Viveka Chen & Associates

Viveka Chen provides a broad array of culturally competent organizational and community consulting and facilitation services. She specializes in multi-stakeholder collaboration, alliance building, strategic planning, and strategic decision making facilitation. For three years, she has been the process facilitator for the West Oakland Toxic Reduction Collaborative. Since 1990, she has worked with the Bay Area's low-income communities of color and their allies. Viveka has played a key role in several large-scale field building initiatives in collaboration with organizations such as the Movement Strategy Center, San Francisco Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and CompassPoint Nonprofit Services. Prior to starting her own consulting firm in 2000, she was Executive Director of the East Bay Conversion & Reinvestment Commission and Associate Director of Urban Habitat.

Anuja Mendiratta is an independent consultant working in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors with foundations, donors, nonprofit organizations, community groups, and coalitions on a diversity of environmental and social justice issues. A versatile generalist with broad interests, Anuja has particular substantive expertise in the arenas of environmental justice, environmental health, food security, environmental sustainability, criminal justice, women’s rights and gender equity. Her services range from strategic grantmaking to project management to meeting facilitation and program design.

Prior to launching her consulting business, Anuja served as a senior program officer with the Women’s Foundation of California, designed and managed the San Francisco Foundation’s Environmental Health and Justice Initiative, and worked as a program officer for community development at the Marin Community Foundation. As an offshoot of her 2004-05 fellowship with the Women’s Policy Institute, Anuja co-founded the California Healthy Nails Salons Collaborative (www.ahschc.org/nailsalon.pdf) and continues to assist the group to advance its work in research, policy advocacy and outreach. Anuja currently serves on the board of the Center for Environmental Health (www.cehca.org) and chairs CEH’s Community Environmental Action and Justice Fund, which makes small grants in support of environmental justice efforts in California. She is also a member of the coordinating team of the emerging Women’s Health and the Environment Initiative (www.womenshealthandenvironment.org). Anuja holds an undergraduate degree from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio and a Masters in Environmental Studies from York University in Toronto, Canada.