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News Release

Beyond Toxics staff appointed to Governor's Environmental Justice Task Force

Joel Iboa currently serves as Beyond Toxics' Environmental Justice and Community Outreach Manager

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EUGENE, ORE. – Governor Kate Brown has appointed Joel Iboa, the Environmental Justice and Community Outreach Manager for Beyond Toxics, to the **Environmental Justice Task Force** for a partial 4-year term. The EJ Task Force is important because it is the sole voice in Oregon government for traditionally underrepresented communities and holds 14 government agencies accountable to the principles of environmental justice. His term officially began August 23rd and is scheduled to end December 31st, 2019.

“I am honored to be appointed by the Governor to the Environmental Justice Task Force,” says Joel Iboa. “I’m excited to dive deep into environmental justice issues affecting the most vulnerable Oregonians. I would like to see a continuation of the task force’s recent commitment to meeting in communities throughout Oregon, both urban and rural. This is an important principle of environmental justice.”

The Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF) was created by the Legislature to help protect Oregonians from disproportionate environmental impacts on minority and low-income populations. The EJTF encourages state agencies to give all people knowledge and access to improve decisions that affect environment and the health of all Oregonians.

About the State of Oregon’s EJ Task Force:

https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policy/environment/environmental_justice/Pages/default.aspx

More about Joel Iboa

Joel has served as Environmental Justice and Community Outreach Manager since January 2015. A recent graduate of the University of Oregon, Joel majored in Sociology with an emphasis in crime and delinquency and minored in Anthropology. During his time at the University he became involved in social and environmental justice groups, serving as the External Director of Movimiento Estudiantil Chican@ de Aztlan (MEChA) and a Co-Director of Coalition Against Environmental Racism (CAER).

Beyond Toxics works to guarantee environmental protections and health for all communities and residents. We expose root causes of toxic pollution and help communities find effective, lasting solutions.

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