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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment


This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 03/19/2022 Return: 03/21/2022
- b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Honduras Return City: Chicago, IL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Witness for Peace, CISPES, SOAWatch, NISGUA
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See attachment

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box.
- b. If not, explain:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: 

Date: 04/05/2022



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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Witness for Peace, CISPES, SOAWatch, NISGUA
- Travel Destination(s): Honduras and Guatemala
- Date of Departure: 03/19/22 Date of Return: 03/21/22
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Jesús "Chuy" García

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$783.20	\$71.50	\$55.25	\$34.60 COVID test
Accompanying Family Member				

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 4/3/2022

Name: James Doernberg Title: Treasurer

Organization: Witness for Peace

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.

Address: 5123 W 98th St #1129, Minneapolis, MN 55437

Email: james@witnessforpeace.org Telephone: (434) 566-9617

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Jesús "Chuy" García
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Witness for Peace, Network in Solidarity w/ the People of Guatemala, CISPES Education Fund, School of the Americas Watch Educational Fund
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Honduras
4. a. Date of Departure: 03/19/2022 Date of Return: 03/21/2022
b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:
6. a. Yes No Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:**
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.
Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
As a leader in the Immigration, labor and human rights space, the Congressman's advocacy directly ties into the itinerary proposed by Witness for Peace.
9. Yes No **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member _____ Date _____



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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Witness for Peace

2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**

b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**

c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:

(see attached)

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):

(see attached)

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of departure: March 19, 2022 Date of return: March 27, 2022

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC; New York for Rep. Bowman

b. Destination(s): Honduras; Guatemala

c. City of return: Washington DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that:

a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**

b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**

c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following:**

a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**

b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**

c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**

d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
(see attached)
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.
If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):
(see attached)
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
(see attached)
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: (see attached) _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
- Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$1,077.00	\$309.00	\$122.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$1,077.00	\$309.00	\$122.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee		
For each Accompanying Family Member		


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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 2/16/2022

Name: James Doernberg Title: Treasurer

Organization: Witness for Peace

Address: 5123 W 98th St #1129, Minneapolis, MN 55437

Email: james@witnessforpeace.org Telephone: (434) 218-0709

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov



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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Witness for Peace
2. Name of your organization: Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
 Destination: Guatemala on Date: March 24-27, 2022
 that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. I certify by my signature that
 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
 - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Philip Neff Digitally signed by Philip Neff Date: 2022.02.16 15:09:54 -08'00' Date: _____

Name: Phil Neff Title: Board Chair

Organization: Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)

Address: PO Box 70494, Oakland, CA, 94612

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March 16, 2022

The Honorable Jesús G. "Chuy" García
U.S. House of Representatives
1519 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Honduras and Guatemala,¹ scheduled for March 19 to 21, 2022, sponsored by Witness for Peace, Institute for Policy Studies, CISPEs Education Fund, Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA), and School of the Americas Watch Educational Fund.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$415 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$415] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

TED/JW:rp

- **Saturday, March 19th**

- 7:00 am: Departed Washington DC
- 12:25 pm: Arrived at Palmerola Int'l Airport on AA flight 517
- 12:25 pm - 1:30 pm: Customs and baggage claim, coffee stop
- 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Lunch + travel to Tegucigalpa
 - The delegates were introduced to others traveling on the delegation and briefed on the schedule and security protocol for the time in Honduras.
- 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm: Check in to Hotel
- 4:00 pm - 4:15 pm: Briefing and Preparation for afternoon meetings
- 4:15 pm - 4:30pm: Drive to Presidential Palace
- 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Meeting with Honduran President Xiomara Castro and members of her cabinet including Minister of Foreign Affairs Enrique Reina, Minister of Human Rights Natalie Roque, Minister of Natural Resources and the Environment Lucky Medina, Minister of the National Institute of Women Doris Garcia, and Minister for Development and Social Inclusion Jose Carlos Cardona.
 - The delegates were briefed on the current context in Honduras, and its relation to respect for human rights and migration. The group discussed various aspects of current US foreign policy in the region.
- 6:00 pm - 6:15 pm: Drive to National Congress
- 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm: Meeting with Luis Redondo, President of Honduras' National Congress, Xiomara Hortensia Zelaya Castro, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Honduran National Congress, and other members of the Honduran Congress' Foreign Affairs Committee
 - The delegates were introduced to members of the foreign affairs committee and discussed various aspects of current US-Honduras policy, including efforts to combat corruption and impunity.
- 7:15 pm - 7:30 pm: Driving to hotel
- 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Dinner and briefing with the Committee of Relatives of the Disappeared (COFADEH)
 - COFADEH is a long standing human rights organization in Honduras. They briefed the delegation on their work and the current situation for human rights defenders.

