



Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Grantee Convening
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Bahia Resort Hotel

Participant Listing

Name	Title	Organization	Affiliation
Kresge Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Cohort and Grantee Partners			
Christopher Erikson Jr	Business Representative	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 3	ALIGN
Jose Lopez	Organizing Director	Make the Road New York	ALIGN
Maritza Silva-Farrell	Executive Director	Alliance for a Greater New York (ALIGN)	ALIGN
Brett Thomason	Climate Organizer	Alliance for a Greater New York (ALIGN)	ALIGN
Chris Durazo	Housing, Land & Development Co-Director	Causa Justa: Just Cause	APEN
Amee Raval	Policy and Research Associate	Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)	APEN
Shina Robinson	Local Policy Associate	Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)	APEN
Parin Shah	Senior Strategist	Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)	APEN
Miya Yoshitani	Executive Director	Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)	APEN
Zelalem Adefris	Climate Resilience Director	Catalyst Miami	Catalyst Miami
Mayra Cruz	Climate Resilience Coordinator	Catalyst Miami	Catalyst Miami
Aidil Oscariz	Vice President of Policy and Advocacy	Catalyst Miami	Catalyst Miami
Gabriela Rosado	CLEAR Graduate	Catalyst Miami	Catalyst Miami
Bianca Butts	Manager of Climate Resiliency & Sustainability	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
Matthew Gray	Chief of Sustainability	City of Cleveland	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
Linda Warren	Senior Vice-President of Placemaking	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress



Marlane Weslian	Neighborhood Development Officer	Slavic Village Development	Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
Ana Castro Reynoso	Policy Advocate, Transportation Justice	Environmental Health Coalition	Environmental Health Coalition
Kyra Green, Ph.D.	Executive Director	Center for Policy Initiatives	Environmental Health Coalition
Joyce Lane	Co-Chair, Public Policy Team (Volunteer)	SanDiego350	Environmental Health Coalition
Carolina Martinez	Associate Director of Policy	Environmental Health Coalition	Environmental Health Coalition
Diane Takvorian	Executive Director	Environmental Health Coalition	Environmental Health Coalition
Sydney Cespedes	Planner	Pratt Center for Community Development	Fifth Avenue Committee
Michelle De la Uz	Executive Director	Fifth Avenue Committee	Fifth Avenue Committee
Michael Higgins Jr.	Community Organizer	Fifth Avenue Committee	Fifth Avenue Committee
Laureen Boles	State Director	New Jersey Environmental Alliance	Ironbound Community Corporation
Drew Curtis	Senior Equitable Development Manager	Ironbound Community Corporation	Ironbound Community Corporation
Deborah Gaddy	Environmental Justice Organizer	Clean Water Action	Ironbound Community Corporation
Jeanette Mitchell	Climate Organizer	Clean Water Action	Ironbound Community Corporation
Anthony Alexander	Researcher	Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)	LAANE
Allison Mannos	Repower LA Campaign Director	Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)	LAANE
Caroline Farrell	Executive Director	Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment	Leadership Counsel
Juan Flores Castillo	Community Organizer	Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment	Leadership Counsel
Abigail Ramirez	Policy Advocate	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Leadership Counsel
Phoebe Seaton	Co- Director	Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability	Leadership Counsel
Oscar Arana	Director of Community Development	Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)	NAYA
Marcus Mundy	Executive Director	Coalition of Communities of Color	NAYA



