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## **CEC Hosts ‘a Gypsy Caravan’ Green Gala**

### **Community Environmental Council to gather visionaries for annual eco-chic party for the planet**

**Santa Barbara** – On Friday, October 21, the Community Environmental Council (CEC) will host its annual Green Gala at the historic Armory near downtown Santa Barbara.

**WHO:** Hosted by the Community Environmental Council, in conjunction with Merryl Brown Events.

**WHAT:** This year’s Green Gala will invite community leaders and visionaries to gather around the proverbial campfire of a spectacular and colorful gypsy village, filled with roving fortune tellers and an authentic, eco-renovated gypsy caravan. Décor and costumes will be created using recycled, borrowed and repurposed items. A welcoming, family-style dinner with delicious and locally-sourced ingredients will be catered by Full of Life Flatbread and local organic vintners. Cocktail entertainment will be provided by Kerri Sanford, and dance music by Tina and the Graceland Exiles.

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**WHEN:** Friday, October 21, 2011 at 6:00pm.

**WHERE:** At the historic Armory, 700 East Canon Perdido Street, near downtown Santa Barbara.

**WHY:** The Green Gala is an annual gathering that brings together influential community members and visionary friends to tell CEC’s story and envision the future we all want to experience. In the spirit of a gypsy caravan, this year’s event will build a sense of community around Santa Barbara’s clean energy movement. We will show how neighbors and families are tapping the power of the sun and wind, sharing resources to create a green lifestyle, and shifting to new materials for our homes and cars.

#### **About the Community Environmental Council**

The Community Environmental Council was established in 1970 to identify, advocate, raise awareness, and develop effective programs to solve the most pressing environmental issues that affect the Santa Barbara region. CEC currently focuses all of its energy on building a community-based movement to wean the region off of fossil fuels in one generation — *Fossil Free by ’33*.

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#### **About Merryl Brown Events**

CEC is proud to partner for a third year with Merryl Brown Events, the winner of the BizBash West 2011 Award for Social Planner of the Year. Merryl Brown Events has also been nominated for two International Special Events Society Espirit Spirit Awards for Best Green Solution (2009 and 2010 Green Galas) and Best Green Initiative (2010 Green Gala).

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