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Benjamin Prado – *Member of Union del Barrio, San Diego*

Celeste Drake – *Celeste Drake has been a Trade & Globalization Policy Specialist at the AFL-CIO since May 2011. She has been actively following TPP negotiations, having attended recent rounds in Dallas, Chicago, and Lima, Peru. She also covers issues related to the World Trade Organization, economic development, manufacturing policy, and global worker rights, among others. In January 2012, she testified before the Executive Branch's GSP Subcommittee on worker rights violations in Georgia, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.*

Christian Ramírez – *Christian Ramírez is long-time human rights advocate. He has been invited to speak on human rights and border issues in international, national and local forums. He's currently the director of the Southern Border Communities Coalition, that brings together 60 community groups from San Diego to Brownsville, Texas. He has lived in historic Barrio Logan for over 10 years.*

Colectivo Zapatista – *A representative*

Genoveva Aguilar – *Genoveva Aguilar is the Director of Proyecto de Casas Saludables and a Community Organizer with the Employee Rights Center.*

Petra Mata – *La Fuerza Unida – Petra Mata is co-director and co-founder of Fuerza Unida. She was a part of the initial organizing after the closure of the Levi Strauss company. Her involvement in the San Antonio labor rights community spans over 20 years and allowed her to become the recipient of the Alston/Bannerman Fellowship for longtime activists.*

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Francisco Vera – *Francisco Vera is the Vice President of the ONG Derechos Digitales (aka The Digital Rights NGO) in Santiago, Chile. Derechos Digitales is an independent non-profit organization focused on protecting human rights in the digital environments, and they have been fighting TPP for years. He does research on Copyright, Privacy and Free Speech topics, besides coordinating with other civil society groups.*

Kevin J. Green – *Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Professor Greene was the first legal scholar to examine the treatment of African-American art forms, such as the blues, under intellectual property law.*

Maira Sutton – *Maira Sutton is the International Intellectual Property Coordinator at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF). She leads EFF's activism campaigns on intellectual property reform around the world, fighting legislations and trade agreements that regulate IP in a way that restrict Internet freedom, such as free speech, privacy, and digital innovation. EFF champions the public interest in every critical battle affecting digital rights, ranging from issues regarding free speech, privacy, and innovation online.*

Sanya Reid Smith – *Legal Advisor & Senior Researcher, Third World Network, Penang, Malaysia.*

Cathy Mendonça – *Cathy Mendonca is a Residential Advocate at the YWCA of San Diego's Becky's House and is the newest member of Af3rm San Diego, an anti-imperialist, transnational feminist women's organization, evolving from the organization formerly known as GABNet, and 20 years of women's organizing, activism, and struggle.*

Kathy Sorrel – *Occupy San Diego*

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Arnie Saiki – Coordinator of Moana Nui. Director of Imipono Projects.

Dave Gapp – Lieutenant Colonel Rtd. U.S. Air Force. Member of Veterans for Peace

Herb Shore – Retired professor from San Diego state University. Herb Shore grew up in a labor union family in New York City (ILGWU), active in social justice causes from about 1960. Current major activities: San Diego Maquiladora Workers' Solidarity Network and Democratic Socialists of America. He will speak on : the tijuana-San Diego Region, globalization, NAFTA and cross-border solidarity.

Kuusela Hilo – ILPS-US Chapter Country Co-Coordinator and member of the International Coordinating Committee of the ILPS. Hilo has been involved in the fight for social justice for more than a decade. She has been fighting against imperialism and war since her undergraduate years at Stanford University. She has been involved in social justice issues including workers struggles and human rights campaigns such as the Justice for Melissa Roxas campaign.

Victor Menotti – Executive Director of International Forum on Globalization

Gustavo Esteva – Leading critic of the development paradigm, author of a dozen books, a founder of the Universidad de la Tierra in Oaxaca, Mexico. He is also a former corporate executive, a former guerrilla, a former high-ranking official in the government of President Echeverría, and an advisor with the Zapatista Army for National Liberation (EZLN) in Chiapas for the negotiations with the government.

