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# California Energy Commission denies MMC permit in Chula Vista

## *EHC, Chula Vista residents victorious over polluting power plant*



Chula Vista Councilmembers Rudy Ramirez and Pamela Bensoussan offered strong support for the CEC's decision to deny the MMC power plant.

In an unprecedented victory for public health, the California Energy Commission (CEC) on June 17 denied the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade project, a proposed expansion of a polluting power plant that would have sacrificed the health of hundreds of families that live and work in nearby Chula Vista neighborhoods.

“This is an incredible victory for the community,” said Chula Vista resident Diana Vera. “Clearly, the Commission listened and acted to protect our health.”

Environmental Health Coali-

tion was an official party to the CEC proceedings and officially opposed the expansion. During the more than two year review process, thousands of residents and EHC members testified in opposition to the expansion at public hearings and participated in rallies and protests voicing their opposition.

Laura Hunter, Co-Director of EHC's Sustainable Energy Campaign, said the decision respects the efforts of community members who insisted that Chula Vista's General Plan not allow polluting industries near homes and schools.

“This decision is a triumph for ethical development guidelines,” Hunter said. “It's loud and clear signal that we are moving away from producing energy in ways that put communities at risk.”

The 2005 Chula Vista General Plan for Land Use – crafted with extensive public participation – explicitly prohibits locating industry near homes, schools, or hospitals.

“This is vindication for the work of the General Plan steering committee and their vision for Southwest Chula Vista,” said Chula Vista Councilman Rudy Ramirez. “I'm happy that the CEC have given us the opportunity to fulfill that vision.”

### **A twisted road to victory**

MMC, a New York-based corporation, applied to the CEC for certification of the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade project in September 2007. The project would have replaced the current 44 megawatt peaker plant on Main St. in Chula Vista with a 100 megawatt plant located just 350 feet from homes and 1,300 feet from an elementary school.

The immediate area near the plant is a community where 81% of residents are people of color and 16% are below the federal poverty level.



Chula Vista Resident Diana Vera

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Following almost two years of contentious public hearings, the California Energy Commission recommended denial of the MMC project in January 2009, saying that it was, “inconsistent with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards and (it) creates unmitigable impacts under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).” The CEC findings showed specifically that the location of the proposed power plant was inconsistent with the General Plan.

Residents were thrilled by the recommendation. But on the final day of the comment period leading up to a scheduled April 13 CEC hearing, Chula Vista City officials submitted a letter opposing the CEC opinion, suggesting that the MMC power plant was consistent with the general plan. City staff submitted

the letter despite Chula Vista Mayor Cheryl Cox’s statement to the San Diego Union Tribune on January 24 saying “it’s time to move on” and that the city would “work with MMC on finding a new location for the plant.”

EHC and Chula Vista residents immediately demanded retraction of the comment letter. In a letter to Boyd, Councilmember Ramirez and Councilmember Pamela Bensousan wrote that the City’s comments were not reviewed or endorsed by the Council.

“As city councilmembers living closest to the proposed MMC peaker plant, we would like to thank you and offer our strong support for the Preliminary Decision released in January,” the letter read. “We think you are correct in your understanding of our local ordinances and sup-

port the recommendation that this project should be denied at this location.”

Following a series of delays, the CEC voted unanimously to deny the Chula Vista Energy Upgrade during its final hearing in Sacramento. Commissioner James Boyd, who issued the original denial recommendation, reiterated that opinion, saying that his recommendation had not changed. He said it remained “immensely clear” that the project did not meet land use provisions.

“The commission recognized that the General Plan means what it says: energy companies can’t put a power plant within 1,000 feet of homes,” said Diane Takvorian, Executive Director of Environmental Health Coalition, which was instrumental in creating the land use plan.

“The decision respects the efforts of community members who insisted that Chula Vista’s General Plan not allow polluting industries near homes and schools. The commission could have overridden the policies this community worked so hard to adopt, but it chose correctly and courageously to affirm those policies.”

For Chula Vista resident Diana Vera, the final decision was a testament to the power of persistence from an organized community.

