

MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Tomorrow, Environmental Leaders From Across the Nation Come Together for  
Inaugural National Green Amendment Day  
*A Day of Action for Constitutional Environmental Rights & Environmental Justice***

Green Amendments For The Generations (GAFTG), a national nonprofit working to advance constitutional environmental rights, is launching **Green Amendment Day on July 13th** to educate and engage leaders and communities members across the nation around the power of Green Amendments for *ending environmental racism and restoring environmental justice through constitutional empowerment*.

In honor of the inaugural Green Amendment Day and the 13 states pursuing constitutional environmental rights, GAFTG is filling the day with virtual actions and activities communities can take to support their environmental rights to a clean and healthy environment, including an Environmental Justice focused panel. "Green Amendment Day is a day for people to learn about the power of Bill of Rights protection for the rights of all people to a clean and healthy environment; to learn how constitutional Green Amendments strengthen Environmental Justice; to speak up and take action for Green Amendment protection of environmental rights and to help spread the word across their community, state and our nation. Please join me in celebrating Green Amendment Day and take the opportunity to learn about, and act upon, the power of our growing national Green Amendment Movement," said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and founder of the organization Green Amendment For The Generations**, which seeks to advance constitutional environmental rights nationally.

**Community organizer and advocate, Kerri Evelyn Harris** will be kicking off the 7:00pm ET, Environmental Justice panel by providing opening remarks. "The health and well-being of our families and communities rests on our understanding that clean air and water are rights for all to enjoy. Our willingness to take action steps to add an amendment to the Delaware Constitution is our gift to current and future generations. Please, stand with us in this journey to make the Green Amendment a reality." said Evelyn Harris.

The Panel will be moderated by Senior Regional Representative for Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP) and Sussex Health & Environmental Network (SHEN), **Maria Payan** who commented, "Green Amendment Day is the celebration of the movement to end environmental racism by restoring the right to clean air and water as a basic human right through constitutional empowerment. On this historic day, join environmental justice leaders in demanding equity in environmental health".

Among the panelists is lead sponsor of the NM Green Amendment, **Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez**. "Working to pass the Green Amendment so that voters can have a say in the importance they place on clean air, land, water and cultural rights is so rewarding. I have met and continue to meet so many individuals committed to what the Green Amendment can do to help us protect our beautiful, but fragile environment here in New Mexico and throughout the country" Sedillo Lopez concluded.

**Who:** All people, especially civil rights, environmental, environmental justice, and Indigenous leaders and community members across the nation

Panelist & Speakers for the Environmental Justice panel include:

**Kim Gaddy**, Founder and Director, South Ward Environmental Alliance

**Kerri Evelyn Harris**, Community Organizer and Advocate

**Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez**, serving New Mexico's 16th District and lead sponsor of the NM Green Amendment

**Maria Payan**, Senior Regional Representative, Socially Responsible Agriculture Project (SRAP), Sussex Health & Environmental Network (SHEN)

**Maya van Rossum**, Founder, Green Amendments For The Generations and the Delaware Riverkeeper

**Terry Sloan**, Director, Southwest Native Cultures

**Dr. Sacoby Wilson**, Associate Professor, Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health

**What:** A day dedicated to educating and engaging leaders and community members across the nation around the power of Green Amendments for strengthening environmental justice

**Where:** Virtual activities are available at

<https://forthe generations.org/events/green-amendment-day-2021/>. Follow us on social media to stay up to date: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#)

Register for a special Environmental Justice Panel at

<http://bit.ly/GreenAmendmentDayPanel2021> .

**When:** July 13th, actions and activities will be available all day with a special Environmental Justice Panel at 7:00pm ET

For more information on the Green Amendment Movement, visit [www.forthe generations.org](http://www.forthe generations.org)

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