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It's a Time of Change

Greetings!

This week our podcast and articles link to the theme of diversity and new leadership in the food movement here in California and in the Congress where a Green New Deal is being framed and proposed.

Our latest Flipping the Table Podcast

Hear an honest conversation with J. Miakoda Taylor, a lifelong bridge builder across what they call the “dis-membered sectors of society.” They are the founder of Fierce Allies, which is dedicated to supporting individuals and organizations through dialog and ritual that allow truth telling and intimacy to emerge. Miakoda and Michael will discuss the need for and experience of having difficult, but healing conversations related to racism, sexism, ageism and gaps in levels of privilege. Miakoda coached host Michael Dimock, a white male Baby Boomer, for nearly three years to help him build trust with allies of color across the divides of race and privilege.



New Leadership at CAFF!

ROC applauds the appointment of Paul Towers as the new executive director of Community Alliance with Family Farmers. Paul has been an inspiring leader of the California Food and Farming Network, to which ROC passed the annual report on California food and farm policy and policy maker scorecard. CAFF is a longtime ally and we know this important institution will be in good hands with Paul.

Next Week's Podcast

Next Tuesday, February 19th, we will post the second 3-minute Flipping the Table commentary series, *Building Food Movement Power*. Hear Michael's reflections on the recent [Green New Deal Resolution](#) and the coalition that sponsored it. There are important lessons for the food movement. Look for our Twitter, Instagram and Facebook posts with links to that episode.

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In case you missed them, here are the [Civil Eats](#) and [Roll Call](#) stories on the Green New Deal Resolution, its significance and prospects. We believe this Resolution, which frames a new federal policy agenda that could transform our economy and culture, is just what is needed to leverage many golden opportunities and meet the difficult challenges of our time.



Update on ROC policy work in 2019: It will be a busy year!

Finally, ROC will have an update next month on our 2019 policy agenda. We are awaiting word from potential legislative authors on our two priorities: the state's [Farm to School program](#) and the [Small Poultry Producer Protection Act](#).

Thank you!

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