



2021 Southern California's Inland Region Learning Visit

Zoom Quick Guide (Links are no longer active)

- July 27th:** [All Day Zoom Link](#)
Phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 968 5004 2603; Passcode: 214662
- July 28th:** [Welcome, Development for Whom?, Housing Justice is Racial Justice Link](#) - **(Room 1)**
Phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 974 1572 4319 ; Passcode: 866045
[Building the Backbone: Infrastructure and Community Resilience, Housing Justice is Environmental Justice Link](#) - **(Room 2)**
Phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 959 6906 1017 ; Passcode: 913983
- July 29th:** [All Day Zoom Link](#)
Phone: 646-876-9923; Meeting ID: 918 3249 1912 ; Passcode: 179961

GOALS

- Raise for movement building organizations in the Inland Region to support organizational capacity, as well as deeper alignment and connections across racial justice issues including, housing, immigration, worker and environmental justice.
- Increase knowledge and generate excitement about the organizing efforts in Southern California's Inland region grounded in racial and economic justice values and driven by the vision and wisdom of local leadership, specifically through the stories of workers, youth, women, immigrants, and Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities.
- Uplift the strengths, leadership and strategic opportunities of Southern California's Inland region, challenging the dominant deficit narrative and instead demonstrating the existing organizing infrastructure, strong coalition building, and the strategic importance of the region in relation to the state of California and the nation.
- Build new and stronger relationships among funders, community organizations and local leaders.

AGENDA

Note: all times are listed in Pacific Time

Day 1: July 27, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/96850042603?pwd=SnZQcHRTcVJWdzdkN3dObkljc3ZLQT09>

9:30 AM

Welcome

- Keynote Address: Kim Carter, [Time for Change Foundation](#)

10:00 AM

Our Story: The Regional History through the Eyes of the People

- Bobbie Butts (moderator), [Starting Over, Inc.](#)
- Juan de Lara, [University of Southern California and Director of the Latinx and Latin American Studies Center](#)
- Vonya Quarles, Esq., [Starting Over, Inc.](#)
- Mary Valdemar, [San Bernardino Valley College & San Bernardino Community College District](#)

11:00 AM

Open Networking

Introduce yourself and share: What is one thing you are most interested in learning about during this virtual learning visit to California's Inland region?

11:20 AM

BREAK

[Stretch](#) | Drink water | [Meditate](#)

11:45 AM

Building Power

- Sheheryar Kaoosji (moderator), [Warehouse Workers Resource Center](#)
- Sky Allen, [Inland Empowerment](#)
- Javier Hernandez, [Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice](#)
- Eugenia Quintero, [Juntos Por Un Mejor Oasis](#)
- Ben Reynoso, [Inland Congregations United for Change](#)

1:15 PM

Reflections + Close

Day 2: July 28, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/97415724319?pwd=SzFPT2V2N3JUcFRtY9qOWtYNnh3dz09>

9:30 AM

Welcome

9:45 AM

Concurrent Sessions

Development for Whom?

<https://zoom.us/j/97415724319?pwd=SzFPT2V2N3JUcFRtY9qOWtYNnh3dz09>

- Phoebe Seaton (moderator), [Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability](#)
- Stephanie Ambriz, Community Leader
- Omar Gastelum, [Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability](#)
- Sonya Gray-Hunn, [Congregation Organized for Prophetic Engagement \(COPE\)](#)
- Andrea Vidaurre, [Peoples Collective for Environmental Justice](#) & [Warehouse Worker Resource Center](#)

Building the Backbone: Infrastructure and Community Resilience

<https://zoom.us/j/95969061017?pwd=eVpIQmZ0TGFDTHhYV0ZSemZST29Mdz09>

- Nataly Escobedo Garcia (moderator), [Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability](#)
- Sergio Carranza, [Pueblo Unido CDC](#)
- Demi Espinoza, Environmental Fellow with [National Parks Conservation Association](#)
- Ryan Sinclair, [Loma Linda University](#)

11:00 AM

Open Networking

Introduce yourself and share: *What are you learning about the Inland region that is surprising or something you didn't know previously?*

11:20 AM

BREAK

[Hang out with sea otters](#) | [Listen to music](#) | Make a snack

11: 45 AM

Concurrent Sessions

Housing Justice is Racial Justice

<https://zoom.us/j/97415724319?pwd=SzFPT2V2N3JUcFRTay9qOWtYNnh3dz09>

- Desiree Sanchez (moderator), [ACLU of Southern California](#)
- Luz Gallegos, [TODEC Legal Center](#)
- Sharon Green, [Victor Valley Family Resource Center](#)
- Marissa Zuniga, [Time for Change Foundation](#)
- Vonya Quarles, Esq., [Starting Over, Inc.](#)

Housing Justice is Environmental Justice

<https://zoom.us/j/95969061017?pwd=eVpIQmZ0TGFDTHhYV0ZSemZST29Mdz09>

- Moisés Moreno-Rivera (moderator), [California Natural Resources Agency](#)
- Karina Andalon, Community Leader
- Sergio Carranza, [Pueblo Unido CDC](#)
- Sahara Huazano, [Alianza Coachella Valley](#)
- Marven Norman, [Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice](#)

1:00 PM

Reflections + Close

Day 3: July 29, 2021

<https://zoom.us/j/91832491912?pwd=MitXVm1pYUllVzZqT3lwV2pCT1ZUQT09>

9:30 AM

Welcome

9:45 AM

Recovering Stronger, Recovering Equitably

- Rebecca Zaragoza (moderator), [Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability](#)
- Veronica Alvarado, [Warehouse Workers Resource Center](#)

- Aram Ayra, [Riverside Mutual Aid Network](#)
- Sandra Ramirez, [Coachella Valley Parents](#)
- Sahara Huazano, [Alianza Coachella Valley](#)

11:00 AM

Open Networking

Introduce yourself and share: *What is one commitment you can make to (continue to) uplift Southern California's Inland region through your work?*

11:20 AM

BREAK

Take a short walk | [Listen to Poetry by Alex Avila](#)

11: 45 AM

Calling In All Funders

- Margarita Luna (moderator), [The California Endowment](#) & [Inland Empire Funders Alliance](#)
- Marisol Inzunza, [California Wellness Foundation](#)
- Jazmin Segura, [Fund for an Inclusive California](#) & [Common Counsel Foundation](#)
- Patricia Watkins, [Weingart Foundation](#)

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Reflections + Close

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