

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
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CHAIR

May, Margaret J.

Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council

Ms. May has been the Executive Director of the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council since October 2001. Organized in 1967, Ivanhoe is one of the oldest and largest organized neighborhoods in Kansas City facing the challenge of vacant lots, illegal dumping and criminal activity. Under Ms. May's leadership, Ivanhoe initiated several community projects, including the Ivanhoe Land Trust Lots Maintenance Program, to improve the appearance and safety of the neighborhood and provide neighborhood youth with jobs; as well as the Ivanhoe Rehab Program to reclaim vacant abandoned houses, rehab the houses, and sell them to home owners. Currently, Ivanhoe is one of five neighborhoods participating in Congressman Emanuel Cleaver's innovative Green Impact Zone project. Additionally, Ivanhoe is one of seven neighborhoods selected by the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to participate in the new Urban Neighborhood Initiative (UNI), created to revitalize Kansas City's urban core neighborhoods. In 2008, the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council expanded its capacity to improve the neighborhood by becoming a community development corporation. In 2011, Ms. May was appointed to serve on the City Plan Commission. Ms. May holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Park University and holds a National Development Council's Housing Development Financial Professional (HDFP) certification.

OTHER MEMBERS

Blanton, Teri E.

Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

In August 2007, Ms. Blanton became a Canary Leadership Project Fellow with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC) in London, Kentucky. In that capacity, she is cultivating grassroots leaders by helping affected citizens develop their communications and analytical skills so they may better confront the challenges they face. She provides training in public speaking, lobbying, government relations and media relations. She represents KFTC and residents impacted by the coal industry at regional and national conferences and events, and engages in direct lobbying of public officials at the state and federal levels. Ms. Blanton also serves on the Board of The Alliance for Appalachia. She was formerly the Vice President of Kentucky Riverkeepers.

Chase, Charles

University of Colorado – Denver

For the last 7 years, Mr. Chase has used his position at the University of Colorado and working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program to develop a stronger link between environmental justice communities and the students, faculty and resources at the university. Mr. Chase serves as Advisor of the University's Designers Without Boundaries program and as the Science Advisor for Earth Force, which works to bring together partners to transform how communities educate and engage young people around environmental issues, such as water quality and environmental pollution. He has worked with communities to address issues including post-disaster work in New Orleans and redevelopment and environmental health in Colorado, and to provide facilitation and mentoring to CARE community projects across the U.S. Mr. Chase worked on his doctorate in biology at Florida State University, and

received the Master of Arts from University of Colorado and Bachelor of Science from Colorado State University.

Doi, Kerry N.

Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)

Mr. Doi has long been an advocate for grassroots, environmental justice for low-income ethnic minorities in the Los Angeles area. Through PACE, a community organization he founded and has led for the past 37 years, he has helped more than 800,000 low-income families in Los Angeles improve their quality of life by reducing energy use. PACE successfully implements a variety of economic development and social service programs for low-income, ethnic minority residents in the Los Angeles area. PACE programs serve more than 60,000 low-income residents annually with an operating budget in excess of \$36 million and 450 staff. Mr. Doi also is a board member of the Los Angeles Housing Partnership, the California Community Economic Development Association (CCEDA) and founding member and National Co-Chair of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development. In 2009, Mr. Doi was the NeighborWorks Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He received a Bachelor of Arts in sociology from California State University, Long Beach.

Drew, Ellen E.

Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

For the past seven years, Ms. Drew has supervised RCAC's environmental rural development specialists in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona. She has more than 25 years of experience in the environmental arena with expertise in sustainable communities, pollution prevention, environmental justice, solid waste, water, wastewater, whole systems thinking, principle-based strategies, capacity and process development. Previously, she worked as the operations director for an environmental analytical laboratory, reviewing data and developing site cleanup strategies in conjunction with environmental engineering firms. Ms. Drew was the founder and Executive Director of the Strategic Environmental Project Pipeline Foundation, Inc., an innovative national project database matchmaking funders with local community projects, and the Colorado Environmental Business Alliance (CEBA), a business association working internationally to expand market opportunities for Colorado's environmental products, services and technologies. She has a Bachelor of Science in biological agriculture from Colorado State University.