“This was not a battle over power. This was a battle for justice,” she said. “If you walk through our neighborhood, you can see the reality. Thanks to the efforts of EHC and support from our community leaders, we stopped this threat.”

## Thank you for supporting Diane for Port Commissioner

In a disappointing 5-3 vote, a divided San Diego City Council on June 8 chose compromise over change as they selected Lee Burdick over Diane Takvorian to serve on the San Diego Port Commission.

Environmental Health Coalition would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on Diane's campaign for Port Commissioner. We extend our deepest gratitude to our supporters who turned out for the Council meeting, and the more than 400 people who endorsed Diane, made calls, sent emails, and spread the word. We must also extend our most sincere gratitude to Councilmembers Donna Frye and Todd Gloria for nominating Diane, and to

Councilmember Sherri Lightner for her support in the final vote.

It is deeply disappointing that the majority of the City Council chose the status quo over the will of the people. Our City missed its chance to give our communities the voice on the Port Commission that we deserve.

Despite the outcome, our alliances for social and environmental justice have made an undeniable show of strength. The diverse coalition of community members, environmental leaders, labor representatives, long-time activists and people who came to City Hall for the first time proves that no matter who we

are, we all agree that everyone deserves a voice in decisions that affect the health of our friends and families. There are many more challenges ahead of us and together we can and must continue to demand the changes we need for our communities.

"The most powerful moment for me came when we all stood together, united in our purpose," Diane said. "I received the vote that matters most to me in the form of your support. I am so proud to work for justice with all of you everyday. Our momentum is building, and I know that working together, we will bring about the changes that benefit everyone."

## Green Energy/Good Jobs Alliance pushes for energy planning

On June 15, the San Diego City Council voted unanimously to apply for planning funds under the Federal Energy Conservation and Block Grants, a decision advocated for by the San Diego Green Energy/Good Jobs Alliance.

These funds will allow the development of a thoughtful and strategic plan to guide expenditure of limited stimulus funds and will make the process open, inclusive and transparent. The approach to maximize transparency and foster public dialogue is consistent with the conditions the U.S. Congress and the Obama Administration advocated for when passing the stimulus package.

The City of San Diego will receive \$250,000 to develop an energy efficiency and conservation strategy for the City of San Diego. Council-

member Donna Frye and Mayor Jerry Sanders are co-chairs of the committee that is developing this strategy with selected members of the public. The committee is meeting weekly to determine how best to prioritize the selection of programs and projects. They must weigh the benefits of the project proposals using such criteria as reducing climate change, creating new jobs and revitalizing the economy, leveraging funds, saving taxpayer dollars, and ensuring the benefits are sustainable over the long-term. After prioritizing project ideas, the Committee's recommendations will go to the Council for a vote, probably in September and be submitted to the Department of Energy by the October 25 due date.

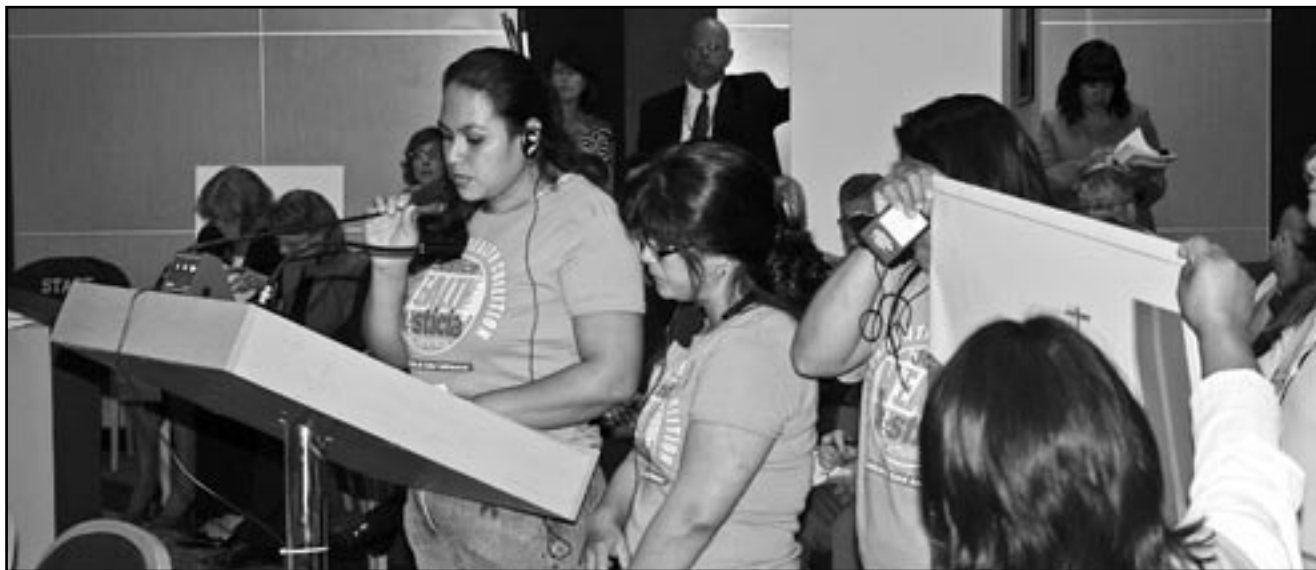
This strategy will establish the City's energy goals and objectives and identify the programs and policies that the City will fund with the

