ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

HARMFUL EMISSIONS
- Arizona is home to 4 operational coal-fired power plants that received a D or D-grade in the NAACP Coal Blooded Report: Coranda, Cholla, Springerville, and Navajo.
- The population of Arizona consists of White-Americans 77.50%, Native American, 4.41% Black or African American, 4.30% race 3.49% Asian 3.13%, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0.20% and other race 6.97%.

ASTHMA
- In 2014, 9.6 percent of adult Arizonans reported having asthma, compared to a national rate of 8.9 percent. African-American children are 2 times more likely to have asthma than white children.
- African-Americans are 2 to 3 times more likely to die from asthma than any other racial or ethnic group. 1 in 5 Hispanic adults cannot afford their asthma medicine.

EXTREME HEAT
- More than 200,000 people in Arizona are especially vulnerable to extreme heat and humidity. Phoenix is the 2nd fastest warming city in the United States.

DOES ARIZONA MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, ARIZONA MUST HAVE A:
- **Mandatory** Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) with a target of 25% clean energy by 2025 with no nuclear, biomass, or natural gas allowed;
- **Mandatory** Energy Efficiency Resource Standard per NAACP standards, as defined by: at least 2% annual reduction over each previous year’s average retail electricity sales;
- **Mandatory** Local Hire Provisions and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Provisions; and
- **Mandatory** Community Solar Policy, which is legislation that allows communities to take advantage of solar energy.

PROPOSED ACTION STEPS

1. Every Branch will organize an ECJ Committee and chair a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Arizona State Conference will conduct Coal Blooded Action Training/Campaign Training to retire Plant Scherer and Plant Bowen and develop a Just Transition Plan.
3. Arizona State Conference will engage in a Power to the People campaign to increase environmental standards.
4. All Arizona NAACP branch leaders will join Climate Action Planning tables.