Ellerbrock, Michael J.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dr. Ellerbrock is a professor of environmental economics and ethics at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (popularly known as Virginia Tech). In 1998, he founded the Virginia Natural Resources Leadership Institute (VNRLI). The VNRLI has served as a force for building collaborative problem-solving and consensus building skills in Virginia's difficult environmental arena. Now in its 13th year, VNRLI has trained 360 federal, state, industry, academic and community activists in environmental conflict resolution that includes a core theme of environmental justice and racism. Dr. Ellerbrock has published on environmental justice. For example, his work, "Environmental Justice and the Big Flush," is about Hurricane Katrina. He also teaches about environmental justice in his courses and incorporates environmental justice into his Catholic ministry outreach. He received his doctorate in applied economics and a master's degree in recreation and parks administration from Clemson University as well as Bachelor of Science in recreation and parks from Texas A&M University.

Horne, Savonala "Savi"

Land Loss Prevention Project

Since 2005, Ms. Horne has served as Executive Director of the Land Loss Prevention Project. She coordinates the provision of free comprehensive legal and technical assistance to more than 1,200 financially distressed farmers and limited resource landowners per year, seeing to preserve their farms, homes, land and rural livelihoods. She directs the work of the nonprofit law firm of 10 persons, including eight attorneys, and provides strategic guidance in litigation involving discrimination in the agricultural and environmental arenas. As co-Team Leader of the Diversity Initiative of the Farm and Food Policy Project, funded by the Kellogg Foundation, Ms. Horne was involved in the development and coordination of minority and limited-resource farmers' and farmworkers' interests in the 2007-08 U.S. Farm Bill Process and is a present participant in the 2013 Farm Bill process. She earned a Juris Doctor from Rutgers University and a Bachelor of Arts in urban legal studies from City College of the City University of New York.

LaPier, Rosalyn R.

Piegan Institute

Ms. LaPier is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe. Since 1999, she has worked with the Piegan Institute, a private nonprofit on the Blackfeet reservation in Montana, whose mission is to research, preserve and promote Native culture. During her time with the Piegan Institute she has incorporated research projects and programs within the school (summer programs and school programs), which focused on traditional ecological knowledge and worked to increase the environmental literacy of the reservation community. In addition to working at Piegan Institute, she also holds a tenure-track position in the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Montana, where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses on Native peoples and the environment. Most recently she was a graduate fellow for The Newberry Consortium in American Studies at The Newberry Library in Chicago. She was appointed by Montana's governor to serve on the State of Montana Historic Preservation Board. Ms. LaPier currently is a doctoral candidate at the University of Montana and has a Master of Arts in liberal studies from DePaul University and a Bachelor of Arts in physics from The Colorado College.

Miller-Travis, Vernice

Maryland State Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities

Ms. Miller-Travis is Vice Chair of the Maryland State Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities. She has served as a policy consultant to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and is a principal co-author of their recently released report entitled *Now is the Time: Implementation of Environmental Justice Policy by the Obama Administration*. She is the principal consultant in Miller-Travis & Associates, an environmental consulting firm. Ms. Miller-Travis is an urban planner focusing on the interrelationship between racial segregation, land use and environmental protection, as well as on environmental policy and civil rights advocacy. She is a graduate of Columbia University, a published author of numerous articles and chapters on race and land use, and contributed to the landmark report, "Toxic Wastes and Race in the United States."

Pestana, Edith M.

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Ms. Pestana is the Environmental Justice Program Administrator at the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection in Hartford, Connecticut. Her responsibilities include incorporating

environmental justice into agency programs, policy making and regulatory activities; interpreting and administering pertinent laws and consulting on related enforcement activities and decisions that impact minority and economically distressed communities; and collaborating with health, social and enforcement agencies to investigate environmental health complaints resulting from exposures to sewage, lead-based paint, asbestos and other environmental concerns. In 2009, Ms. Pestana collaborated with numerous advocacy organizations, including the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, and successfully passed environmental justice legislation, “An Act Concerning Environmental Justice Communities.” She received the Environmental Justice Government Leadership Award from the Hartford Environmental Justice Network in December of 2010. Ms. Pestana earned a Master in Public Health from Yale University Medical School and Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science degrees in geology from Rutgers University. She has served on numerous government and nongovernmental advisory boards and commissions, including the Forum for State and Tribal Toxic Action, Office of Pollution Prevention, EPA.

