

One-Day Art Show Highlights Fight Against Toxic Pollution in Barrio Logan

"Until Our Last Breath" features more than 20 barrio artists at Chicano Art Gallery May 31

SAN DIEGO, May 27, 2014 – Artists, residents and friends of Barrio Logan, with the help of Chicano Art Gallery, join forces for a one-night-only art exhibit to tell the story of how corporate greed and pollution affect the health of Barrio Logan community members. On Saturday, May 31, from 6 – 10 p.m. at Chicano Art Gallery, located at 2117 Logan Avenue, more than 20 community artists showcase artwork illustrating decades of struggle for a healthy neighborhood and urge a yes vote on propositions B and C.

[*Until Our Last Breath: Barrio Artistas Contra San Diego's Toxic Maritime Industry*](#) features original paintings and drawings from local artists and many Chicano Park muralists, such as Victor Ochoa, Mario Torero, Berenice Badillo, Armando Nuñez, Stephanie Cecilia Cervantes, Hector Villagas, Patricia Aguayo, Mario Chacon and Isaias Crow. Music and a presentation by Georgette Gómez of Environmental Health Coalition will complement the one-of-a-kind evening. Residents and artists defend the right to a toxic-free community. "This is how our community tells its story," says Barrio Logan resident and art exhibit curator Brent E. Beltrán. "For Barrio Logan, art is a reiteration of where we have been and who we are-- the most obvious example being Chicano Park, which has become a historical landmark in San Diego."

[Environmental Health Coalition](#) encourages San Diegans to attend the one-day community event, organized by Beltrán and the Chicano Art Gallery, for a better understanding of the everyday pollution endured by residents in Barrio Logan. "With inimitable work, Logan artists have painted a neighborhood over-burdened with social and environmental injustices for decades," says Gómez. "The people of Barrio Logan took resistance by creating beauty both with murals and now the development of a new community plan – a different kind of community art." *Until Our Last Breath* opens its doors four days before the June 3 election to urge a "Yes" vote on propositions B and C to approve the Barrio Logan Community Plan Update.

For more information on the art showcase, please click [here](#).

Visit www.environmentalhealth.org for history and updates on the Barrio Logan Community Plan.

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Environmental Health Coalition (EHC) is a nonprofit organization that empowers residents to advocate for the environmental health of their children, families and neighborhoods. For more information on EHC, please visit www.environmentalhealth.org.

Chicano Art Gallery: Located in the historic section of Logan Avenue, the newly opened Chicano Art Gallery and Gift Shop is a grassroots art space run by longtime Barrio Logan artist and resident Cesar Casteñeda. For more information on the gallery, [please click here](#).