\$12 million in energy stimulus dollars. All meetings will be noticed and open to members of the public.

The Green Energy/Good Jobs Alliance is a coalition of community, environmental and labor organizations working to create a thriving local green economy that: Reduces greenhouse emissions; improves air quality and protects public health; provides opportunities and benefits to all neighborhoods, and; creates family-supporting union jobs.

Alliance members and organizations supporting the council action include: Environmental Health Coalition, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569, Coalition of Neighborhood Councils, AIA-San Diego Chapter, Sierra Club-San Diego Chapter, San Diego CoastKeeper, San Diego Imperial-Counties Labor Council, GRID Alternatives, and City Heights Community Development Corporation.

## Port commits \$7.5 million to clean air



Barrio Logan resident Maria Martinez, an Environmental Health Coalition leader, gives testimony to the San Diego Port Commission about the impacts of Port pollution on her neighborhood.

The San Diego Board of Port Commissioners on July 7 allocated more than \$7 million to create an infrastructure that will allow cruise and cargo ships to plug into shore power while docked at the Tenth Avenue Marine Terminal in Barrio Logan and the Cruise Ship Terminal in downtown San Diego.

This project would eliminate the need for ships to idle their diesel engines, reducing the amount of dirty diesel emissions that drift into neighboring communities. The decision ensures that these port terminals will comply with California air regulations at least two years earlier than the 2014 deadline.

“A million thanks to you – you made the right decision,” said Barrio Logan resident Maria Martinez. An Environmental Health Coalition leader, Martinez has worked with other residents who live near the Port for more than three years, educating them about the health risks from diesel pollution and working

with EHC and the Port to find solutions.

Idling ships docked at the port produce significant amounts of diesel pollution and greenhouse gases, which impact air quality and health in nearby neighborhoods and contribute to climate change. The two projects will eliminate over 650,000 lbs of nitrogen oxides and 18,000 lbs of diesel particulate matter in its first three years of operation. It is the most substantial Clean Air investment that the Port has made in its effort to reduce its environmental impacts on neighboring communities and the region.

Documented levels of particulate matter in Barrio Logan are second only to Otay Mesa, which is subjected to truck traffic near the border. Particulate pollution levels in Barrio Logan and Sherman Heights are more than 1,000% higher than the county average, and more than 250% higher than any other census

tract in the county, except for West National City, which is home to San Diego County’s other port maritime terminal. As a result of these emissions and a concentration of other polluting industries, asthma hospitalization rates for children in these neighborhoods are 54% above the county average. Recent studies also indicate that diesel particulate matter contributes to an elevated cancer risk in these neighborhoods.

“This decision is a monumental victory for Barrio Logan and other Port communities. It sets the stage for reducing the largest source of diesel emissions at the Port,” said Diane Takvorian, Executive Director of EHC. “Barrio Logan residents persisted in their demands that the Port take action to protect their health. They never, ever accepted the premise that there were no solutions. Thanks to the community’s dedication and tireless work, we’ve taken a significant first step towards improving air quality for the entire San Diego region.”

