

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
THE SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIETY CENTER
THE GREENLINING INSTITUTE

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into by the Greenlining Institute and the Science, Technology, and Society Center at University of California, Berkeley.

I. BACKGROUND

Issues related to cutting-edge science and technology policies and practices are more than ever influencing the lives of the low-income and underserved. In response, minority advocates and concerned individuals are faced with the task of advocating on behalf their communities for the fair implementation of these practices. The governance of science and technology are oftentimes rife with political, economic, social, legal, ethical, and theological issues. Building upon historical and institutional barriers to science education, information is rarely readily available in a manner that is appropriate and specific to underserved communities in California.

The Greenlining Institute is a multi-ethnic public policy and advocacy organization that is dedicated to improving the lives for low-income communities of color in California. The Greenlining Coalition includes civil rights, health, business, and faith-based organizations such as the First AME Church, the California Black Chamber of Commerce, the California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Asian Business Association, the Mexican American Political Association, the Southeast Asian Center, and the La Maestra Community Health Center.

The Science, Technology, and Society Center brings together a diverse community of scholars studying the origins, growth, and consequences of scientific and technological knowledge and practice. The mission of the Science, Technology, and Society Center (STSC) is to advance understanding of scientific and technological practice and knowledge in their local, national and international settings, coordinating and promoting scholarship, teaching, and outreach regarding their deep intertwinings in society.

II. PURPOSE

To bridge the current divide between underserved communities and the policies surrounding new science and technologies, the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to outline a partnership between The Greenlining Institute and the University of California, Berkeley's Science, Technology, and Society Center. The partnership takes the form of an annual forum series entitled, "Science, Technology, and Social Change," which will bring together minority policy advocates, academics, students, community-based organizations, private industry and the general public to develop recommendations for equitable implementation of pertinent science and technology issues. This forum shall be hosted sometime in the fall of each year for the next 2 years. After 2 years, this MOU shall be reexamined for renewal and amendment. This Memorandum of Understanding documents the roles and responsibilities of the The Greenlining Institute and the Science, Technology, and Society Center.

III. OBJECTIVES

The objective of Science, Technology, and Social Change is twofold: to provide venues for discussion, debate, and strategic planning surrounding science and technology issues as well as to address how those issues specifically affect or provide opportunities for underserved communities.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Greenlining Institute

- Co-host 1 Science, Technology, and Social Change Forum
- Appropriate resources to financially support the event
- Provide staff support necessary for the event
- Undertake outreach to the Greenlining Coalition and its affiliates

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- Chairing the forum steering committee
- Developing a background/issue brief on the issue
- Undertaking outreach/education to community members prior to the forum
- Synthesizing forum recommendations into a legal/policy agenda
- Developing a strategic plan for disseminating that publication

The Science, Technology, and Society Center

- Co-host 1 Science, Technology, and Social Change Forum
- Assist in appropriating resources to financially support the event
- Publicize to the campus community
- Provide Access to campus resources which include venues, web casting,
- Assist in conceptualizing the program
- Assist in identifying potential speakers
- Provide academic support in the review of any documents to be released related to the forum