

Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice Ruth Chance Lecture Series

Presents:

FROM THE GROUND UP: COMMUNITIES FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT (CBE) v. CITY OF RICHMOND/CHEVRON

**A CASE STUDY IN GRASSROOTS
ORGANIZING AND LEGAL ADVOCACY**

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In 2007, the City of Richmond, California issued a permit to Chevron to significantly expand its Richmond refinery, allowing it to process low-quality crude (including tar sands) and export hydrogen to four Bay Area oil refineries. The refinery is located in a primarily low-income and racially segregated neighborhood. Among other things, the project was expected to increase the release of mercury, selenium, sulfur flare gas, and greenhouse gases.

CBE is a social justice organization that combines grassroots organizing, environmental research and legal advocacy to empower under-served urban communities. After the City of Richmond and Chevron failed after a two-year CBE campaign to agree to a cap on pollution, CBE filed suit under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Adrienne Bloch, Senior Staff Attorney for CBE and co-counsel in the litigation against City of Richmond and Chevron, and **Nile Malloy**, CBE's Northern California's Program Director, will discuss the grassroots campaign and legal advocacy against the project.



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12:45 - 1:45 p.m.