



## 2023 CEMI CONVENING

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### Purpose:

- I. Inspire with real examples of success and/or progress in inclusive economic development.
- II. Share the urgency and need for the work.
- III. Ground partners in solidarity economics.
- IV. Create opportunities for partners to connect with and support one another.

### Monday, July 24, 2023

- 8:00 – 9:00 am Arrive and Breakfast
- 9:15 – 9:30 am Welcome and Grounding
- Mike Ramirez, Land Acknowledgment, Maidu Tribe
  - Chet P. Hewitt, CEO, The Center; CEO and President, Sierra Health Foundation
  - Kendra Lewis, Managing Director of CEMI, The Center at Sierra Health Foundation
  - Stewart Knox, Secretary of the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency
  - Elena Chavez Quezada, Senior Advisor for Social Innovation, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom
- 9:35 – 10:15 am **Who's in the Room– Icebreaker – Facilitated by Gregory Hodge**
- 10:20 – 11:15 am Session 1 – Solidarity Economics in Action
- Panelists:
- Dr. Chris Benner, Moderator, Director of the Institute for Social Transformation and the Everett Program for Technology and Social Change, University of California, Santa Cruz
  - Les Simmons, Director of Programs, Simmons Center
  - Lisa Fu, Executive Director, California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative: Nail Salon Co-op and environmental justice effort
- 11:20 - 11:25 am Break
- 11:30 – 11:35 am **Lightning Round 1 – Facilitated by Ana Padilla, University of California, Merced**
- 11:40 – 12:40 pm Session 2 – CERF and CEMI – Making the Connection
- Presentation and Discussion lead by: Fabiha Zaman, Senior Program Analyst for the Community Economic Resilience Fund
- 12:45 – 1:45 pm Lunch
- 1:50 – 1:55 pm Mindfulness

2:00 – 3:00 pm	Session 3 – What’s on your Mind? – Facilitated by Gregory Hodge
3:05 – 3:10 pm	Lightning Round 2 – Facilitated by Constance Slider-Pierre, Organizing Director, The Utility Reform Network (TURN)
3:15 – 4:25 pm	Closing Session - Wrap Up Day 1
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Reception

## Tuesday, July 25, 2023 (*Grantees only*)

8:00 – 9:00 am	Arrivals and Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 am	<p>Solidarity Economics in Action - Part #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Solidarity Economics as a framework for action</li> <li>• Small group work on developing this framework, and the power of language (spoken and unspoken)</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break
10:45 – 11:45 am	<p>Solidarity Economics in Action - Part #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small Group Presentations</li> <li>• Discussion and Next Steps</li> </ul>
11:45 – 12:00 pm	CEMIResources.org website walkthrough
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch with Org Affinity Groups
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	<p>Workshop Session #1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Mapping: Understanding the Economic Development Decision Making Ecosystem</li> <li>• Building an advocacy program at your organization</li> <li>• CERF Plus: Navigating challenging political dynamics and leveraging public funding in large-scale collaborative processes.</li> <li>• Data-Driven Equity Analysis (encouraged to bring laptop to participate in short activity)</li> </ul>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 – 3:45 pm	<p>Workshop Session #2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repeat of Sessions Above</li> </ul>
3:45 – 4:30 pm	Collaborative development of technical assistance and training priorities for coming year

## Day 2 Facilitators:

Name	Title	Affiliation	Workshop/Section
Dr. Chris Benner	Director	IST	-Solidarity Economics in Action -Power Mapping
Dr. Manuel Pastor	Director	ERI	Solidarity Economics in Action
Erika Katske	Training Coordinator	IST	Building an Advocacy Program at your Organization
Melissa Charles	Training Coordinator	IST	Building an Advocacy Program at your Organization
Lupe Garcia	Coordinator	PL	CERF Plus
Lamont Cobb	Director	HR&A Advisors	CERF Plus
Michelle Huang	Associate	PL-National Equity Atlas	Data-Driven Equity analysis
Simone Robbennolt	Associate	PL-National Equity Atlas	Data-Driven Equity analysis
Veronica Carrizales	Vice President of Policy & Public Affairs	California Calls	Power Mapping
Azucena Beltran-S	Project Manager	IST	Power Mapping