

# ***Earth Day Action for Environmental and Climate Justice***

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## **Diverse California & Arizona Communities Most Affected by Trump's Pro-Polluter Policies Unite to Hold Earth Day Action at EPA Region 9 Headquarters**

**EARTH DAY ACTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE  
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 12 Noon -- in front of USEPA Region 1X Headquarters**

San Francisco, CA – Already suffering from pollution and injustice, and alarmed by the Trump Administration's attacks on environmental protection, health and justice, residents and grassroots groups from urban, rural and Indigenous communities most harmed and at risk from pollution united in a march and rally Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in front of USEPA Region IX in San Francisco. Bay Area residents from Bayview Hunters Point, Richmond, Oakland, San Leandro and Livermore were joined by Mohave Elders of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Gila River Indian Community members, youth from East Los Angeles, people from farmworker communities in the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys for today's protest, communities impacted by fracking and refineries, and many others.

The rally was followed by a march to the Federal Building where the community members most at risk from Trump's extremist pro-polluter policies. We are demanding:

- Expand, don't cut, the USEPA and federal and state environmental laws and regulations
- Fire EPA Administrator Pruitt
- Remove polluters and billionaires from Trump's Cabinet
- Stop Trump's attacks on immigrant communities, Indigenous sacred sites, civil rights and justice
- Support people, health, science and justice, not financial gain for corporate polluters

Trump's appointing of anti-environmental officials to his Cabinet and environmental agency posts, his dismantling of important regulations that protect public health and the environment, and also his proposed budget cuts would devastate environmental protections for all Americans but especially for the low-income people of color who bear the disproportionate burdens of polluting industries, toxic contamination sites, fossil fuel, climate change, and environmental racism.

On the morning of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 100 community and environmental justice advocates addressed dozens of USEPA and CalEPA officials and staff about their concerns and demands for health and justice.

The California Environmental Justice Coalition issued the Call to Action, and sixty-five diverse organizations including community, Indigenous, environmental justice, climate, health and environmental groups joined together in today's Earth Day Action for Environmental and Climate Justice. Founded in 2015 in the farmworker town of Kettleman City in the San Joaquin Valley, the California Environmental Justice Coalition is community-led is the largest environmental justice coalition in the state.