

A Time for New Horizons

What a wonderful ride it has been! I have been the executive director of Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) for eight, incredible, challenging, and gratifying years. Now the time has come for me to step down as executive director and transition the leadership of this outstanding organization.

During my tenure at CBE I have had the opportunity to work with the most amazing people, our members in Oakland, Richmond, Wilmington, and Southeast Los Angeles, including our tremendous youth members. I have had the honor of working with a dedicated, competent, and committed staff, and a Board totally committed to the CBE mission and vision. I have been able to struggle shoulder-to-shoulder with awesome allies from other environmental justice organizations, as well as with union sisters and brothers, and allies from "big green" environmental organizations. I have also been fortunate to build relationships with folks from the philanthropic community, whose support has been essential to our success. We have won some incredible victories -- defeating power plants, dirty refinery projects, amazing legal victories, advances for local clean energy, defending AB 32, and leading efforts to revitalize and transform our communities. I have never had a job that has been so spiritually and politically rewarding.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our members, our staff, our board, our allies, and our funders -- all of whom have made my time at CBE so special. CBE is in great hands and it's greatest victories are yet to come. With new leadership and your continued support, we will make the impossible, possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Gallegos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Gallegos