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RACHEL MORELLO-FROSCH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

Rachel Morello-Frosch is associate professor of Environmental Science, Policy and Management and the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Morello-Frosch's research examines race and class determinants of environmental health among diverse communities in the United States. A focus of her work is the relationship between segregation and environmental health inequalities associated with air pollution, children's environmental health, and the intersection between economic restructuring and community environmental health. Currently, Dr. Morello-Frosch collaborates with colleagues and environmental justice organizations to research and address climate justice issues, including the social equity implications of proposed greenhouse gas reduction strategies in California associated with the AB32 Scoping Plan; and disparities in community capacity to adapt to environmental impacts of climate change. Her work is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the California Environmental Protection Agency.

TOM STEYER, NEXTGEN CLIMATE

Tom Steyer is a business leader and philanthropist who believes we have a moral responsibility to give back and help ensure that every family shares the benefits of economic opportunity, education, and a healthy climate. In 2010, Tom and his wife, Kat Taylor, pledged to contribute most of their wealth to charitable causes during their lifetimes. That same year, Tom worked to defeat Proposition 23, an attempt by the oil industry to roll back California's historic plan to reduce pollution and address climate change. In 2012, Tom led a campaign to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in California schools annually by closing a corporate tax loophole. To date, Proposition 39 has put nearly a billion dollars into California schools and clean energy projects, saving millions of dollars in annual energy costs. Tom founded a successful California business, which he left to work full-time on non-profit and advocacy efforts. He now serves as President of NextGen Climate, an organization he founded in 2013 to prevent climate disaster and promote prosperity for all Americans. Tom also serves as co-chair of Save Lives California, the coalition to prevent teen smoking and fund cancer research. Tom's dedication to public service is greatly inspired by his wife, Kat, the co-CEO of Beneficial State Bank in Oakland. They founded this nonprofit community bank in 2007 to provide loans to people and small businesses shut out by the traditional banking system. Unlike most banks, by statute Beneficial State Bank invests any profits back into the community. Tom and Kat live in San Francisco and have four children.

ALAN ABBS, CALIFORNIA AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Alan Abbs serves as the Executive Director for the California Air Pollution Control Officers Association (CAPCOA). CAPCOA represents the executive officers of the 35 local air pollution control districts and air quality management districts in California. Abbs joined CAPCOA in 2015 after serving as the Air Pollution Control Officer for the Tehama County Air Pollution Control District for 8 years, which included one year simultaneously serving as the Air Pollution Control Officer for the Lassen County Air Pollution Control District. In that position, Abbs was responsible for air quality programs addressing agricultural and prescribed

burning, stationary source permitting, indirect source permitting, and grants. Previously, Abbs served as the Solid Waste Director for Tehama County, managing the Tehama County Landfill, hazardous waste programs, and curbside waste collection, and as the Environmental/Technical Manager at a paper mill for the Pactiv Corporation. Abbs also served in the U.S. Navy as an officer on the USS Fort Fisher (LSD40) and at Fleet Technical Support Center Pacific in San Diego. Abbs holds a Master's of Business Administration degree from California State University, Chico, and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy.

ADRIAN MARTINEZ, EARTH JUSTICE

Based in Los Angeles, Adrian works on clean air, clean energy, and environmental justice issues. Prior to joining Earth Justice, Adrian worked as a smog and healthy communities attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council. Adrian received a degree in Environmental Science and Policy from Duke University and a law degree from the University of Denver College of Law where he was a chancellor's scholar. He is admitted to practice in California. In addition to his professional work, Adrian volunteers for many nonprofits. He sits on the board of Communities for a Better Environment. He is also a founding director of the Los Angeles Sustainability Collaborative, and he serves on the board of the Planning and Conservation League. Adrian is an adjunct professor of law at the University of California Los Angeles where he co-teaches a class on Environmental Justice Law.

BILL MAGAVERN, COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR

Bill joined Coalition for Clean Air in 2012, but has more than 25 years advocating for environmental and public interest causes. He has authored numerous reports and articles on energy and environmental issues, and testifies frequently before the State Legislature, Air Resources Board, and other agencies. From 2000-2011, he represented Sierra Club California on a variety of environmental issues, and was honored in 2003 with the Mary Ferguson Award for outstanding service and in 2011 with the John Zierold Award for outstanding legislative advocacy. Bill was named a Clean Air Champion in 2007 by the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition.