August 16, 2021

Dear Community Member,

Climate Justice Action Now-Stanislaus (CJAN) invites you to participate in our first annual Climate Rally event to connect with the community on local climate issues. Due to the current Covid-19 statistics we will be going virtual on the weekend of September 18-19, 2021. CJAN is a youth-led climate group that was founded by Valley Improvement Projects and The Modesto Peace/Life Center. We are focused on organizing the youth of Stanislaus County to engage in climate-related issues; however CJAN invites everyone, young and older, to participate. September's Climate Rally will be a way for organizations engaged in local action from across our region to share their work with the community. Through this event we hope to educate people about climate change and provide the resources they need to take action against it.

Here are the ways (described more fully below) that individuals and organizations can be involved in the Climate Rally:

- 1. Host a virtual table to share what your organization is doing about climate change
- 2. Participate in our Youth Climate Art Exhibition
- 3. Make a pledge to take an action that fights climate change and climate injustice in Stanislaus County.

To get involved in any or all of these ways, please fill out our registration form. To help us plan the event, we ask that all forms be submitted no later than September 1, 2021.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at: cjanmorganhaydock@gmail.com

Embracing the urgency of acting together now, CJAN Event Planning Committee

CJAN's Stanislaus Climate Rally Registration Form:

https://forms.gle/3UCTkZ5wd2qYU2CW7

More Details

The Spirit of our virtual rally:

We are gathering together as a community to promote the common good--the health and well-being of all the people who live here, as well as the health of our land, air, and water. Let's be friendly, welcoming, and respectful throughout our time together. As Gandhi reminds us, let's "Be the change [we] wish to see in the world."

Host a Table:

For the Climate Rally we will be hosting virtual tables so that participants can learn about organizations in their community. The virtual table will take the form of a 1-3 minute video that includes your name, title, name of the organization you represent, a short description of your organization and the resources it provides, and your organization's pledge to address some aspect of climate change or climate justice in Stanislaus County. Resources you want to share with participants can be sent to cjanmorganhaydock@gmail.com after you submit your video via the participation form. If your organization needs help creating the video, please feel free to contact us.

Youth Climate Art Exhibition Guidelines:

- 1. Age limit: anyone 24 and younger. This keeps the focus on youth while allowing college students to participate.
- 2. Anyone participating in the art exhibit must live in Stanislaus County.
- 3. Art must be focused on climate change and environmental justice.
- 4. All forms of visual art are accepted (digital/3D/drawings/etc.).
- 5. Art needs to be submitted by September 17th.
- 6. Art will be virtually displayed on our social media accounts, website and throughout the event.
- 7. Only one piece may be submitted per person.
- 8. Artists are encouraged to submit, along with their work, a brief statement or video explaining their artwork's connection to climate change or climate justice.

Make a Pledge -Pledges can be in video or written form and will be displayed on CJAN social media throughout the event

Organizations

All participating organizations are asked to pledge to *take an action* pertaining to climate change. You can submit your pledge on the registration form.

Individuals:

If you are not an organization hosting a virtual table, but would still like to participate in the rally, please submit your pledge on the reservation form.

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Register: tinyurl.com/ClimateRally2021

Climate Change and the Central Valley

Saturday the 18th (1pm-3pm)

Join us for a scientific explanation of climate change and to learn about its impacts in the Central Valley.

Keynote Speakers

Sunday the 19th-(1pm-3pm)

This session will include our keynote speakers as well as an introduction to CJAN.

Climate Change is real- Take Action Now!

Sunday the 19th- (3:30-5:30pm)

This session will focus on actions participants can take against climate change. We will explore ways to mitigate climate change and advocate for climate justice in our community. CJAN will also highlight youth-led and local organizations who are fighting climate change, and will be a call to action to every Climate Rally participant to get involved.

The event will be held on Zoom and will be live streamed on social media as well as recorded for those who cannot attend live.

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