



## Summer 2019 Frontlines of Environmental Justice



### **In Loving Memory & Honor of Marie Harrison, Help Greenaction Mobilize Youth & Communities for Environmental Justice**

Our dear friend, comrade, and environmental justice warrior Marie Harrison passed away May 5, 2019. A non-smoker who lived in Bayview Hunters Point and who as a young woman worked at the contaminated Hunters Point Shipyard, Marie battled lung damage that made her unable to breathe without an oxygen machine. When illness made it impossible for her to continue as Greenaction community organizer, she joined our Board of Directors and continued speaking at protests, public hearings and meetings. A strong and powerful woman of color, Marie spoke truth to power and never sold out or compromised her principles. Marie fought for justice until her very last day, and inspired people everywhere. As legendary labor organizer Mother Jones said, " Pray for the dead, and fight like hell for the living!" That is exactly what Greenaction will do in Marie's honor.

Greenaction & the Harrison Family have established the Marie Harrison Bayview Hunters Point Youth Environmental Justice Scholarship Fund to empower young people in the fight for healthy communities and environmental justice. Donations will provide scholarships for youth to participate in Greenaction's Youth Academy programs.

### **Greenaction Joins White Mesa Ute Community Spiritual Walk & Protest against Energy Fuels' Uranium Mill in Southern Utah!**

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Greenaction joined White Mesa Ute Community members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in a Spiritual Walk and Protest to demand closure of Energy Fuels LLC's uranium mill in southern Utah. Built on top of ancient and sacred sites including burials, the mill emits radiation into the air, land and water from the processing and dumping of radioactive materials from uranium mines and other sources. We help conduct a White Mesa Ute Environmental Justice Leadership Academy, and mobilize supporters across the region. We need solar and wind energy, not uranium, nuclear or fossil fuels that harm health and the environment.



### **Greenaction, Residents & Whistleblowers Expose Pollution Threats at Treasure Island**

After years of government assurances that cleanup of radioactive and toxic waste at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay was going well, the truth is coming out! Our organizing is bringing more attention to the issue, and has forced some improvements in conditions, with improved fencing at some of the contaminated sites, and piles of radioactive soil covered up or removed. But many residents still live feet from, and likely on top of, radioactive and toxic waste as politicians continue to try to help corporate developers get rich.

## **Greenaction Summer Youth Environmental & Climate Justice Leadership Academies in Kettleman City, Salinas Valley, and Bayview Hunters Point**

In June we kicked off our Youth Environmental and Climate Justice Leadership Academy Programs in Bayview Hunters Point, San Francisco, and the farmworker communities of Kettleman City in the San Joaquin Valley and Gonzales in the Salinas Valley. Participants learn about pollution and health issues and gain advocacy skills on public speaking, organizing and outreach. A dozen youth are in the BVHP Academy and ten youth and adults in Kettleman City are involved. Five Greenaction youth from farmworker families in Gonzales who participated in our previous Academies are empowering residents to stop the threat posed by pesticide drift from agricultural fields.

## **Mobilizing Kettleman City and Buttonwillow Residents to Fight New Toxic Dump Permits!**

California's three hazardous waste landfills are located in Latinx, Spanish-speaking farmworker communities: Kettleman City and Buttonwillow (San Joaquin Valley) and Westmorland (Imperial Valley). The dumps were permitted with discriminatory processes including police intimidation and English-only proceedings. While the Westmorland dump is not currently operating, the other landfills operate on expired permits. Greenaction and residents demand that state agencies comply with our 2016 federal civil rights settlement and stop the pattern and practice of environmental racism.

## **Bayview Hunters Point Campaigns Against Pollution & Gentrification Heat Up**

Decades of work by Greenaction and residents to expose the botched cleanup at the Hunters Point Shipyard Superfund site is paying off. We are forcing the Navy, USEPA and the State to conduct more testing and cleanup of radioactive and toxic waste due to federal contractor Tetra Tech's fraud. We are challenging plans to leave radioactive and toxic waste buried at the San Francisco Bay waterfront, where rising sea levels threaten to flood the contamination. We are challenging the City's approval of BUILD LLC's India Basin Mixed Use Development, as the City's own study concluded the project would cause harmful, significant, ongoing and unavoidable particulate air pollution that could

violate air quality standards. If built, Lennar's Shipyard development and BUILD's India Basin project will lead to gentrification and displacement of long time people of color – and ongoing pollution threats to people's health.

## **Greenaction's Mother's Day Walkathon Honors Marie Harrison**



Marie's family joined Greenaction members and supporters on Mother's Day for our Walkathon in Golden Gate Park. Marie was a mother and grandmother, and fought to make our communities and planet safe and healthy for all kids and families.

## **Protect Kids in Fremont, CA from Tri-City Rock's Air Pollution Condoned by Government!**

We are working with parents to protect elementary and middle school students in Fremont, California from the Tri-City Rock concrete batch plant which violated its permit limits for 2017 and 2018. Particulates from uncovered piles, diesel trucks and the batch plant stack blow onto school grounds. Greenaction and parents are pressuring the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to revoke TCR's permit due to the violations.

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