Kaeti Namba	Program Support Specialist	Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)	NAYA
Vivian Satterfield	Director of Strategic Partnerships	Verde	NAYA
Gabriela Boscio Santos	Climate Program Manager	Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc.	NOAH
Phil Giffie	Executive Director	Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc.	NOAH
Melinda Vega	Community Engagement Coordinator	Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc.	NOAH
Kimberly Vermeer	President	Urban Habitat Initiatives	NOAH
Debolina Banerjee	Climate Justice Policy Analyst	Puget Sound Sage	Puget Sound Sage
Jill Mangaliman	Executive Director	Got Green	Puget Sound Sage
Kimberly Powe	Deputy Director	Puget Sound Sage	Puget Sound Sage
Robert DeLeon	Environmental Justice Coordinator	Southwest Workers Union	Southwest Workers Union
Diana Lopez	Executive Director	Southwest Workers Union	Southwest Workers Union
Eddie Bautista	Executive Director	New York City Environmental Justice Alliance	The Point
Annel Hernandez	Associate Director	New York City Environmental Justice Alliance	The Point
Danny Peralta	Executive Managing Director	The Point	The Point
Angela Tovar	Director of Community Development	The Point	The Point
Cecil Corbin-Mark	Deputy Director	WE ACT for Environmental Justice	WE ACT
Lawrence Haseley	Member	WE ACT for Environmental Justice	WE ACT
Cynthia Herrera	Environmental Policy & Advocacy Coordinator	WE ACT for Environmental Justice	WE ACT
Emily Marte	Membership, Organizing, & Outreach Intern	WE ACT for Environmental Justice	WE ACT



Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Advisory Committee Members			
Denise Fairchild	President and CEO	Emerald Cities Collaborative	CRUO Advisory Committee Member
Lara Hansen	Chief Scientist and Executive Director	EcoAdapt	CRUO Advisory Committee Member
Taj James	Co-Founder and Co-Director	Movement Strategy Center	CRUO Advisory Committee Member
Angela Park	Consultant	Angela Park Consulting	CRUO Advisory Committee Member
Jacqui Patterson	Director, Environmental and Climate Justice Program	NAACP	CRUO Advisory Committee Member
Makani Themba	Chief Strategist	Higher Ground Change Strategies	CRUO Advisory Committee Member

Other Kresge Environment Program Grantee			
Kristin Baja	Climate Resilience Officer	Urban Sustainability Directors Network	
Victoria Benson	Community Climate Solutions Program Manager	Movement Strategy Center	
Matt Chadsey	Executive Director	Earth Economics	
Naomi Cole	Vice President of Programs	EcoDistricts	
Noah Ginsburg	Director, Here Comes Solar	SolarOne	
Rosa Gonzalez	Associate	Movement Strategy Center	
Jessica Grannis	Adaptation Program Director	Georgetown Climate Center	
Cathleen Kelly	Senior Fellow	Center for American Progress	
Cecilia Martinez	Executive Director	Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy	
Laurie Mazur	Urban Resilience Editor	Island Press	
Darryl Molina Sarmiento	Executive Director	Communities for a Better Environment	
Seth Mullendore	Vice President	Clean Energy Group	



Samantha Peterson-Borins	Senior Executive Assistant	PUSH Buffalo	
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Cara Pike	Executive Director	Climate Access	
Daniel Rizza	Strategic Relations Liaison, Program on Sea Level Rise	Climate Central	
Lauren Ross	Senior Manager, Local Policy	ACEEE	
Marta Lynne Schantz	Senior Vice President, Greenprint Center for Building Performance	Urban Land Institute	
Sarah Shanley-Hope	Executive Director	The Solutions Project	
Nathaniel Smith	Founder & Chief Equity Officer, Partnership for Southern Equity	Partnership for Southern Equity	
Sarita Turner	Director of Inclusive Communities	Institute for Sustainable Communities	
Corrine Van Hook	Program Manager	Movement Strategy Center	

Other Invited Guests			
Paloma Aguirre	Costal and Marine Director	WILDCOAST	
Matt Armsby	Program Officer	Resources Legacy Fund	
Omar Carrillo Tinajero	Associate Director of Programs-Connect Capital	Center for Community Investment	
Saneta deVuono-powell	Program Director	Changelab Solutions	
Nicola Hedge	Director, Environment Initiatives	The San Diego Foundation	
Ife Kilimanjaro	Senior Network Engagement Director	US Climate Action Network	
Sona Mohnot	Program Manager and Policy Analyst	Greenlining Institute	
Thaler Pekar	CEO	Thaler Pekar & Partners	
Elizabeth Sawin	Co-Director	Climate Interactive	



Tiernan Seaver	Programs Director	Casa Familiar	
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Kresge Staff & Implementation Team			
Shamar Bibbins	Senior Program Officer	The Kresge Foundation	
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Alix Chapie	Meeting and Event Manager	Special D Events	
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