- **Sunday, March 20th**

- 7:30 am - 8:30 am: Breakfast + Briefing at Hotel
- 8:45 am - 12 noon am: Driving to Siguatepeque
- 12:00 pm- 12:40pm : Meeting and coffee with the Network of Alternative Community Commercialization (Red Comal)
 - The delegation heard a brief presentation about efforts to commercialize locally-produced sustainable agricultural products, creating

income for small farmers and producers and lessening the need for migration.

- 12:40 pm - 2:20pm: Driving to La Esperanza.
- 2:30pm - 8:00pm: Binational Conference for Defense of Land and Human Rights with representatives of rural, youth, environmental, and labor organizations from El Salvador and Honduras, including lunch.
 - 2:30pm - 4:30 pm: The delegation heard presentations from conference participants on environmental conditions in the region
 - 4:30pm - 6:30pm: The delegation heard presentations from conference participants on human rights conditions, including land rights, in the region
 - 6:30pm 8:00pm: The delegation heard concluding remarks from conference participants on community-led strategies for sustainable development and local and international efforts to strengthen human and labor rights protections
- 8:00 pm - 9:30 pm: Dinner and debrief with delegation members
 - The delegates debriefed the first two days meetings and asked clarifying questions about presentations. The delegation was briefed on the next three days' meetings and logistics.
- 9:30 pm - 9:50 pm: Driving to Hotel

- **Monday, March 21st**

- 7:30 am: Check out of Hotel
- 7:30 am :00 am - 11:45 pm: Drive to San Pedro Sula Airport, including stop for breakfast
- 11:45am - 2:00 pm: COVID test, check in, customs.
- 2:00 pm: Depart on AA 438

Santoy, Julissa

From: Elise Roberts <elise@solidaritycollective.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:31 PM
To: Santoy, Julissa
Subject: Fwd: CODEL to Central America

Hi Julissa,

The invite is at the beginning of this email chain, but before you were looped in. I've forwarded it here.

Thanks!

Elise

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Elise Roberts <elise@solidaritycollective.org>
Date: Mon, Feb 14, 2022 at 9:36 AM
Subject: CODEL to Central America
To: <naomi.lake@mail.house.gov>

Dear Naomi,

Thank you for taking my call, and for your interest in the delegation.

I have included below an invitation for Congressman Garcia to join the delegation to Central America from March 19-27. Representatives Omar, Bowman and Bush are all confirmed to attend. We are open to discussing staff support as well.

Unfortunately we have a short window to get confirmations, since the Ethics paperwork needs to be completed by February 17th. Please let me know if you have initial feedback or questions-- also, I'm generally available at 920.421.2269 if the phone is easier.

The trip will examine the various effects of US policies and investment in the region, including a focus on the root causes of migration from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. I would be happy to find time to discuss the vision and details with you and/or the Congressman.

Thanks so much for considering this important delegation!

Elise Roberts (she/her)
Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective
elise@solidaritycollective.org
920.421.2269

Dear Congressman Garcia:

I am writing on behalf of the Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective to invite you on a delegation to Central America (Honduras/El Salvador/Guatemala) from March 19-27, 2022.

On this unique custom-designed delegation, we will meet with Central American communities in resistance against state violence and oppression, criminalization of social leaders, and corrupt institutions that ensure ongoing impunity.

The delegation will examine the role of US policies, especially the War on Drugs and militarization of the police, free trade agreements, and development aid, with a specific focus on the effects of these policies on Indigenous and Garifuna/AfroIndigenous communities, the LGBTQ community, and environmental/human rights defenders. The dynamics of racism, patriarchy and homophobia, collective land ownership, state-based violence, extractive resource megaprojects, displacement and migration will also be major themes throughout the delegation. Our delegations are popular education solidarity trips; we will be learning from Central Americans, then returning to take action to change US military and economic policies that are leading to injustice and violence.

