



Angie Balderas, Emcee

Angie is a dedicated advocate and long-time community organizer for social justice who has lived in the Inland Empire for over 30 years. She works as a Digital Strategist/Organizer and Communications Coordinator for the People's Collective for Environmental Justice and serves on several boards, including the Environmental Justice Advisory Board for the South Coast Air Quality Management District and The Garcia Center of the Arts.

With over 20 years of experience, Angie has been involved in various social justice efforts, including labor organizing with UFCW Local 1167 and serving as a Lead National Organizer for the Sierra Club. She is also active in her community, having participated in student government at Cal State Northridge and San Bernardino Valley College to champion social justice issues. Also co-host and producer to The Artist I.E a podcast that focuses on uplifting arts/activism here in the I.E. In 2021, she completed the Leadership, Organizing, and Action Program at Harvard University.

Outside of her activism, Angie enjoys spending time with her family and partner, enjoying simple activities like beach days and music-filled evenings.



Jan Victor Andasan, Keynote Speaker

Jan Victor Andasan (Siya/They/Them/Theirs) is a queer non binary sober immigrant Pilipino. They immigrated and grew up in West Long Beach until their family settled in a home in Carson. Jan Victor attended UCLA and received a BA Asian American Studies with a concentration in Pilipin@ Studies. During their tenure at UCLA, they were involved with organizing students of color, LGBTQ issues, and various issues affecting underrepresented communities.

Jan Victor worked for 10+ years at East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ) as both a Community Organizer in the Long Beach and South Bay region and the Fundraising and Development Director where they helped to break fundraising records. At their time in EYCEJ, Jan Victor fought alongside the community to stop Warren Buffet's proposed BNSF SCIG railyard and sued refineries and won. They helped shape policy on both freight and fossil fuel regulations in Southern California and beyond.

Jan Victor currently serves as Legacy LA Youth Development Corporation's first ever Development Director utilizing storytelling and the robust skills they developed in community organizing to secure funds to meet the needs in addressing the impact of multigenerational gang violence in the Ramona Gardens / Boyle Heights community. Additionally, Jan Victor continues to engage in environmental justice community organizing and strategizing with frontline communities as a consultant shaping policy and intentional community engagement.

Jan Victor has a passion for community organizing, social justice, fashion like bags and shoes, streaming video games and having political talks, and eating delicious food.



Estephania Garcia, Panelist

Estephania Garcia is the Air Quality Education & Outreach Coordinator at PSR LA. Their role is to bring communities together to create the livable spaces we all deserve. They work at the intersection of reducing air pollution and improving community health by connecting partner organizations, people, and causes to advance healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.

Raised in Southeast Los Angeles, Estephania's commitment to community health and clean air grew through community organizing, community-based research, and advocacy to address toxic pollution and advance accountability for impacted communities.

She attended the University of Southern California, where they studied Public Policy with a minor in Gender and Social Justice.



Magali Sanchez-Hall, Panelist

Magali Sanchez-Hall is the Founder and Executive Director of EMeRGE Environmental Justice, a community-based organization dedicated to addressing the environmental and public health impacts experienced by residents of Wilmington and communities surrounding the Port of Los Angeles. Her work focuses on air-quality monitoring, reducing pollution from refineries and goods movement, advancing zero-emission transportation, expanding access to green careers, and ensuring that frontline communities have a meaningful role in environmental decision-making.

Through EMeRGE, Magali has developed partnerships with Howard University, the UCLA School of Public Health Scholars Program, Los Angeles Harbor College, the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator, and local schools and community organizations. She has led youth air-quality monitoring initiatives, environmental education programs, community outreach campaigns, and educational "toxic tours" that help students, policymakers, and institutional partners understand the cumulative environmental burdens affecting Wilmington and other communities.

