

Michelle Romero Biography

Michelle Romero is the National Director of Green For All, an initiative founded by Van Jones, to build an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty. The goal is ensuring that the people hit first and worst by pollution do not benefit last and least from the solutions.

Under Michelle's leadership, Green For All is an advocate against efforts to dismantle climate and clean energy progress, and for the acceleration toward a clean economy for all and a just transition. In 2017, she led the Moms Mobilize campaign, which united mothers from the grassroots to the Hollywood elite to reject the Trump administration's budget proposal to gut funding for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and effectively helped to secure a bipartisan budget deal with zero cuts to the EPA.

Her team also works at the state and local level to shift billions of dollars from polluter pockets into polluted communities through carbon pricing, inclusive financing, and other policies that invest in the communities who have historically been underinvested in and underserved. The goal is ensuring that the people hit first and worst by pollution do not benefit last and least from the solutions. Toward that end, Green For All recently launched the #FuelChange campaign to bring electric cars, trucks, and buses to underserved neighborhoods.

Michelle has published research on and advised state and local government agencies about effective practices for engaging communities of color in decision-making processes, wrote and lobbied for legislation, and devised communications campaigns that have elevated issues in the media.

Prior to joining Green For All, Michelle worked in the Issues Management and Policy Analysis unit for the University of California Office of the President Janet Napolitano, where she worked on high level issues of critical importance to the University at the intersection of politics, policy, and communications. She also spent five years leading the Claiming Our Democracy Program at The Greenlining Institute where she received legislative and congressional recognition for her work to engage an unprecedented number of people in the state's citizen redistricting process.

Michelle's work has been featured in CNN, The Los Angeles Times, NowThis, Bustle, ABC News, FastCompany, Refinery29, The San Francisco Chronicle, and Univision.

Michelle graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz and lives in Sacramento, CA with her husband and daughter.