We have been collaborating with the Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA), Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), and SOAWatch, sibling grassroots solidarity and advocacy organizations, and we are coordinating the logistics together. We are hopeful of being able to meet with human rights and land defenders in all three countries. I have included below more information about the hosting organizations and the partners we plan to meet with in Central America.

Please be in touch with any questions, along with confirmation of your interest and availability.

Thank you for your consideration, and your ongoing commitment to justice and peace throughout the hemisphere.

Elise Roberts (she/her)
Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective
elise@solidaritycollective.org
920.421.2269

US-based Hosting Organizations

Witness for Peace, founded in 1983 during the Contra War in Nicaragua, has since brought over 20,000 US citizens/residents to Latin America and the Caribbean to learn from communities impacted by US policies. The **Witness for Peace Solidarity Collective** is a worker-run collective that builds grassroots solidarity to resist U.S. government and corporate policies which contribute to violence, poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean. Our mission is to support peace, justice and sustainable economies in the Americas by changing U.S. policies and corporate practices that contribute to poverty and oppression in Latin America and the Caribbean. WFPSC currently has teams in Honduras, Colombia, and Cuba, along with regional bodies around the US. Since the assassination of Berta Cáceres in 2016, we have been leading the grassroots coordination of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act, helping to secure hundreds of organizational sponsors and almost 100 Congressional sponsors of the Act.

The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), founded in 1980 through collaboration between Salvadoran refugees and U.S. anti-war activists, is a national grassroots organization based in the U.S. that is dedicated to accompanying the Salvadoran social and popular movements in their ongoing struggle for social and economic justice, democracy, and self-determination. CISPES organizes grassroots campaigns to challenge U.S. military, economic and political intervention in El Salvador and Central America. We are a multi-racial, intergenerational organization that has increasingly become a political home for members of the Salvadoran diaspora whose families were displaced by decades of domestic and international policies that have favored the interests of the elite over working families. Our national office is in Washington, DC and we have volunteer chapters in Los Angeles, San Francisco/Bay Area, Seattle, New York, and Boston.

The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA) has over 40 years of experience working to build and strengthen ties between the people of the United States and Guatemala in the global struggle for justice, human dignity, and respect for the Earth. NISGUA accomplishes this through an integrated strategy of international human rights accompaniment, digital organizing, strategic campaigns, political education, and horizontal exchange. With four staff, and two offices in Oakland, CA and Guatemala City,

NISGUA's work creates lasting change by cultivating long-term relationships grounded in mutual trust and shared struggle.

School of the Americas Watch (SOAW), a nonviolent grassroots Latin America solidarity movement working to expose, denounce, and end all forms of US militarization and intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean, began in 1990 to denounce the U.S. Army School of the Americas (SOA) training of those responsible for the massacre at the University of Central America in El Salvador and went on to document and expose the SOA training of military officials who carried out coup d'etats, massacres, forced disappearances, torture, and human rights violations throughout the hemisphere. SOA Watch has grown to be one of the largest grassroots Latin America solidarity organizations in the U.S., calling attention to U.S. policy as a principal root cause of migration as well as documenting and exposing the impact of U.S. military training and U.S. policy throughout the hemisphere.

Supporting Organizations

- **Earthworks** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting communities and the environment from the adverse impacts of mineral and energy development while promoting sustainable solutions. Earthworks stands for clean air, water and land, healthy communities, and corporate accountability. We work for solutions that protect both the Earth's resources and our communities.
- **Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) - Global Economy Program** - IPS is a progressive organization dedicated to building a more equitable, ecologically sustainable, and peaceful society. In partnership with dynamic social movements, IPS turns transformative policy ideas into action. The Global Economy Program provides research, communications, and networking support to dynamic economic justice movements in the United States and around the world. Its goal is to speed the transition to an equitable and sustainable economy while reversing today's extreme levels of economic and racial inequality and excessive corporate and Wall Street power.
- **Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network (BTS)** is a grassroots network situated in Canada's Maritimes provinces, the ancestral and unceded territories of the Mi'kmaq, Wolastoq and Passamaquoddy peoples. The network is composed of local committees and people in the Maritimes, as well as individuals across the country. BTS has been organizing since 1988 to support the efforts of Guatemalans struggling for political, social, and economic justice.