Magali also serves as a member of the California Department of Toxic Substances Control Environmental Justice Advisory Council, where she helps elevate the perspectives and priorities of communities disproportionately affected by pollution. Her approach is grounded in community-led solutions, environmental equity, public service, and the belief that residents must be active partners in shaping policies that affect their health and future. A proud UCLA Double Bruin, Magali earned a Master of Public Policy and a Bachelor of Arts in Chicana and Chicano Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She also completed minors in Political Science, Public Policy, and Labor and Workplace Studies, and is a UCLA-certified conflict resolution mediator. Magali serves as Chair of the California Environment Committee for Lions Clubs International, bringing extensive experience in environmental justice, community engagement, public policy, and youth leadership to the position.



Dr. Ryan Sinclair, Panelist

Dr. Ryan G. Sinclair, PhD, MPH, BCES, is a Board-Certified Environmental Scientist and Professor at the Loma Linda University School of Public Health.

He was awarded the 2021 Clean Air Scientist Award (Robert M. Zweig, M.D. Memorial Award) at South Coast AQMD's 32nd Annual Clean Air Awards for his outstanding contributions to air pollution health research and community health.

An active contributor to Assembly Bill 617 initiatives, Dr. Sinclair serves on the Community Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Group for the San Bernardino, Muscoy, and Eastern Coachella Valley communities, partnering with local residents to advance community science, exposure monitoring, and actionable clean air solutions.



Mary Valdemar, Panelist

Mary Valdemar has been organizing in the Inland region for over 30 years. She began her journey as a student at San Bernardino Valley College (SBVC) on occupied Yuhaaviatam Maara'yam land where she learned grassroots organizing through MEChA, Child Development and local shared governance. As a poet, artist and spoken word activist she uses her voice to bring thunder and lightning to the issues in our community.

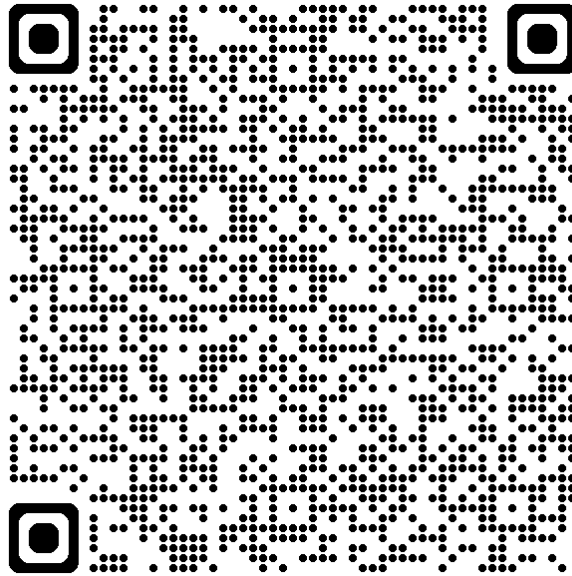
In 2012, she co-founded ChICCCAA, the Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action, as the only grassroots service cooperative in the Inland region where she leads the Village & Child Co-op. ChICCCAA is one of the community partner organizations at CASA Pitzer in Ontario and Stronger Together Now in San Bernardino where Mary works on building the strength of local grassroots organizers on the frontline fighting for Air, Land & Water protectors, Indigenous rights, Abolition, Labor,

Social Justice and local resistance in solidarity with many grassroots led movements and coalitions including Ethnic Studies IE, Kasamas Y Carnales, Indigenous D.R.U.M., Environmental Education Collaborative (EEC), AB617 & CARB Advisory committees and the Justice Families IE Coalition.

Mary currently serves as the EJ co-chair for the EEC, Chapter Political Action Coordinator of California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #291 and as a delegate in the IE Labor Council. She sits on many bodies where Equity, Inclusion and Anti-racism are at the core of her work. She advocates with local students, youth, parents, teachers, caregivers, and families on the issues that impact them the most. Mary also supports young adults with scholarships, internships, youth led advocacy projects, grants and more. For more information about the projects mentioned, email: mvaldema@valleycollege.edu, Chicccaa@gmail.com, JusticefamiliesIE@gmail.com or eecollaborative@gmail.com

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