Rezentes, Cynthia Kim Len

Mohala I Ka Wai (People Thrive Where Conditions Are Good)

Ms. Rezentes currently serves as president of Mohala I Ka Wai (People Thrive Where Conditions Are Good), a nonprofit that seeks to steward Wai`anae Coast and Hawaii watersheds, with the goal of building a cultural learning center for traditional agricultural practices. In addition, she serves on the advisory committee for Ka Wai Ola O Wai`anae (The Living Waters of Wai`anae) project, which is pursuing a community-driven process to mitigate pollutants related to illegal dumping and nonpoint source pollution. Previously, Ms. Rezentes had served as director for two land trusts. As a member of two neighborhood boards, Ms. Rezentes has chaired committees related to planning and zoning, transportation and housing in addition to chairing each board at various times. Working as an electrical engineer for many years, Ms. Rezentes’ professional background qualifies her to understand technical aspects related to development or infrastructure-type projects. Living in a primarily Native Hawaiian and low-income community that faces many environmental justice issues, Ms. Rezentes has fought for over 10 years for the closure of Oahu’s only solid waste landfill, which is located on the border of her community. She is recognized by various organizations as a community leader with a concern for the environment, and involves herself with legislative issues by advocating for various environmental and social justice issues. Ms. Rezentes received her Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from Gonzaga University and her Master of Science in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico.

Sanders, Deidre

Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Dr. Sanders is currently the Environmental Justice Program Manager at Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) in San Francisco, California. In this role, she serves as a subject matter expert on environmental justice where she has been a part of PG&E’s Environmental Policy Group since September 2007. Her primary responsibilities include leading the effort to advance the implementation and institutionalization of PG&E’s Environmental Justice Policy, and providing direct project support by helping PG&E manage non-permit risks associated with new facility siting and ongoing operations, particularly those related to communities. Additionally, she is the lead for the identification and development of company response strategies associated with environmental justice and new laws and regulations, such as California’s landmark climate change legislation, Assembly Bill 32, as well as other emerging issues. In addition to her work for PG&E she is on the Green Advisory Council of the California League of Conservation Voters, a state-wide environmental organization that seeks to ensure good environmental

policy development and implementation. She is also the American Association of Blacks in Energy lead on environmental justice concerns through its Legislative Issues and Public Policy section. Prior to joining NEJAC in 2012, she worked on the EPA National Advisory Committee for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT) Subcommittee for Promoting Environmental Stewardship (2009-2010). Dr. Sanders earned her doctorate degree in Public Policy and Politics from Claremont Graduate University and also a bachelor's degree in History and International Relations from the University of Southern California.

Shafiei, Fatemeh

Spelman College

Dr. Shafiei is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and Co-Chair of Sustainability Committee at Spelman College. She has served as environmental justice consultant for Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Bates College. Dr. Shafiei has served as an invited speaker, panelist, chair, section chair, panel organizer, moderator and discussant in numerous conferences and forums. She received federal funding for her research in environmental policy area from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for "Environmental Policy and Innovation Grant: Emergency Planning and Preparedness." In addition, Dr. Shafiei served as project director for the Spelman College/EPA Teachers' Environmental Institutes (2000, 2001 and 2004), an EPA funded project. These institutes were designed to inform, promote, facilitate and expand middle and high school teachers' knowledge in environmental areas. She was also the principal investigator for the United Negro College Fund/Mellon Program funded project "Education for Sustainability: Greening the College Curriculum Institute." As project director she planned, developed and conducted a curriculum development workshop for faculty from several historically black colleges and universities. She was also the project director for the Environmental Justice Summit, an EPA funded project. She was a Partnership Leader in the Education for Sustainability Project, a U.S. Department of Energy funded project (1994-1997), where she planned, developed and conducted curriculum development workshops for Clark Atlanta University faculty. She served as the project director for the Environmental Lecture Series (1994-1996), an EPA funded project. She was also co-principal investigator who participated in planning, and made presentations at the 1994 and 1995 EPA-Clark Atlanta University Teachers' Environmental Summer Institute that was funded by EPA Region 4. She planned, developed, invited speakers and organized The Atlanta Environmental Summit: Linking Priorities from a Minority Perspective held on June 15, 1996. She received her doctorate from the University of California, Riverside. Her research and teaching interests are in environmental policy, environmental justice, environmental education, environmental determinants of health disparity and international relations. Dr. Shafiei's work on environmental policy, particularly within the state of Georgia resulted in her extensive analysis of environmental laws passed by the Georgia Legislature, documented in nine chapters on environmental policy in *Georgia Legislative Review*. In addition, she also has published in the area of environmental determinants of health disparities and environmental education.