## Leaders SALTA

In June 2009, EHC Leaders from Chula Vista, Barrio Logan, and National City celebrated their graduation from EHC's Leaders SALTA.

EHC's signature leadership training, SALTA (Salud Ambiental Lideres Tomando Accion – Environmental Health Leaders Taking Action) provides skills training on organizing, advocacy, building power, and media relations.

SALTA uses a popular education approach that makes it inclusive and accessible to all participants. The trainings are based on the experience of EHC and those participating in the training. This allows people to address the issues they face in their communities and moves people towards taking action to achieve social change.



# EHC mourns the loss of two giants in the movement for social and environmental justice

*In May we lost Roberto Martinez and in June Luke Cole. Both had an enormous impact on EHC's work and on our world as leaders who saw and acted on injustice. Both were wise and acted with integrity and compassion to promote justice for our communities.*

*EHC dedicates this issue of the Toxinformer to Roberto and Luke in hopes that their spirit and legacy will live on to inspire generations of activists for many years to come. We think they are both proud and smiling as they read about the community's victory against the MMC peaker plant in this issue. Our win took the strength of both community organizing and legal advocacy – two strategies they used with diligence and humility.*

## Luke Cole

The environmental justice movement is mourning the untimely loss of Luke W. Cole, who died June 6 in a car crash in Uganda while on sabbatical. He was 46.

Luke was a visionary leader who helped define the role of law and lawyers in the environmental justice movement. With the inspiration and support of his mentor, Ralph Abascal of California Rural Legal Assistance, he founded the Center on Race Poverty & Environment in 1989 soon after his graduation from Harvard Law School. Luke saw that as a legal field, environmental justice could be a bridge between the traditional environmental movement and the traditional civil rights move-

ment. Although he worked hard to bring lawyers into the environmental justice movement, he was always mindful of the secondary role they should play. Luke recognized that in the end, environmental racism is a political problem, not a legal one, and therefore that the ultimate end is to empower disempowered communities. In his view, no legal strategy was adequate unless it met the test of three questions: Will it educate? Will it build the movement? Will it address the root of the problem?

Caroline Farrell, Acting Executive Director of CRPE worked with Luke for over ten years and shares this reflection,

“Luke was our friend, our mentor and our leader. He inspired us with his warmth, his bravery, and his intolerance for racism, discrimination and injustice. He recognized that an injustice in one community diminishes us all. He shared his power and privilege to help those low income communities and communities of color struggle against powerful interests and buck the status quo.”

EHC has worked with Luke and CRPE for nearly two decades. In the early 1990's Luke spearheaded a gathering of two communities impacted by Waste Management. Kettleman City, California and Playas de Tijuana, both locations where WM planned to build hazardous waste incinerators. Luke led the historic struggle and victory that stopped the Kettleman project and resulted in a landmark Superior Court decision which invalidated the EIR for the incinerator project due to inadequate

environmental review and the failure to translate even part of the EIR into Spanish.

This decision, like much of Luke's work, changed the face of the movement and we will be forever in his debt for his gifts to all communities suffering from discrimination and injustice.

## Roberto Martinez

Roberto Martinez devoted his life to protecting San Diego's marginalized immigrants and served as an inspiration to a generation of activists.

When he died May 20, 2009 at age 72, Roberto Martinez had spent the majority of his career as director of the American Friends Service Committee's U.S.-Mexico Border Program, a post from which he was San Diego's loudest and most influential voice for humane treatment of Mexican immigrants

Roberto once wrote: “What this country has done is reduce a natural, human phenomenon, like human migration, to a humiliating, dehumanizing experience. It has also turned a fundamental human right into a crime.”

Martinez was the principal mentor to Enrique Morones, one of San Diego's most active migrant rights activists today. Morones, who runs the Border Angels project and sets out water and other supplies at desert stations for migrants



## BEJC Director reelected president of CJM

The Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras reelected EHC's Border Environmental Justice Campaign Director Amelia Simpson president of its Board of Directors during CJM's 2009 General Assembly. This year's gathering, which took place June 6-9 in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, marked the 20th Anniversary of CJM and featured the inaugural Maquila Social Forum.

CJM is an international non-profit, non-governmental coalition composed of organizations from religious, labor, environmental, community and women's organizations in Mexico, the United States,

Canada and Dominican Republic. CJM strives for a better quality of life, sustainable development, social justice, human rights, and environmental stability. Its efforts are grounded in supporting workers and community struggles for social, economic and environmental justice in the Maquiladora industry. CJM places special emphasis on defending the rights of women who suffer discrimination, humiliation, and sexual harassment in the workplace. Its actions are carried out wherever transnational corporations violate workers' rights and adversely affect their communities by destroying their cultures, traditions and polluting the environment.



## EHC organizer honored by United Church of Christ



The United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries in June honored Border Environmental Justice Campaign organizer Magdalena Cerda with its Harry Holt Grassroots Organizer Award. Cerda, along with three other award recipients, attended a special ceremony and awards banquet at the church's 27th General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The church recognized Cerda for her history of organizing and mobiliz-

ing communities in the San Diego/Tijuana region, including her work with the EHC Colectivo Chilpancingo Pro Justicia Ambiental to achieve the cleanup of the toxic Metales y Derivados site.

Justice and Witness Ministries is one of four Covenanted Ministries in the UCC. The work of JWM is guided by the pronouncements and resolutions approved by the UCC at General Synod.

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trekking across it, said that without the guidance of Martinez, much of the human rights work being done in San Diego today would never have gotten its start.

"He had an influence on every person in San Diego who works along the border," Morones said.

Christian Ramirez served with

the AFSC during and after Roberto's retirement and was inspired and motivated to say: "With a soft voice but a relentless spirit, Roberto Martinez spoke truth to power in the face of violence fomented by governmental policies. He exemplified with integrity and compassion the cause in defense of human rights, despite police harassment and death threats; he never succumbed to the pressures of those in power.

His determination in advocating for justice, peace and dignity is the legacy that he leaves us and one that we hope to continue."

Roberto understood that human rights includes a safe and healthy home, workplace and environment. He supported and inspired EHC's work for decades and we will miss him sorely.

## EHC Q&A: Community Leader Adriana Alfaro



### How long have you lived in the community?

I have been living in the community of Old Town National City for 8 years

### How did you first come in contact with EHC?

There was a lead inspection done at the house where I used to live and Mrs. Luz Palomino who works with the lead campaign invited me to participate at EHC as a volunteer, and that's how I got involved.

### How are you personally affected by pollution issues in the community?

I am personally affected with my children's illnesses. They have asthma, and if there weren't so many polluting shops within the community my children would not be affected with the asthma attacks. This also affects not only their health but their academic achievements because they miss school often. It is not fair that the National City authorities even after hearing so many testimonies from the community haven't taken any immediate action.

### How aware were you of environmental health issues before your work with EHC?

I had been living in the community for three years and never paid attention as to where the strong paint odors were coming from. I knew I had to close the windows and doors at around seven at night and place wet towels underneath the doors so the paint odor would be less inside the house. It was when I got involved with EHC that I found out that the problem that was affecting me was due to the shops in the community. While walking to drop off my children at school, I found out that all those odors came from the shops and that's when I learned more about the issue on toxics in the environment, and that it mainly affects children.

### What is your role with EHC?

My role is to get more involved with the issues that exist within and out of my community so that we can have more accomplishments and not continue to live with injustice. I am currently working on getting an affordable housing project and zoning changed in Old Town National City to have a community free of toxics and polluting businesses.

### What accomplishments are you most proud of?

My community has fought for a long time to have affordable housing and now that project has been approved; that was an accomplishment for all that worked on that project since the beginning.

### What changes have you seen?

The community participates more and understands about toxics that are in the community. There are more persons involved and that participate in the changes.

### What would you say to other residents about working with EHC?

I would tell them that being involved with EHC is to see the changes within our community, to see that our children's future will be better and for our children to feel proud of us when we say that we can achieve environmental justice.

## Polluting Power Plants Don't Make Good Neighbors

To reasonable people it seems obvious. Fossil-fuel power plants are a major source of air pollution and don't belong next to our homes or schools. These plants can compromise the health of people who live and work nearby and often cause environmental injustice.

