeles helped passed the Clean Air Act resolution that provided support to federal legislation on mercury rules for new coal power plants. Aura is an adopted Angelina originally from Colombia. She practices meditation and serves on the board of Wilshire Center Koreatown Neighborhood Council.



## **BRENNA NORTON**

### **Southern California Organizer, Food & Water Watch**

#### **Topic: We Have a Fracking Problem**



Brenna Norton is the Southern California Organizer for Food & Water Watch. Based in Los Angeles, she works with local communities and statewide to ban the practice of hydraulic fracturing in California. She also is working to stop a massive corporate water grab scheme that would force water rate hikes for Southern Californians and would divert funds from projects that can make our water supply more reliable. Her background is in legislative campaigning and community and electoral organizing. She holds a degree from Scripps College in Political Science, International Relations, and a minor in history and a certificate in campaign management from George Washington University. Brenna

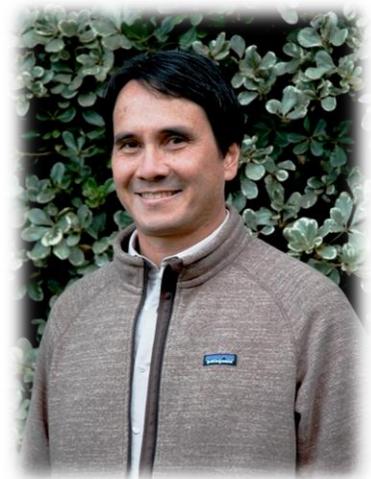
is a California native, passionate about protecting our food and water resources and building strong community based campaigns.

## **TORGEN JOHNSON**

### **San Onofre Safety**

#### **Topic: San Onofre: An Urban Planner's Perspective on Nuclear Power**

Torgen Johnson holds two graduate Planning degrees from Harvard University as well as a professional degree in Architecture from University of Southern California. His multi-disciplinary focus is the interface between the natural and built environments. He has been actively involved in organizing communities in Orange, San Diego, and Riverside Counties to be participants in public safety decisions regarding the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. He currently resides in North San Diego County, CA.



## **JORDAN HOWARD**

### **Youth Sustainability Educator**

#### **Topic: Youth Deserve Climate Justice**



Jordan Howard, 20, is a thought leader at the intersection of sustainability, environmental education and youth empowerment. As one of the youngest sustainability educators and green school champions, Jordan understands that education is empowerment and has it made it her

mission to provide youth with the inspiration and tools to create the change they want to see in their schools, communities, and cities. Jordan's journey began at the E while taking a mandatory environmental service learning class. Jordan was an environmental skeptic until she later realized that she was skeptical because she wasn't educated on the solutions to environmental issues.

Once enlightened with sustainable solutions, Jordan immediately began transforming her home, high school, and peers across the globe. From opening for Hillary Clinton at fundraisers for President Obama to developing youth programs to educate pre-teens in middle school in India, Jordan's journey to spark change among millennials around the world is only beginning. Jordan is currently a student at Santa Monica College.

## **MATT SEDILLO**

### **Slam Poet**

Matt Sedillo is a two-time national slam poet, grand slam champion of the Damn Slam Los Angeles 2011 and the author of *For What I Might Do Tomorrow* published by Caza De Poesia 2010. His poetry has been published in anthologies alongside the likes of such literary giants as Amiri Baraka, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Jack Hirschman and Luis Rodriguez. Sedillo has been a featured performer on KPFK 9.07 FM on seven separate occasions on three separate shows, twice on Radio Free Atlanta 8.93 FM, and was featured in a story that appeared in the Los Angeles Times.



## **KRISTIN EBERHARD**

### **Legal Director, Western Energy & Climate, NRDC**

Ms. Eberhard leads NRDC's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in California and throughout the West. She is an expert on climate change policy and cap-and-trade program design. She is helping the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power transition towards a cleaner energy portfolio, and working with Southern California Association of Governments and Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority on improving mobility and access in the Southern California region.

## **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN**

### **Executive Director, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA)**

#### **Topic: We Have a Sacred Duty as Stewards of Our Planet**

Rabbi Jonathan Klein proudly serves as the Executive Director at CLUE-LA. Since rabbinical school at Hebrew Union College, Jonathan has served congregations in Flagstaff, Arizona and Rye, served three years directing Reform Movement's College Department, then eight years as the Director of USC Hillel and a year at Progressive Jewish Alliance; he has been with CLUE-LA since 2009. He participated in Civil Disobedience protesting US Aid to El Salvador in 1989 as an undergrad at UCLA, NYPD brutality in 1999



following rabbinical ordination, and destructive immigration policy in 2010 alongside other immigration activists and clergy. An animal rights activist, he recently founded a multi-faith-based response to animal cruelty, Faith Action For Animals. He Currently serves on the board of the ACLU of Southern California, CLUE-California, Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, and the homeless advocacy organization, Our Faith Matters. Rabbi Klein is the proud father of thirteen year-old son, Rachmiel, ten year-old daughter, Kinneret, and five year-old daughter, Zimra.



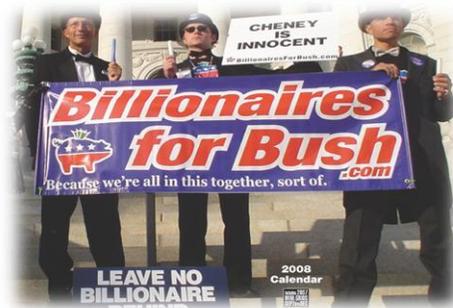
## MIRANDA RONDEAU Singer, Performer, Drummer

Miranda Rondeau is a devotional singer, frame drum artist whose music is inspired by the inward journey. Her chanting transcends literal language, bypasses the intellect, and is devotional and invoking in nature.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/MirandaRondeaus-Music-Page/331317300219580?fref=ts>

## FINIAN MAKEPEACE Performer, Makepeace Brothers

Finian Makepeace, is a Singer Songwriter/Activist and founder of the Makepeace Brothers. Originally from Ithaca NY, Finian now lives in Venice CA. Throughout his life, Finian has been dedicated to helping create a more just and sustainable world. He believes strongly that through the power of human love and ingenuity we can move from a place of greed and fear to a place of peace and commonality for all, here on earth.



## THE BILLIONAIRES

The Billionaire is a do-it-yourself grassroots media campaign using humor and street theater to expose politicians who support corporate interests at the expense of everyday Americans. The organization has 90 chapters nationally and continues to highlight, unspin, and reframe the economic issues that affect people's lives. Armed with tuxedos, evening gowns, hard facts and a humorous spin, The Billionaires re-

engage those citizens outside of the process and reignite those within it.