Sheats, Nicky

Thomas Edison State College

Dr. Sheats is currently the director of the Center for the Urban Environment at the John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College where he has defined the primary mission of the Center as providing support for New Jersey's environmental justice community. He has also been a member of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, New Jersey's only statewide environmental organization that focuses solely on environmental justice (EJ) issues, since its inception in 2003. Dr. Sheats has also been appointed to New Jersey's Clean Air Council and in recent years has expanded his

work to a national level where he is currently a member of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change and the EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee. He also served as a member of the NEJAC's School Air Toxics Working Group and the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice's New Orleans and Delta Area Environmental Justice Policy Task Force at Dillard University. He is also serving as a lead author on the public health chapter of the National Climate Assessment and will serve on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Environmental and Climate Justice Advisory Panel. Dr. Sheats received his doctorate in earth and planetary sciences at Harvard University where his field of study was biological oceanography and his specialty was stable isotope biogeochemistry. He also has an undergraduate degree in economics from Princeton University and a law degree from Harvard Law School. He worked as a public interest attorney for almost eight years after graduating from law school. During that time, Dr. Sheats served as a law clerk for the Chief Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, as a landlord-tenant and housing attorney at Camden Regional Legal Services, as a public defender in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and as a legal instructor at a community legal education and college preparatory program in Harlem.

Shoemaker, Paul

Boston Public Health Commission

Mr. Shoemaker is currently the Associate Director of the Environmental Health Office of the Boston Public Health Commission. He is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the broad range of the office's activities including direct inspector response to potential environmental health hazards and enforcement of local and state public health regulations relating to indoor and outdoor air pollution, lead paint, asbestos, solid waste and other noxious industries chemical releases and exposures of all kinds. Mr. Shoemaker represents the office in collaborative efforts with community partners, academic institutions and governmental agencies around such topics as climate change mitigation and adaptation planning, community planning policy and health impact assessment of developments, and the creation or modification of regulations. Among his recent achievements are a successful effort in 2007 to introduce hybrid taxi cabs to Boston to reduce vehicle emissions and save drivers fuel costs; regulations passed in 2011 governing the operation of nail salons in Boston to promote worker and client health and safety; and the Boston Safe Shops Program, which provides education and technical assistance to help small businesses implement the use of alternative products and best practices to reduce pollution and protect the health of their workers. The program was recognized by the EPA with an Environmental Merit Award and by the National Association of County and City Health Officials as a Model Practice. Mr. Shoemaker also serves on ESAC's Board of Directors (www.esacboston.org), a multi-service community stabilization organization providing GED education programming to at-risk youth, foreclosure prevention counseling, senior home repair services and in-home asthma education in addition to advocacy work. Mr. Shoemaker holds a Masters of Public Health from the George Washington University, a Master in Business Administration from Boston University and a Bachelor of Arts in biology from The Johns Hopkins University.

Strand, Horace

Chester Environmental Partnership

Reverend Dr. Strand is currently the Director of the Chester Environmental Partnership (CEP) in Chester, Pennsylvania. Rev. Strand developed the CEP out of his work founding the Faith Temple Environmental Initiative (FTEI) in 2005. FTEI's purpose is to address worsening conditions in Chester due to Agencies and regulations inaction and the lack of community cohesiveness. Under the umbrella of FTEI and an Environmental Support Center (ESC) grant, the Chester Environmental Partnership (CDEP) was developed. The CEP hosted a leadership seminar for the purpose of educating and training Chester leadership about environmental health risks and promoting a healthier environment while attracting economic development and fostering jobs for Chester residents. The CEP consists of a coalition of local, state and federal government officials, academia and student representation profit and nonprofit organizations, and community and faith-based leadership. The CEP addresses zoning, land use, permitting, environmental health and environmental health risk intervention, smart growth, and partnerships to improve the quality of life and safety of the resident. Previously, in 1979, Rev. Strand founded the Faith Temple Holy Church and awarded Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity at Jameson College, Philadelphia. In 1992, he became the founder and first Chair of Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living (CRCQL) to address the clustering of environmentally unsafe facilities within the community.