The impacts are clearly documented. For example, asthma-related emergency room visits in neighborhoods closest to two Chula Vista power plants rank in the highest tier for the region.

Knowing what we now know about the toll air pollution exacts on public health, it seems no one would even consider the idea of building one of these outdated monstrosities near homes or schools.

However, the two-year battle that EHC waged against a proposed power plant in Chula Vista means some have not gotten the message. Some energy developers ignore common sense and local land use planning rules in favor of their bottom-line. They prescribe to the adage that it's easy to exploit a community in which you don't live, particularly when that community often lacks the resources to fight back.

Which is why New York-based MMC Corporation figured its plan to replace a peaker plant in Chula Vista with a larger 100-megawatt plant wouldn't draw much resistance. Sure, the plant would spew greenhouse gases and loom a stone's throw from homes and an elementary school, but who in this low income community of color had the power to stop them?

Fast forward two years: MMC is bankrupt and its remaining assets are for sale to the highest bidder. And the so-called Chula Vista Energy Upgrade – the plan that they thought no one would oppose – is defeated.

While everyone from the Obama Administration to forward-thinking municipalities and grass-roots organizations began to push for clean energy alternatives, MMC and some members of the Chula Vista City Council insisted that slapping another old-style power plant in a community already reeling from environmental impacts was a plausible solution to the region's energy needs.

Chula Vista residents disagreed. In June, so did the California Energy Commission.

It seems MMC underestimated Environmental Health Coalition and the hundreds of residents who refused another environmental insult to their neighborhood.

The company also didn't expect commissioners from the CEC to independently review the existing Chula Vista Plan for land use – which specifically prohibits locating polluting power plants near homes, schools, or hospitals – and deny the project.

In fact, the CEC could have overridden the land use provisions and approved the project. But Commissioner James Boyd listened to the voices of residents, carefully reviewed the information in the record, and respected the intent of the land use provisions. The CEC decision sent a message that there is a better place and a better way to meet our energy needs.

The CEC's decision is fair warning to energy developers that regulators will no longer rubber stamp plans for projects that disregard public health impacts, fail to consider alternative energy strategies, and omit the use of renewable resources. It also highlights the importance of community-focused land use planning that establishes provisions to protect residents from short-sighted developments.

Environmental Health Coalition continues to work with the City of Chula Vista and other local communities and municipalities to ensure that we do indeed meet our energy needs. Public investment in green energy and jobs will create a new era of sustainability. Our goal is to phase out old polluting power plants, replace them with clean, local distributed power sources, and put our communities back to work in the process.

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Federal Government has allocated \$275.6 million to the CEC for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The Energy Commission's two main areas of responsibility are the State Energy Program and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. Chula Vista and the San Diego region are primed for this kind of investment.

MMC representatives called the CEC's denial of the Chula Vista project "unprecedented." They saw no reason for their plan to be denied, despite the waves of opposition from residents who opposed the plan from the start and the fact that it did not comply with local land use policies.

So at least on one point, the developers were correct: The defeat of the Chula Vista Upgrade is unprecedented. It proves that we are moving away from the old way of thinking about energy towards a future that protects the health of everyone, regardless of where they live.



### **The work for environmental justice in Tijuana has passed to a new generation.**

For more than two years, members of the Colectivo Chilpancingo Pro-Justicia Ambiental Youth Group have come together to express their perspective on the fight against environmental pollution and globalization. Many of the youth are children of members of the Tijuana-based Colectivo that works with EHC on environmental justice issues.

The group's has collaborated on projects that include a community mural (pictured above) and the creation and publication of a comic that tells the story of Metales y Derivados.

"The comic for us is the opportunity to express a point of view of the fight against Metales y Derivados and the opportunity to present to groups like us so that they can see that the children and the young people are worried about environmental justice and the repercussions of NAFTA and globalization in our city," said Azaria Cassandra de la Lanza F.