Partner Organizations in Central America

The Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ) was established during the thirty-eight day Hunger Strike of 2008 in which attorneys protested the high levels of corruption and impunity in the Honduran legal system. The Broad Movement for Dignity and Justice (MADJ) continues its highly organized struggle against state corruption, lodging formal complaints, filing suits, and promoting the protection of natural resources and human rights. As a result of their work many of the group's lawyers, including general coordinator Martín Fernández, have received numerous death threats. The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has granted protective measures to Fernández and other members.

Organización Fraternal Negra Hondureña (OFRANEH) was founded in 1978 as the Federation of Garífuna People. OFRANEH was the first grassroots indigenous organization in Honduras, dedicated to addressing the immediate needs of its people. The defense of their cultural and territorial rights is aimed at preserving their indigenous identity which has historically come under threat by private and state interests, tantamount to what the organization refers to as colonial fronts. Today, the tourism sector, palm oil plantations, and ZEDES (Economic Development and Employment Zones or "Model Cities") present the gravest threat to Garífuna indigeneity.

The Consejo Cívico de Organizaciones Populares e Indígenas de Honduras (COPINH) was co-founded in 1993 by feminist indigenous leader Berta Cáceres. COPINH is a social and political non-profit organization oriented toward the indigenous and popular movement in Honduras. It is one of the most highly regarded

organizations in the country, and the leading organizational front for the indigenous Lenca people, representing over 200 Lenca communities. In the aftermath of Cáceres' assassination, COPINH continues to mobilize in the departments of Santa Barbara, Intibucá and Lempira defending their land, resources, and spiritual and cultural identity against displacement and destruction by local and transnational private interests and the Honduran state, which often come in the form of megaprojects such as mining and hydroelectric dams.

The Peaceful Resistance of Santa Rosa, Jalapa, and Jutiapa is made up of Xinka and Campesino communities working to permanently close the illegally-imposed Escobal mine, the second biggest silver mine in the world. The mine was opened and owned until 2019 by Tahoe Resources, a U.S. and Canadian company that committed serious human rights violations against community members. It is now owned by Pan-American Silver, a Canadian company, which continues to impose its presence without local consent. Mining operations are currently suspended per court orders while the Guatemalan state conducts a historic consultation with the Xinka people. Ten years ago, almost all of the impacted communities conducted their own consultations and clearly rejected the mine in their territories. While we accompany the entire resistance, two prominent groups we coordinate with are:

- **Xinka People's Parliament** is a sovereign Indigenous Xinka government made up of 13 Xinka communities in Santa Rosa, Jalapa, and Jutiapa.
- **Diocesan Committee in the Defense of Nature (CODIDENA)** is a grassroots group affiliated with the Catholic Church that promotes environmental justice in Xinka territories.

The Center for Human Rights Legal Action (CALDH) is a legal clinic dedicated to supporting grassroots movements in Guatemala. Since the 1980s, CALDH has provided essential legal support to historic transitional justice cases, including the 2013 genocide case against Efraín Ríos Montt and the 2018 Molina Theissen trial. CALDH are prominent leaders in the struggle against corruption, impunity, and ongoing human rights violations.

The Peaceful Resistance "La Puya" (Resistencia Pacífica La Puya), focused in the municipalities of San Pedro Ayampuc and San José de Golfo, will celebrate its tenth anniversary on March 2, 2022. For nearly a decade, they have maintained a resistance camp in front of the gates of the El Tambor gold mining project as part of efforts to defend their territory, health and water from the imposition of mining projects given the irreversible impacts of this activity, as well as the repression, criminalization and violence they have faced as a result of their peaceful opposition to this activity.

Primary Form Details

3c. Additional Sponsors

- CISPES Education Fund
- The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA)
- School of the Americas Watch Educational Fund

4. Invitees & Reason for Invite

- **Representative Ilhan Omar (MN, 5th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Omar is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Cori Bush (MO, 1st District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policies on outward migration. Rep. Bush is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Jamaal Bowman (NY, 16th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Bowman is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (NY, 14th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (IL, 4th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Garcia is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Joaquin Castro (TX, 20th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Castro is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Rashida Tlaib (MI, 13th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Tlaib is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Representative Ayanna Pressley (MA, 7th District)** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. Rep. Pressley is a cosponsor of the Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act and other advocacy related to the region.
- **Ryan Morgan, Foreign Policy Advisor for Rep. Omar**, was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. He was invited

due to his position as a staffer for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.