Torres, Javier Francisco

Border Environment Cooperation Commission

Mr. Torres is currently the Technical Assistance Manager for the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC) in El Paso, Texas. In this role, he coordinates technical assistance funding for border communities and manages BECC's funded and EPA funded technical assistance programs. Prior to his work with BECC, he was a field archaeologist and ethnographer for SWCA, Inc. Environmental Consultants, where he assisted project sponsors with compliance of cultural resource laws to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act for environmental infrastructure projects on Native American reservations and in minority communities in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado. The primary focus of Mr. Torres' professional work has been in public involvement in civic education (grassroots organizing for voter registration) in Nicaragua and El Salvador with the Southwest Voter Research Institute, and in public participation in environmental infrastructure projects along the U.S.-Mexico border with the BECC. Mr. Torres received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in applied anthropology from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Heaps, Jill

Choose Clean Water Coalition

Ms. Witkowski is the Director of Choose Clean Water Coalition, which is focused on restoring the Chesapeake Bay and the thousands of streams and rivers flowing into it. Previously, Ms. Witkowski served as Waterkeeper for the San Diego Coastkeeper, where she led the Coastkeeper's policy, legal and programs work to ensure that Coastkeeper achieves its mission. During her time at Coastkeeper, she worked collaboratively with other local environmental groups to secure a cleanup of San Diego Bay, the closure of the South Bay Power Plant, and the adoption of a groundbreaking storm water permit. Before joining Coastkeeper, Ms. Witkowski served as Deputy Director of the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic and was a Professor of Practice at Tulane Law School. At Tulane, she represented individuals and community groups in actions under the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and Louisiana state law. Ms. Witkowski was selected by Harvard Law School to serve as a Wasserstein Public Interest Fellow for the 2012-2013 academic year.

She received her Juris Doctor from Washington University School of Law and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Notre Dame.

Wilson, Sacoby

Maryland Institute of Applied Environmental Health

Dr. Wilson is an assistant professor with the Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health (MIAEH) and Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, University of Maryland-College Park. Dr. Wilson is an environmental health scientist with over ten years of experience working in community-university partnerships on environmental health and justice issues. For the past two years, he has been building a program on community engagement, environmental justice, and health (CEEJH) to engage impacted communities, advocacy groups, and policymakers in Maryland and the Washington, DC region on environmental justice issues and environmental health disparities. Dr. Wilson is also quite engaged in environmental justice research and advocacy in the Southeastern United States. He is Principal Investigator of a NIEHS-funded R21 research to action grant with Charleston Community Research to Action Board (CCRAB) and the Low Country Alliance for Model Communities (LAMC) entitled Use of a Community-University Partnership to Eliminate Environmental Stressors.. He is also Co-PI of an Environmental Health core at a NIMHD-funded health disparities P20 Center of Excellence at USC He has been working with the West End Revitalization Association (WERA), a community-based environmental justice organization, on infrastructure disparities, planning inequities, the lack of basic amenities, and environmental health disparities in African-American neighborhoods in Mebane, NC since 2000. Dr. Wilson was a 2005 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at the University of Michigan's Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health where he did research on social and environmental determinants of health and health disparities. He has published his work in Atmospheric Environment, Environmental Health Perspectives, Progress in Community Health Partnerships, and Environmental Justice. Dr. Wilson received the 2008 Steve Wing Environmental Justice Award from the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network. Dr. Wilson is on the Board of Community Campus Partnerships for Health. He is also on the Board of Scientific Counselors for the CDC's NCEH/ATSDR. He was a member of the National Academy of Science Committee on Exposure Science in the 21st Century. Furthermore, Dr. Wilson is a Past Chair of the Environment Section of the American Public Health Association, a senior fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program, and Chair of the Alpha Goes Green Initiative, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He received both his MS and PhD in Environmental Health from UNC-Chapel Hill and his BS degree from Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University.

Wright, Beverly

Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

Ms. Wright is the Executive Director of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, which is a community/university partnership providing education, training, and job placement. The Deep South Center's work focuses on communities, and addresses environmental and health inequities along the Mississippi River chemical corridor. In 1970 Ms. Wright began her career as an Instructor for the Department of Sociology at Millard Fillmore College in Buffalo and has gained Instructor positions at the State University of New York at Buffalo, the Black Development Foundation, and the University of New Orleans. In 1977 she became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of New Orleans, and later an Associate Professor in 1987. She moved to the University Of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem North Carolina where she was an Associate Professor under the Department of Sociology, and in 2005 became a Professor of Sociology at Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is currently a tenured professor of Sociology at Dillard

University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Ms. Wright received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1977. Prior to receiving her Ph.D. Wright received her M.A. in Sociology at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1971. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Grambling State University in Louisiana, 1969.

