



DOLORES HUERTA FOUNDATION

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To all members of the California Legislature:

I am writing to express my opposition to the efforts of Groundswell, which is an astroturf group designed to pass damaging policies while co-opting the language of environmental justice. Their efforts are focused on gaining approval for the environmentally harmful Cadiz water project. This group does not represent the water justice movement and seeks to pit organizations of color against environmental groups.

Groundswell's practices are deceitful and unconscionable. I never gave Groundswell permission to use my likeness and was shocked to see myself featured prominently in an invitation for their upcoming event at the Capitol. Groundswell has repeatedly used my image and quotes from me from a conference I attended before I became aware that they are a corporate front group trying to harm the environment. Based on my observations at this event, Groundswell is organizing and misleading groups of color around the state to sign on to their effort; using water justice as a front for the destructive environmental policies they are promoting. This behavior is shameless and must be exposed.

We urge the Legislature to not fall for Groundswell's deceit. We cannot allow for Groundswell to falsely represent the environment and people of color. For these reasons, we urge you to oppose any and all legislation that they propose and reject their efforts to co-opt the message of environmental and water justice organizations. Please contact our Deputy Director, Cecilia Castro, if you have any questions, at (661) 379-6272, ccastro@doloreshuerta.org.

Sincerely,

Dolores Huerta
President

cc: Members of the California State Assembly
Members of the California State Senate