- **Aya Saed, Legislative Assistant for Rep. Cori Bush** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. She was invited due to her position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Khaula Kaiser, Legislative Director for Rep. Hank Johnson:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. She was invited due to her position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Kate Durkin, Legislative Director for Rep. Jan Schakowsky:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. She was invited due to her position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Naomi Lake, Legislative Assistant for Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. She was invited due to her position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Alex Campbell, Legislative Aide for Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. He was invited due to his position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Gerardo Bonilla, Chief of Staff for Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. He was invited due to his position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.
- **Jaya Khetarpal, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Joaquin Castro:** was invited to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policy on outward migration. She was invited due to her position as a staffer who works on foreign policy for a Congressional office covering foreign and immigration policy.

10. Detailed Agenda

- **Saturday, March 19th**
 - 7:00 am: Depart Washington DC (or district)
 - 12:15 pm - 12:45 pm: Arrive to Palmerola Int'l Airport + Customs
 - 12:45 pm - 1:00 pm: Travel to Comayagua
 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Lunch + Brief Delegate Orientation
 - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Meeting with Honduran elected officials as available
 - 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm: briefing with COFADEH
 - 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm: Drive to La Esperanza
 - 5:45 pm to 6:00 pm: Tour of COPINH center Utopia
 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Participate in the second session of Binational Conference for Defense of Land and Human Rights with representatives of rural and labor federations from El Salvador, including dinner.

- 8:00 pm-8:30 pm: Drive to the hotel Mina
- **Sunday, March 20th**
 - 7:30 am - 8:30 am: Breakfast + Briefing at Hotel Mina
 - 8:30 pm - 9:00 am: Drive to Utopia
 - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Participate in final session and concluding activities of Binational Conference for Defense of Land and Human Rights with rural and labor federations from El Salvador, including lunch
 - 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Drive to Cemetary
 - 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm: Visit Cemetery with Berta Cáceres grave
 - 4:15 pm - 4:30 pm: Drive to COPINH Offices
 - 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm: Meeting with COPINH leadership, briefing on Berta Cáceres life and work, her assassination, and the justice process + Dinner
 - 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm: Drive to the hotel
- **Monday, March 21st**
 - 8:00 am - 8:40 am: Breakfast + Check out of Hotel Mina
 - 8:40 am - 9:00 am: Drive to COPINH offices
 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am: Meeting with COPINH leadership
 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am: COPINH Radio Interview / Meeting with COPINH youth representatives
 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm: Drive to Pajuiles
 - 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Meet with MADJ leadership and Pajuiles community
 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Travel to Tela
 - 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Dinner with Martin Fernandez and Victor Fernandez from MADJ
 - 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm: Drive to the Hotel Puerto Rico
- **Tuesday, March 22nd**
 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Breakfast + Briefing
 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am: Meeting with indigenous leaders from the Mosquitia
 - 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Meeting with OFRANEH leadership, including Miriam Miranda
 - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm: lunch with OFRANEH leadership, including Miriam Miranda
 - 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm: Drive to Triunfo de la Cruz
 - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Meeting with community leaders in Triunfo de la Cruz
 - 3:30 pm - 4:00: Tour of the community
 - 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Review of Inter-American Court of Human Rights cases with OFRANEH leadership, including Miriam Miranda
 - 5:30 - 6:00 pm: Travel to Hotel Puerto Rico
 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Dinner meeting with Padre Melo from Radio Progreso
- **Wednesday, March 23rd**
 - 7:00 am - 7:45 am: Check out of Hotel + Breakfast
 - 7:45 am - 9:00 am: Travel to Jilamito + Briefing
 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Meet with MADJ and Jilamito community
 - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Travel to Laboratorios MOBI in San Pedro
 - 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm: COVID Tests

