

**Special BGA California Update:**  
**Report and Recommendations of the Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership Released**



Happy New Year everyone! Today, we are thrilled to bring back the newsletter with an exciting announcement. The BlueGreen Alliance Foundation is proud to release the [Report and Recommendations of the Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership](#), the nation's first and only labor and environmental justice partnership focused on preparing for transition within the oil refining sector.

The BGAF-facilitated Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership was formed after the closure of the Marathon Martinez oil refinery in Contra Costa County in 2020, which resulted in [the layoff of over 700 workers](#) and underscored the urgent need for proactive transition planning. Over three years of extensive research, community engagement, and dedicated collaboration between nine partner organizations\*, the partnership developed 31 actionable policy recommendations aimed at ensuring a just and equitable transition for refinery workers and frontline communities, while addressing economic, environmental, and public health challenges.

Read the full report [here](#), or BGA's press release [here](#).

In addition to the Report and Recommendations, UC Berkeley Labor Center, the partnership's research lead, released today a companion report, [Refining Transition: A Just Transition Framework for Economic Development in Contra Costa County, California](#), an in-depth economic analysis and framework for fostering high quality jobs, community health and economic resilience in Contra Costa as part of the energy transition. as part of the energy transition.

For questions regarding the Report and Recommendations, or the Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership, please reach out to BGA's Senior California Strategist and facilitator of this effort, Josh Sonnenfeld at [jsonnenfeld@bluegreenalliance.org](mailto:jsonnenfeld@bluegreenalliance.org)

*\*The Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership is a labor and environmental justice partnership supported by the California Workforce Development Board's High Road Training Partnership initiative. Partnership members include the United Steelworkers Local 5, United Steelworkers District 12, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 342, Contra Costa Labor Council with support from CA Federation of Labor Unions, UC Berkeley Labor Center and BlueGreen Alliance.*

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