



COUNCILMEMBER DAVID ALVAREZ

**City of San Diego
Eighth District**

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 10, 2013

TO: Interim Mayor Todd Gloria

FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez

SUBJECT: Environmental and Economic Sustainability Task Force

It is my distinct pleasure to appoint Ms. Kayla Race to the Environmental and Economic Sustainability Task Force.

Ms. Race is experienced in the subject matter of local and state climate action planning. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Middlebury College. Currently serving as the Green Energy/Green Jobs Policy Advocate for Environmental Health Coalition she was previously a Research Analyst for the Massachusetts State House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change

Ms. Race's experience makes her highly familiar with the many environmental, health, and economic challenges specifically facing low-income communities and the additional burden climate change will place on these communities. Kayla offers the extensive expertise that will help the task force move forward with addressing climate action planning in San Diego.

CC: Honorable City Councilmembers

KAYLA M. RACE

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Environmental Health Coalition

San Diego, CA

Policy Advocate, Green Energy/Green Jobs

Aug. 2011-present

- Advocate for state and local policies and programs to foster a local green economy that benefits all communities, through participation in government agency advisory committees, public comment, meetings with government decision makers.
- Empower low-income communities of color with the knowledge, and leadership and advocacy skills necessary to effect positive change and healthier neighborhoods through participation in the public process.

Sullivan International Group, Inc.

San Diego, CA

Market Research Assistant

Nov. 2010- Aug. 2011

- Researched government and commercial business opportunities and competitor data for environmental services company.
- Managed CRM database of new leads for business development team. Assisted proposal development activities.
- Participated in company Sustainability Action Team and efforts to develop company sustainability plan.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, House of Representatives

Boston, MA

Research Analyst, House Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change

Jan. 2009 – Aug. 2010

- Conducted research and collaborated with governmental colleagues and NGOs to advance legislation in energy efficiency, clean energy, climate change, water, electronic waste, and transportation, as well as environmental agency regulations.
- Composed and edited the Chair's press releases, newsletters, website articles, public speeches, legislative testimony, legislative bill summaries, fact sheets, and other communication materials for furthering the interests of the Committee.
- Scheduled, coordinated, and participated in legislative meetings, public hearings, and outreach events related to the interests of the Committee and Chair. Served as the Committee's point of contact for the public, legislature, and executive agencies.
- Co-supervised committee interns and assigned research projects.

Middlebury College Geography Department Food Mapping Project

Middlebury, VT

Food Mapping and Sustainable Food Systems Intern

Summer 2007

- Designed online interactive maps, digitally illustrating a food chain from farm to plate of Middlebury College's dining hall food. The [maps are online](#) to educate the public and raise consumer awareness.
- Contacted food vendors to acquire product information. Organized \$3 million annual food inventory information on Excel database and analyzed for consideration in future purchasing choices by the Middlebury College Dining Services.

EDUCATION

Middlebury College

Middlebury, VT

- ***Bachelor of Arts***, May 2008

2004-2008

- **Major:** Environmental Studies and Studio Art
- **Minor:** Italian (Studied at the University of Florence and Middlebury School in Florence, Italy, Fall Semester 2006)
- **GPA:** 3.42; *Cum Laude*, Highest Honors in Studio Art, Dean's List 3 Semesters, College Scholar 3 semesters
- **Relevant Coursework:** Environmental Policy, International Politics, Local Green Politics, Sustainable Architecture, Sustainable Transportation, Environmental Science, Ecology, Environmental Literature, GIS, Studio Art, Macroeconomics

ADJUNCT EDUCATION

Harvard Graduate School of Design Career Discovery Program

Cambridge, MA

Architecture Summer Program Student

Summer 2008

- Learned the fundamentals of architectural and spatial design in an intensive, full-time, 6-week summer program.

ADDITIONAL

- **Current Activities:** Board Member, San Diego Leadership Alliance; New Leaders Council 2013 Fellow
- **Acknowledgments:** Patch.com 30 Under 30 Leaders in San Diego County, Featured 2012
- **Language Skills:** Proficiency in Italian; Some proficiency in German; Introductory Level Spanish
- **Undergraduate Activities:** Middlebury Cross-Country & Track