Mahina Rapu – An elder from Rapanui (Easter Island), health practitioner and independent activist

Kumeyaay community member – (being confirmed)

Manlio Cesar Correa – MA on Latin American Studies, PhD candidate on Global Development, is a binational business consultant and advisor to many migrant grassroots and community organizations. Associate with grant Writing Specialist, director of the Instituto Binacional de la Fronteras. Director of Binational Relations and Social Enterprise, Fuerza Mundial Board of Directors.

Paul O'Toko – Executive Director, Indigenous Stewards International

Steven Newcomb – Steven Newcomb (Shawnee/Lenape) is the author of "Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery" (Fulcrum, 2008), and co-founder and co-director of the Indigenous Law Institute. He has researched the foundations of U.S. federal Indian law and international law since 1981, and has worked in advocacy on behalf of and in solidarity with the traditional governments of Indigenous nations and peoples. Mr. Newcomb is currently the Indigenous and Kumeyaay Research Coordinator for the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation.

Theresa Jaranilla – Theresa Jaranilla is the Southwest Coordinator for BAYAN-USA, an alliance of progressive Filipino groups in the U.S. She is also the Education Officer for Anakbayan Los Angeles, a Filipino youth and student organization that aims to educate, organize, and mobilize Filipino youth to address important issues in the U.S. and the Philippines.

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Andrea Carter – Attorney from San Diego and member of the Ant Hill Collective an egalitarian housing community.

Esteban del Río – Esteban del Río is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of San Diego. He earned a PhD in the Department of Communication at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. A media and cultural studies scholar, del Río's research examines how meaning and power operate in situations of ideological conflict in transnational public and popular culture. His current work focuses on Latino media studies and the representation of dissent. del Río teaches Introduction to Media Studies, Media & Conflict, and International Media.

Jane Kelsey – Jane Kelsey is a professor of law at the University of Auckland, in New Zealand, and a prominent critic of globalisation. She is a key member of the Action Resource Education Network of Aotearoa (Arena), and is actively involved in researching and speaking out against the World Trade Organisation, the International Monetary Fund, free trade and corporate-led globalisation. She is also actively involved in campaigning for the New Zealand Government's full recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Jeeni Criscenzo – Executive Director of Amikas. She will speak on Common Credits.

Murtaza Baxamusa – Dr. Murtaza Baxamusa is the Director of Planning and Development for the Family Housing Corporation of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council, as well an Adjunct Faculty with the Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. He is a certified planner by the American Planning Association. He has over 10 years' experience in economic development and sustainable urban planning works with nonprofits to expand affordable housing in the San Diego region.

Ben Burkett – Ben F. Burkett is president of the National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC) in the U.S., and a cooperative-marketing-specialist member of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives Land Assistance Fund. Ben is a former Indian Springs manager of 16 years and current director of the Mississippi Association of Cooperatives, the local arm of The Federation of Southern Cooperatives. Ben is a farmer and community activist. Ben represents NFFC on the Via Campesina Food Sovereignty Commission and is a board member of the Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC).

Holly Hellerstedt – Field Director, Canvass for a Cause, Board member California Student Sustainability Coalition

Ilana Solomon – National trade representative for the Sierra Club.

Lori Wallach – Lori Wallach is Director of Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch division. A Harvard-trained lawyer, Wallach has promoted the public interest regarding globalization and international commercial agreements in every forum: Congress and foreign parliaments, the courts, government agencies, and the media.

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Ms. Chieko Shiina – *experienced activist and dedicated organic farmer in Kawamata village of Fukushima before March 11th, 2011. One of her major contributions to Japan's national anti-nukes organizing is that she organized the sit-in in front of the Ministry of Economy and Industry from September 11th, 2011. Further, she organized 100 women from Fukushima to set up "Women's 10 months and 10 days sit-in" from late October, which later became both a symbolic and physical space where women from all over Japan came to communicate and organize. Co-sponsored with San Diego Veterans for Peace.*