

## **Barrio Logan Referendum Signature Gatherers Lying to the Public**

### *Environmental Health Coalition Captures Petitioners Making Egregious False Claims on Camera*

SAN DIEGO, October 22, 2013 – Environmental Health Coalition (EHC), an organization that fights toxic pollution, [released a video today](#) that captures petitioners lying to collect signatures for a referendum to appeal the [recently approved Barrio Logan Community Plan](#).

EHC Executive Director Diane Takvorian recorded a four-minute, 40-second video of two signature gatherers located at Ralph's in Mission Valley. [The video unmistakably shows the two individuals spreading outlandish statements](#) handed down to them from the out-of-state corporations that are paying for the referendum.

"These greedy corporations are financing one big lie to fool the voters in San Diego," said Takvorian. "The Barrio Logan plan went through a five-year public planning process, in which industry participated, and the San Diego City Council approved it--twice. The industry didn't get its way, so it's trying to buy and lie its way into democracy. How is this fair?"

While industry spokesperson Chris Wahl says it's an "isolated incident," [EHC shared on its blog](#) comments and experiences from a growing number of residents who had similar encounters at a variety of stores throughout San Diego.

"It's like the game of telephone. Whatever corporate messaging was handed down to the petitioners has spiraled out of control to the point where nothing they are saying contains one ounce of truth," said Takvorian. "[Watch our video](#)—the industry doesn't care about our communities."

[Click here to read EHC's full press release about the Barrio Logan Community Plan approval.](#)

For more information on Environmental Health Coalition and its efforts in Barrio Logan, please visit [www.environmentalhealth.org](http://www.environmentalhealth.org).

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