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**National Day of Action Coming to Martinez and Benicia on May 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Local citizens conduct refinery corridor healing walk and say  
"It's time to transition to clean energy - No Keystone XL pipeline"*

**WHAT:** The second in a series of four Connect the Dots: Refinery Corridor Healing Walks along the Northeast San Francisco Bay focusing on the Keystone XL pipeline, issues related to living near refineries and a just transition to clean energy. This walk is in conjunction with the May 17 Day of Action against Dirty Fuels to ask the president and local officials to reject the Keystone XL pipeline and other dirty fuel projects that threaten our communities and destabilize our climate. The Refinery Corridor Healing Walk will be one of hundreds of synchronized events with Hands Across the Sand/Land and other partners to raise awareness about the dangers of dirty fuels and the need to speed the transition to available, affordable clean energy solutions.

The upcoming National Day of Action is another manifestation of a growing movement demanding that our leaders act quickly and boldly to address climate change. It comes in the wake of the Department of State's recent announcement that it was extending its review of the pipeline, and the Reject & Protect encampment in Washington, DC which dramatically highlighted the opposition of farmers, ranchers and Native Americans who would be directly impacted by the pipeline. In early March, Keystone activists presented the Administration with over 2.5 million comments opposing the pipeline.

**WHO:** Citizens from Martinez, Benicia and the Bay Area will be joined by members of the Sierra Club, Martinez Environmental Group, Stop Crude by Rail, CRUDE, Sunflower Alliance, APEN, Communities for a Better Environment, The Global Monitor, CREDO action, Greenpeace, 350.org, the Center for Biological Diversity and other organizations. Residents from Martinez and Benicia will be speaking at the morning and afternoon rallies.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 8:15 a.m. Prayer for water, 9:00 a.m. Rally. Walkers will finish at 9th Street Park in Benicia

**WHERE:** Beginning at Martinez Waterfront Park and ending at the 9th Street Park in Benicia

**\*\*\*VISUALS WILL INCLUDE BANNERS, FLAGS, - See attached photos of Refinery Healing Walk #1 on April 12th attached**

**\*\*EXCELLENT INTERVIEW AND PHOTO/ VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE\*\***

**More information at:** <https://actionnetwork.org/events/time-to-transition-no-kxl-refinery-corridor-healing-walk>. Also see local information at Bay Area Sunflower Alliance: <http://www.sunflower-alliance.org/connect-the-dots/>

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