

Dear Friends of KyotoUSA,

As 2005 draws to a close, I want to express my gratitude to KyotoUSA volunteers and supporters for all you have done to raise awareness about global warming and to act on your concern for the Earth. Your efforts are already showing results around the country. All of us are playing small, but vitally important roles in putting climate change on the agendas of our cities, schools, workplaces and homes.

The success of your efforts can be seen in the heartening results of the United Nation climate talks in Montreal. KyotoUSA volunteers attended the talks and saw how impressed the official delegations were with the State and local activities that are taking place around the US. Numerous reports to the delegations on those efforts acted as a counter-weight to the increasingly irrational US position on climate change and helped to convince the delegates to move ahead (without the US) on a number of important issues.

You should know that the youth of the world attended the conference in very large numbers and continually reminded the delegations that they were not just negotiating over procedures and mechanisms, but that they were also responsible for protecting the health and well-being of the planet and all its inhabitants. The youth, together with the representatives of endangered cultures like the Inuit, made it clear to the delegates that a substantive agreement that will result in real greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions was the only acceptable outcome.

KyotoUSA volunteers and supporters have made it possible for us to make a contribution to this global effort. Here are the names of some of the many who have donated their time, advice, expertise, money, and good will to make it possible:

- 1) All the people we met this past year at conferences and events in Berkeley (Tuvalu Ambassador to the United Nations, Enele Sopoaga), Malibu (Eban Goodstein, Greenhouse Network), Iqaluit (Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, and John Quigley, Spectral Q Productions), Montreal (all the incredible staff from the United Nations)
- 2) Mayor Tom Bates and Chief of Staff Cisco DeVries who have committed the City of Berkeley (and all the cities in Alameda County) to work on significant reductions in the GHGs produced by city activities.
- 3) Students Brooke Owyang (UC Berkeley), Scott Zimmermann (Boalt Law School) and Professor Daniel Kammen (UC Berkeley) for all their hard work in getting UC Berkeley to develop a comprehensive effort to reduce its GHGs. They lobbied the University administration and have obtained an agreement from Chancellor Birgeneau to make it happen.
- 4) Karina Hill (Carleton College) is documenting her efforts to get her hometown of Plymouth, MN to engage in GHG reduction activities. Karina came to Berkeley in the Spring to learn how the City of Berkeley is doing it.
- 5) Kevin Okamoto at MIG for doing all of our website work – and always with a smile!
- 6) Mark Frye and Lisa Lackey at Berkeley Solar Electric Systems for all their contributions including making our February Valentine to the Planet press conference “climate-neutral” by powering the microphones with solar energy.
- 7) Bernie Clark and Herb Behrstock and their neighbors in the City of Alameda for their enthusiastic response to our encouragement to act locally.
- 8) Bruce Riordan for all his good advice, excellent contacts, and willingness to attend meetings (on short notice) with local officials.

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- 9) Shanann Higgins (UC Berkeley) who has developed our outreach program aimed at local elected officials across the country and their cities' local media.
- 10) Michael Rieser for throwing himself into any task that's asked of him, including doing all the videotaping (and editing) of our activities in Montreal.
- 11) John Petterson and all the staff at the Sequoia Foundation, our fiscal sponsor and friend, who pays the rent and phone bills, and keeps us motivated.
- 12) Daniel Iacofano and Susan Goltsman at MIG who house KyotoUSA and are willing to listen to our ideas about making climate change a part of the local planning process.
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- 14) Bernard Marszalek at Inkworks Press for his support and outreach to other organizations.
- 15) Our sponsors – Inkworks Press, Bicycle-Friendly Berkeley Coalition, Berkeley Solar Electric Systems, Andrew Lane Wines, and the Unified Process Group.
- 16) Jason Montano (Montano Velo) and Burley Design Cooperative for donating the Burley bicycle as a giveaway at the World Environment Day program in San Francisco.
- 17) Kristin Ohlson for all her research on airline "offsets" – a way of reducing the impact on climate change by our airline travel – more to come on this issue in 2006.
- 18) Hal Aronson for getting us up to speed on the mechanics of solar power and the donation of solar materials that we took to Iqaluit.
- 19) Leslie Paciski, a high school student, who completely organized the office so that everything is recoverable once again.
- 20) Phil Price, Juliet Lamont, Diane Tokugawa, and Alan Gould for showing up at all the meetings and for their many contributions to the effort.
- 21) Lynn MacMichael and Howard Weamer for their unwavering support and efforts to engage cities in Contra Costa County.
- 22) Judith Reich for her good advice and creative ideas.
- 23) Abby Young at ICLEI – Cities for Climate Protection for her leadership in the effort to bring Alameda County's 14 cities into a plan to address GHGs throughout the County.
- 24) Our families for their moral and financial support.
- 25) And Jane Kelly, who in addition to doing her regular day job, works weekends for KyotoUSA on just about every issue and is responsible for keeping everything here afloat.

I know that there have been others who have worked on this project from the start who are not listed here. Please accept my apologies if I have overlooked anyone – it was not intentional.

Let's pledge to re-double our efforts in 2006 to take advantage of the momentum that you have helped to create. All the best!