Teehee, Kimberly

Cherokee Nation Businesses

Ms. Teehee is the Vice President of Special Projects of Cherokee Nation Businesses. CNB serves as the holding company for all of the Cherokee Nation's for-profit entities. Cherokee Nation Businesses focuses on job creation and economic growth through diversification. Kim Teehee joined the Cherokee Nation Businesses in September 2014 after serving as Partner for the Manpetsi Policy Group, a Washington, D.C. based federal advocacy group representing Indian tribes and tribal organizations. She served President Obama as the first-ever Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs in the White House Domestic Policy Council for three years. Kim worked with federal agencies to develop and implement Policies focused on environmental justice, tribal consultation, tribal self-determination, economic growth, public safety, health care, and education to resolve longstanding disputes. Kim guided the Administration's support for the U.N. declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and addressed the U.N. Permanent Forum on issues affecting the world's indigenous peoples. Kim also played a key role in three White House Tribal Nations Conferences and led a government-wide team to ensure that progress was being made on tribal policy and legislative priorities. She received her B.A. in Political Science from Northeastern State University and her J.D. from the University of Iowa, College of Law.

Johnson, Cheryl

People for Community Recovery

As an environmental activist Ms. Johnson has been an effective community organizer across issues of the environment, health, housing and safety. In her community she has conducted workshops on these issues and increased resident participation in civic education around policies and procedures of governmental entities along with provided training for environmental assessment and risk prevention. Ms. Johnson been involved in EJ issues for over 30 years working under the leadership of her mother the late Hazel Johnson who was one of the first members of NEJAC and known as "the mother of the environmental justice movement".

Trevino-Sauceda, Hermila "Milly"

Arlianza Nacional de Campesinas

Ms. Trevino Saucedo has been a Consultant and Free-Lance since 2010; she works with various statewide and national organizations that focus on social, environmental, worker justice, reproductive justice and violence against women issues. She provides technical assistance to Pequeños Agricultores de California – a group of Latino organic small farmers and ranchers in San Benito County. She works and provides technical assistance to the National Hmong American Farmers ensuring their small farmers are trained in business regulations and labor laws including prevention of pesticides poisoning. She worked for 12 years as the Executive Director of Líderes Campesinas. She worked with California Rural Legal Assistance Migrant Project for 10 years; representing farmworkers as a community worker/advocate. She is the third of ten children, born in Bellingham, Washington to a migrant farmworker family. Since age eight she was a farmworker, in Idaho and California. As a teen she organized youth groups through her church. She was a union farmworker & organizer with the UFW in 1970s and early 1980s. As a single mom she raised her son "Humberto," also known as "El Hijo de la

Comunidad” (Son of the Community). She co-founded “Mujeres Mexicanas” (Mexican Women), in the Coachella Valley – a campesinas’ advocacy group. She returned to school in 1991, and obtained her Associate of Arts in 1991; undergraduate Degrees in Chicano Studies and credits for Minor in Women Studies, at CalState Fullerton in 1997. She is a Rural Development Leadership Network Fellow and earned her Master’s Degree in Social Sciences: Rural Development/Women’s Leadership and Oral History at Antioch, Ohio. With support of CRLA Foundation she co-founded Líderes Campesinas, in 1992, a statewide movement of campesina leaders advocating on behalf of campesinas. After 12 years as Executive Director she stepped down from directorship in 2009, was named President of Emeritus. Since 2011, she co-founded and is its current President of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas – a national farmworker women’s alliance. Throughout her activism since 1970s, she has received numerous recognitions & awards, including “100 Heroines of the World” in 1998, and the Ford Foundation & NYU award “Leadership for a Changing World” in 2004; an Alston/Bannerman Fellow in 2002; she was recognized twice in 2006, by People Magazine. She was honored by Líderes Campesinas in California for her 30+ year’s distinguished leadership in 2009; was recognized by US EEOC in 2011. She sits on numerous state and national boards and task forces representing Latinas, farmworker community & immigrant women in general on health, violence against women, labor, education, environmental and gender issues.

