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Environmental Health Coalition Announces Awardees for 2015 Awards Celebration: Climate Revolución

Todd Gloria, David Alvarez and local transportation and climate change heroes honored on April 30

SAN DIEGO, April 13, 2015 – Environmental Health Coalition, an organization fighting toxic pollution in the San Diego/Tijuana region, announces the award winners for its 2015 Awards Celebration: Climate Revolución. On April 30, the environmental justice organization honors individuals who play critical roles in improving the health, safety and livability in neighborhoods south of the I-8 freeway.

Awardees include:

- Healthy Neighborhoods Champion Award:
 - City Heights Built Environment Team and City Heights Community Action Team: These two teams worked tirelessly for the past four years to advance transportation justice in City Heights by expanding the Mid-City Bike Corridor, street improvements and demanding an equitable Regional Transportation Plan.

• Environmental Champion Award:

- Cleveland National Forest Foundation and Sierra Club: These organizations challenged inequitable transportation and climate action plans at the local and regional level. The organizations won an appeals court ruling against SANDAG's inequitable 2012 Regional Transportation Plan, and Sierra Club won a ruling that will force the County of San Diego to strengthen its inadequate Climate Action Plan.
- SanDiego350: an all-volunteer action group, organized the massive People's Climate March in 2014, attracting more than 1,500 San Diegans passionate about taking action on climate change and joining more than 2,000 similar events around the world.

Spirit of Justice Award:

 Todd Gloria and David Alvarez: The San Diego City Councilmembers have worked tirelessly to bring environmental justice to overburdened communities and to the San Diego region.

On the evening of Thursday, April 30, Pacifica Companies presents the annual event at the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. More than 350 community members, local leaders, business owners, organizations, elected officials and friends will gather to celebrate the strides taken to advance transportation justice and clean energy in the San Diego region. Guests can expect a fun, interactive and elegant evening of delicious food, music and a beautiful ceremony to honor awardees who are spearheading imperative changes in San Diego's neighborhoods.

Other sponsors include: San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Port of San Diego, the California Endowment, Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest, the United Food & Commercial Workers Union, Ryan Brothers Coffee, Pala Band of Mission Indians, Mel and Linda Katz/Manpower, Blue Summit Wealth Management, ECOR - Noble Environmental Technologies, San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council and UC San Diego Health Systems.

To learn more about *The Climate Revolución*, <u>please click here.</u>
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