- 4:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Travel to CODEMUH offices in San Pedro
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Meet with Maria Luisa Regalado and CODEMUH
- 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Travel to Hotel Casa Inn del Valle
- 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Dinner with Carlos H. Reyes
- 7:30 pm: Check-in to the hotel Casa Inn del Valle
- **Thursday, March 24th**
 - 5:30 am - 6:00 am: Check out of Hotel + Breakfast
 - 6:00 am - 6:30 am: Travel to San Pedro Sula Airport
 - 6:30 am - 8:30 am: Check in for flight
 - 8:30 am - 9:30 am: Flight to Guatemala City from San Pedro Sula
 - 9:30 am - 10:00 am: Customs
 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am: Travel to La Puya
 - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm: Visit to La Puya, including lunch
 - 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm: Travel to Guatemala City
 - 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm: Meeting with Center for Human Rights Legal Action (CALDH)
 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Dinner in Guatemala City with CALDH
 - 6:30 pm: Check in to the hotel
- **Friday, March 25th:**
 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Breakfast in Guatemala City + briefing
 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am: Planning for meeting with government
 - 10:00 am - 11:00 am: Meeting with Guatemalan policymakers
 - 11:00 am - 12 pm: Lunch in Guatemala City
 - 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Travel to Santa Rosa
 - 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm: Meeting with leaders from Xinka Parliament and CODIDENA
 - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Dinner with leaders from Xinka Parliament and CODIDENA
 - 6:00: Check into hotel in Santa Rosa, Guatemala
- **Saturday, March 26th:**
 - 8:00 am - 9:00 am: Breakfast in Cuilapa
 - 9:00 am - 10:00 am: Travel to Peaceful Resistance of Santa Rosa, Jalapa, and Jutiapa
 - 10:00 am - 3:30 pm: Visit to Peaceful Resistance of Santa Rosa, Jalapa, and Jutiapa, including lunch
 - 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Travel to Guatemala City
 - 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Dinner in Guatemala City
 - Overnight: Guatemala City
- **Sunday, March 27th**
 - 8:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast meeting, briefing for today's logistics
 - 9:00 - 11:00 am: Closing space and reflections, planning
 - 11:00 am: Travel to airport

12. Additional Sponsors

- **CISPES Education Fund:** CISPES is a national grassroots organization based in the U.S. that is dedicated to accompanying the Salvadoran social and popular movements in their ongoing struggle for social and economic justice, democracy, and

self-determination. Two of their members are involved in coordinating meetings between the delegation and El Salvadoran organizations. Two members will travel with the delegation.

- **The Network in Solidarity with the People of Guatemala (NISGUA):** NISGUA has over 40 years of experience working to build and strengthen ties between the people of the United States and Guatemala in the global struggle for justice, human dignity, and respect for the Earth. Two of its members are organizing the Guatemala leg of the delegation.
- **School of the Americas Watch Educational Fund:** SOAW is a nonviolent grassroots Latin America solidarity movement working to expose, educate about, and call for an end to US militarization and oppressive US policies in Latin America and the Caribbean. One of its members is helping to organize the delegation and two of its members will travel with the delegation on at least part of the trip.
- **Institute for Policy Studies - Global Economy Program:** IPS is a progressive organization dedicated to building a more equitable, ecologically sustainable, and peaceful society. In partnership with dynamic social movements, IPS turns transformative policy ideas into action. One of its members is supporting organizing the Guatemala leg of the delegation.

15b.1. Cost per day of meals

- **March 19:** \$10/person
- **March 20:** \$15/person
- **March 21:** \$15/person
- **March 22:** \$15/person
- **March 23:** \$15/person
- **March 24:** \$13/person
- **March 25:** \$13/person
- **March 26:** \$16/person
- **March 27:** \$10/person

15b.2. Reason for selecting the location of the trip: The objective of the delegation is to hear directly from Central Americans about the impacts of US policies on migration. This is best served by visiting Central American countries and visiting grassroots organizations. The specific places in Honduras and Guatemala were picked because they allow us to connect with communities affected by US policies in the region. We also prioritized places where the organizers have strong relationships and can ensure the safety of the delegates.

16. Hotels

- **Hotel Mina (La Esperanza; \$20/night):** Fits the whole delegation, is affordable and secure
- **Hotel Puerto Rico (Tela; \$23/night):** Fits the whole delegation, is affordable and secure
- **Hotel Casa Inn del Valle (San Pedro Sula; \$21/night):** Fits the whole delegation, is affordable and secure

- Hotel Ciudad Vieja (Guatemala City, \$74/night): Fits the whole delegation, is affordable and secure
- Hotel San Judas Tadeo (Cuilap, \$54/night): Fits the whole delegation, is affordable and secure