

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

POLICY AND CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR LA COLLABORATIVE FOR BUILDING A REGIONAL VOICE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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JOB STATUS: Consultant or Exempt Employee

TIME COMMITMENT: Part-Time to Full Time, One Year Minimum to Two Years

PAY: Depending on Experience

START DATE: July 1, 2009 or until Hired

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: Background in Community Organizing, Policy Development and Campaign Coordination. Knowledge of environmental health and justice field.

SUMMARY

The “*LA Collaborative for Building a Regional Voice for Environmental Justice*” has worked for more than a decade to document, analyze and address the problem of cumulative environmental health hazards in low-income communities of color in Los Angeles and throughout the region. The Policy and Campaign Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating this dynamic collaborative of community organizations and their university research partners to develop and implement a public policy approach that will address the problem of toxic pollution in pilot communities in the Los Angeles region. This position will be supervised by the Liberty Hill Foundation’s Director of Common Agenda, but will regularly report to the LA Collaborative.

We are looking for a highly-motivated and team-oriented individual who has policy development, community organizing, coalition building and campaign coordination experience to help this effort succeed.

Policy Development: The Collaborative has conducted significant research on the distribution of hazards in the Los Angeles region and has developed a policy framework for addressing this problem. The coordinator will assist the Collaborative in strengthening and finalizing this policy through research and discussion with various stakeholders and experts.

Community Organizing: Most members of the Collaborative are community-based organizations with members who reside in low-income communities of color which are highly impacted by toxic hazards. The coordinator will assist these organizations in expanding their community outreach and education, and will help to coordinate them in a citywide campaign for policy reform.

Coalition Building: The Collaborative plans to conduct an outreach campaign to educate and solicit endorsements from public health, community, labor, faith-based, business, environmental, child advocacy and other organizations. The coordinator will assist the Collaborative in identifying organizations, making presentations and building relationships with supporters.

Campaign Coordination: Once the specific elements of the policy are determined, the coordinator will be responsible for managing the policy through the legislative process. The coordinator will assist the Collaborative to meet with elected representatives and legislative

committees; to coordinate media and communications strategies; to engage community residents in the policymaking process; and to involve coalition partners in working for policy adoption.

EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

- Basic knowledge of environmental and environmental justice issues will be very helpful, as well as any background in current land use, zoning and regulatory practices.
- Experience in community organizing and involving affected residents/constituents to participate in policy reform efforts;
- Experience in building diverse coalitions to address social and/or environmental justice issues;
- Experience coordinating legislative campaigns and developing innovative public policies ;

SPECIFIC JOB SKILLS

- Strong communication skills, both oral and written, and comfort with public speaking;
- Experience in conducting outreach and working in grassroots, multi-cultural communities;
- Ability to conduct specific research on environmental health and justice issues;
- Strong capacity to work independently with little supervision;
- Excellent time-management and planning skills;
- Ability to use standard computer systems and programs (e.g., Office Microsoft, Powerpoint)
- Bi-lingual (English and Spanish) very helpful;
- Ability to work under pressure and manage multi-tasking
- Drivers License and access to own transportation.

How to Apply:

Please submit resume, cover letter, and three references with salary requirements via email to: Michele Prichard, Director of Common Agenda at mprichard@libertyhill.org