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### **Environmental Justice Pathways Webinar: The Right to Clean Air**

*Clean Air & Environmental Justice Grassroots Organizations and Advocates come together to talk about The Right to Clean Air*

**EUGENE, OR.** – Beyond Toxics and the NAACP Eugene/Springfield, two environmental and racial justice organizations, are coming together to host the fourth “Environmental Justice Pathways Webinar – The Right to Clean Air” on August 5, 2020 at 12pm. This webinar will feature a diverse set of panelists to talk about our collective right to clean and healthy air. Here is the panelist line-up:

- Mary Peveto, President of Neighbors for Clean Air
- Tony DeFalco, Executive Director of VERDE
- Ana Molina, Statewide Environmental Justice Pathways Manager, Beyond Toxics
- Moderator: Ben Duncan, Chief Officer of Diversity and Equity, Multnomah County

*“I’m really excited to learn more about the intersections between clean air, environmental justice, and racial Justice,”* said Haley Case-Scott, Climate Justice Grassroots Organizer for Beyond Toxics. The webinar intends to bring in diverse perspectives on what a Right to Clean Air means for the health and well-being of our community. It should also spark a discussion of the intersections between the current public health and social crises we are experiencing today, and how they are exacerbated by dirty and polluted air.

The EJP Webinar series will lead up to the Environmental Justice Pathways Summit, scheduled for April 2021 at the University of Oregon. Past webinars have featured panelists from throughout the State of Oregon, and have focused on Environmental Justice in the time of COVID-19, using art to advocate for change, and increasing our understanding of the historical intersections between race, the economy, and environment.

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**Beyond Toxics promotes environmental justice engagement and community-based environmental grassroots organizing to ensure environmental protection and health for all communities.**

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