Moore, Richard

Los Jardines Institute

Mr. Moore served as the Executive Director of Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (Southwest Network), in Albuquerque, New Mexico, from 1993 to 2010. He came to Southwest Network after 12 years with the Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) where he was the lead organizer and primary trainer of SWOP’s organizing model. As a widely respected national leader in area of environmental justice, Mr. Moore has served on numerous government and nongovernmental committees and panels, including chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), and member of the National Council of Churches EcoJustice Task Force and the Congressional Black Caucus National Environmental Policy Commission. In 2010 Moore transitioned from director of SNEEJ to Senior Advisor. He currently is the program director for Los Jardines Institute in Albuquerque New Mexico. Los Jardines is a member of the Environmental Justice & Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform through this alliance Los Jardines advocates for stronger, safer and just chemical policies. Mr. Moore is a recipient of the 2005 Ford Foundation Leadership for a Changing World Award.

Wright, Kelly C.

Shoshone Bannock Tribes

Mr. Wright currently serves as an alternate on the following EPA committees: Regional Tribal Operation Committee for Region 10; National Tribal Casus; Tribal Science Council, and the National Tribal Toxic Committee. In this position, His work experience (almost 30 years) includes both federal, State, Tribal and private. Mr. Wright obtained a Bachelor’s Degree in Microbiology and a Master’s Degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis on Waste Management. Being able to conduct environmental site assessment, she has been able to identify a variety of recognized environmental conditions which put a different perspective on things. Mr. Wright is also a team member of the newly formed Natural Resource Damage Assessment Team for the Southeast Idaho Phosphate Mining where there are 17 mines sites.

Finley-Deville, Lisa

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation Tomorrow

Lisa Finley-Deville is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes. She has lived her whole life in Mandaree with her husband, five children and one grandbaby. She was employed with Fort Berthold Housing Authority for thirteen years. Where she was a dynamic accomplished Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Manager and Deputy Director with progressively responsible experience. Lisa currently serves on the Vision West ND Project Consortium and on the MHA Nation Tomorrow Consortium. She was nominated in November 2014 for the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition Human Rights Award for 2015. She discovered her passion for helping the Three Affiliated Tribe's communities and its enrolled members in 1999 with housing by taken part in creating in Indian Country homeownership programs. In 2011, she realized the impact of oil and gas development in Mandaree and the Three Affiliated Tribes communities. Due to this impact, she enrolled in the Fort Berthold Community College Environmental Science Bachelor of Science Degree Program. Lisa holds a Master of Management, a Master of Business Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Mary. She also holds an Associate of Arts in Business Administration/Accounting, an Associate of Applied Science in Information Management Specialist, an Associate of Science in Environmental Science, and an Associated of Science in Science from the Fort Berthold Community College.

McGee-Collier, Melissa

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality

Melissa McGee-Collier commenced a career in state government in 1995, joining Mississippi's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) as an environmental engineer focusing on permitting for industrial air pollution. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Involvement with all facets of permitting will add to the issues under the Council's consideration. In 2010, Melissa accepted the position of Director for MDEQ's Office of Community Engagement where she is responsible for overseeing the agency's overall Community Engagement strategy. Her role coordinates with the internal PR, Office of Pollution Control, Office of Land and Water, Office of Geology and Legal Division to support the agency's mission. The position involves ensuring that MDEQ's community engagement is fully integrated with all other efforts across the agency's functions. Melissa earned a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Mississippi State University and a Master's of Public Policy and Administration from the Mississippi State University. Melissa is an active member of the American Academy of Certified Public Managers and the Mississippi Society of Certified Public Managers (MSCPM), having served terms as Training Officer, Vice President and President.

Randolph, Dennis

City of Grandview, Missouri

Mr. Randolph has BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering as well as an MPA. As an engineer he has held responsible positions in city and county government in Michigan, Missouri, and Virginia, responsible for transportation, environmental, community planning, parks, and public works activities. Mr. Randolph has many years of instructional experience at the adult level including instructor positions in the U.S. Army, Wayne State University, Western Michigan University, University of Phoenix, Kellogg Community College, and University of Missouri – Kansas City. Mr. Randolph has over 75 published papers, many peer reviewed. He served as a project panel member for the National Academy of Sciences National Cooperative Highway Research Program. He has also been a Peer Reviewer for the American Society of Civil Engineers and a Public Works Leadership Fellow for the American Public Works Association.