To download the comic in its entirety, visit our website [www.environmentalhealth.org](http://www.environmentalhealth.org)

### **El trabajo por la justicia ambiental en Tijuana ha pasado a una nueva generación.**

Por más de dos años, los miembros del Grupo de Jóvenes del Colectivo Chilpancingo Pro-Justicia Ambiental se han reunido para expresar su perspectiva sobre la lucha en contra de la contaminación ambiental y la globalización. Muchos de los jóvenes son hijos de los miembros del Colectivo de Tijuana que trabaja con la Coalición de Salud Ambiental en temas de justicia ambiental.

El grupo ha colaborado en proyectos que incluyen un mural comunitario (véase foto de arriba) y la creación y publicación de un comic que cuenta la historia de Metales y Derivados.

"El cómic para nosotros es la oportunidad de expresar un punto de vista de lo que fue la lucha contra Metales y Derivados y también la oportunidad de darnos a conocer como grupo y que puedan ver que también los niños y los jóvenes nos preocupamos por la justicia ambiental y las repercusiones del TLC y la globalización en nuestra ciudad," dijo Azaria Casandra de la Lanza F.

Para descargar todo el comic, visita nuestra página Web [www.environmentalhealth.org](http://www.environmentalhealth.org)



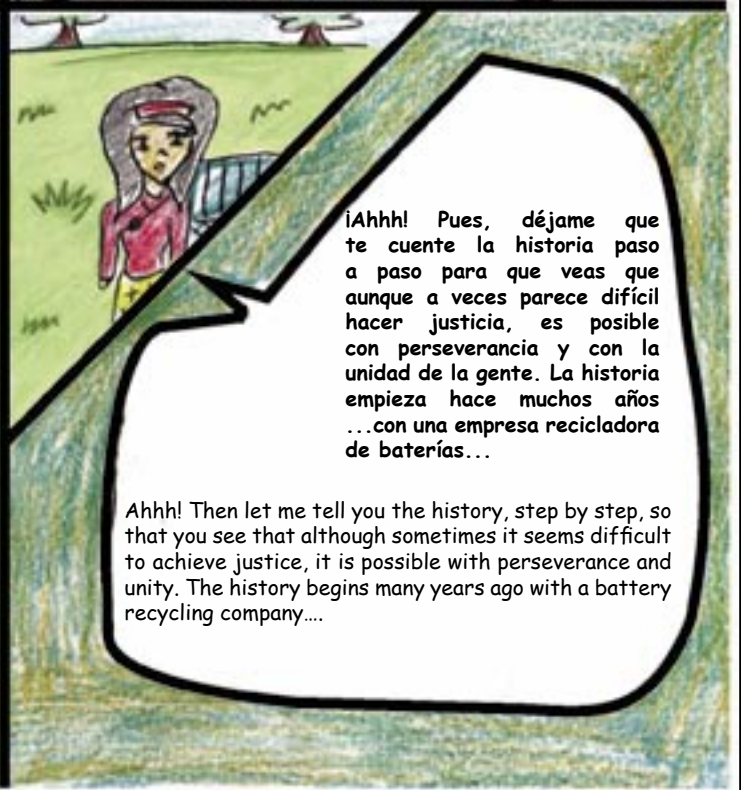
Oye, mamá...pero...es muy peligroso que la gente juegue en esa cancha, ¿no? Porque la pusieron en el lugar que me habías dicho que estaba muy contaminado con plomo./ Hey, mom...but...it is very dangerous that people play in that soccer field, right? Because it was built in the place that you had told me was heavily contaminated with lead.



Ya no hay peligro, ya es seguro porque ya lo limpiamos./There is no longer danger. It is safe because we cleaned it.



Pero...¿como le hicieron para limpiar ese lugar si estaba tan contaminado y era tan tóxico con todo ese plomo?/ But... how did they clean this place if it was so contaminated and so toxic with all that lead?



¡Ahhh! Pues, déjame que te cuente la historia paso a paso para que veas que aunque a veces parece difícil hacer justicia, es posible con perseverancia y con la unidad de la gente. La historia empieza hace muchos años ... con una empresa recicladora de baterías...

Ahhh! Then let me tell you the history, step by step, so that you see that although sometimes it seems difficult to achieve justice, it is possible with perseverance and unity. The history begins many years ago with a battery recycling company....

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