

# OUR HEALTH IS AT STAKE

INTRODUCING OHIAS — A COMMUNITY BENEFIT ORGANIZATION WHO'S MISSION IS TO END WASTE AS WE KNOW IT TODAY

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San Rafael, CA April 17, 2013 - We are pleased to announce OHIAS, a community benefit organization who's mission is to end waste as we know it today - waste of natural resources and human potential. "OHIAS stands for Our Health Is At Stake because the health of our planet is at stake due to a growing human population, excessive natural destruction and pollution, meteoric consumption of finite natural resources and more", Bill Callahan said. Bill is the interim director of OHIAS, a resident of San Rafael and business owner of Tamalpais NatureWorks on B Street where he designs and builds sustainable furniture and fixtures for homes and businesses.

In light of the cruciality of these pressing issues OHIAS believes we're moving too slow and doing too little here in Marin and around the world. We believe Based on what scientists are saying and what some are personally experiencing We believe this because we see little urgency and scale that we need . "What we need to see today is an urgency everywhere: in our lives, in our homes, in our businesses, in our schools and institutions, in our communities, in our parks in our cities and by all the governments of the world. We need to do more, a lot more and will all be better for it, Bill said.

The first project of OHIAS will be the creation of a Community Benefit Cooperative (demonstration center) serving all of Marin, where most of our waste from new construction, deconstruction, remodeling, lumber from our urban forest, and a wide range of discarded products will be put to work, putting our community to work, putting people to work for the benefit of all, while helping solve great issues of our day, such as energy, carbon emissions, sustainable living, community health, homelessness, poverty and more. The plan is to have the center be self-sustaining within a year or two and will be a beehive of activity with work for the most needy of our community. Workers will work at reclaiming products and materials, marketing and selling products, repairing and making new products. We'll see a positive economic impact for the center and our local economy because the work, the materials, the new products will all take place here in Marin. "This is the type of enhanced circular economy that economists say we need to build sustainable communities and I'm very excited about the possibilities and outcomes," Bill said.

OHIAS sees its primary focus in educating people and businesses by opening minds to common sense, pointed commentary and theater regarding the disastrous course we are on. OHIAS believes we need to chart a new course that focuses on the health of people, community and planet. "Let's get our priorities straight and begin taking full responsibility for our lifestyles for the benefit of all people and planet", Bill said.

OHIAS will have a booth at Marin Earth Day at Redwood High School this coming Sunday where they will discuss the benefits of a Community Benefit Cooperative and a display of its components.

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