

On behalf of The Desert Sun and Comite Civico Del Valle, I'm pleased to invite you to a special interactive event looking at the border crisis that no one is talking about: pollution.

Join us Friday, April 5, starting at 5 p.m. at The Desert Sun Studios. This event was inspired by The Desert Sun's recent environmental investigative series, "[Poisoned Cities, Deadly Border](#)," which delved into the problems with toxic air and water harming communities on both sides of the California-Mexico border.

The investigation laid out the issues, but what's happening now? What is being done? Join the conversation with lawmakers, activists, nonprofit groups and regulators.

We've organized an interactive evening program of storytelling, photography, videography and conversation.

Among those attending: State Assemblyman **Eduardo Garcia**; **Nancy Wright**, chair of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board; International Boundary and Water Commissioner **Jayne Harkins**; **Veronica Eady**, assistant executive officer for environmental justice at the California Air Resources Board; **Yana Garcia**, assistant secretary for environmental justice and tribal affairs of the California Environmental Protection Agency; **Luis Olmedo** and **Miguel Hernandez** of Comite Civico del Valle; **Ian James**, investigative journalist, The Arizona Republic; and **Zoe Meyers**, photojournalist, The Desert Sun.

Also participating with exhibits: representatives of the **Audubon Society**; **Friends of the Desert Mountains**; **North American Development Bank**; **Mojave Desert Land Trust**; the **California Air Resources Board**; and the **Imperial County Air Pollution Control District**.

Program schedule:

- 5 p.m. **Doors open** to general public
View photographs from *Poisoned Cities, Deadly Border*, watch short videos produced for the project, and mix and mingle with exhibitors. Refreshments.
- 6:30 p.m. **Intro to *Poisoned Cities, Deadly Border***
Slideshow: How we got started and what we found.
- 6:40 p.m. **Storyteller:** Michelle Dugan-Delgado, who lost her sister to asthma
- 6:50 p.m. **Conversation:** Air pollution and efforts to control it
- 7:25 p.m. **Conversation:** Toxic pollution in the New River
- 8 p.m. Questions/Mixing/Networking

Tickets are \$10 and available at tickets.desertsun.com.

Hope to see you April 5 at The Desert Sun Studios, 750 N. Gene Autry Trail, Palm Springs, CA, 92262.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Warm regards,

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