

BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE NEWS

Greenaction Launches Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force and New Website for Pollution Complaints

For decades many residents have raised concerns that government agencies and industries have allowed pollution problems to go without being addressed properly if at all, and the health and environment of residents continues to suffer. Greenaction launched the new Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force to remedy this environmental racism and injustice and cut through government bureaucracy by helping residents file pollution complaints directly to a wide range of local, regional, state and federal agencies and industries– and get action.

Residents of BVHP and Southeast San Francisco are invited to attend the monthly task force meetings which started in July. Top government agency officials and some businesses attended along several dozen residents. Residents complained about odors and dumping from the sewage treatment plant, odors and vermin at the Recology garbage transfer station in Visitacion Valley, and dust emissions and the lack of regulatory oversight and air monitoring at the Shipyard and Candlestick.

File pollution complaints at www.bvhp-ivan.org!

An exciting part of the Task Force project is the creation of a website and mobile app that enables residents to file on-line pollution complaints in just a couple of minutes and track responses on their computer and smart phones.

Greenaction is conducting community trainings so that residents young and old can learn how to file pollution complaints quickly and effectively.

The task force is part of the growing “Identifying Violations Affecting Neighborhoods” statewide network. Seed funding for the project came from a small grant from California EPA and has been carried out thanks to hundreds of volunteer hours from Greenaction quickly and effectively.

Attend the Environmental Justice Task Force Meetings, 3rd Wednesday of each month at Southeast Community College!



Photo: Participants in Greenaction BVHP Youth EJ Leadership Academy 2015

Youth Residents Participate in Greenaction’s Youth Climate Justice Academy

As a waterfront community, BVHP is ground zero for the impact of rising sea levels due to climate change. With existing and planned housing and businesses along the Bay and dozens of toxic contamination sites still not cleaned up, it is urgent that the community be informed and involved in advocating for solutions to protect health and the environment.

As young people have the most to lose from climate change, Greenaction empowered youth residents by holding Youth Climate Justice Leadership academies in April and July. Youth participants learned and talked about pollution in BVHP and discussed how rising sea levels could flood neighborhoods and toxic sites. The youth then educated residents and encouraged them to take action.

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Attention Bayview Hunters Point Residents!

*Noxious odors? Toxic smoke? Trucks idling their engines?
Illegal dumping? Dust from construction & demolitions?*

**THERE IS A NEW, EASY WAY TO SUBMIT COMPLAINTS ABOUT
ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS IN BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT
...and get action in response!**

-  **1** Visit bvhp-ivan.org and click on
"Submit a report"
-  **2** To submit a report by phone, dial
415-447-3904 x103
-  **3** If there is an air pollution problem, *first*
call the Bay Area Air Quality Management
District complaint hotline 800-334-6367,
and then file a report on bvhp-ivan.org

NOTE:

- *Have a "Report Title" that captures the problem
- *Include city, state, zip in the "Address/location of problem"
- *Be as specific as possible in the "Description"

Attend the monthly meetings of the new Bayview Hunters Point Environmental Justice Response Task Force
Third Wednesday of Each Month 2-4pm
Southeast Community College, Alex Pitcher Room, 1800 Oakdale, Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco

Bring your concerns about environmental violations to the attention of top government officials from local,
regional, state, and federal agencies. Let us work together to get these problems addressed.

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