ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

RACIALLY DISPARATE POLLUTANT BURDEN
- California has the largest people of color (POC) population in the United States. 38% Hispanic-Latinx, the largest POC population in CA (of any race) and 61.4 percent of non-Hispanic (of any race); 2.3 million African American; the largest population of Black or African American people in the western United States.
- Hispanics were 6.2 times more likely than whites to live in the most environmentally adverse zip codes. African Americans were 5.8 times more likely. Native Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, and multiracial individuals also faced higher odds than whites.
- California has the strongest air quality standards in the United States. Yet, a significant number of its residents suffer from air pollution. 8 of the 10 most air polluted cities in the U.S are in California. Los Angeles ranks at the top, followed by much of the Central Valley.

DROUGHT AND WILDFIRES
- California has only about a year and a half's water supply saved behind dams, and groundwater tables have been dropping precipitously. Lack of water has also led to more and larger wildfires, including last year’s Rim fire, which scorched the largest area on record in the Sierra Nevadas.

COASTAL DANGERS AND SEA LEVEL RISE
- The majority of Californians live along the coast.
- Currently, 260,000 Californians are exposed to risk from a hundred-year flood; this number could rise to 480,000 by 2100, due to projected sea-level rise of 4.6 feet.

DOES CALIFORNIA MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, CALIFORNIA 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. Compton, Los Angeles, Oakland, Riverside and San Diego Branches will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign and launch a health awareness project.
3. CA will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
4. All California NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.