ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- In Florida, approximately 1 out of 13 people live with asthma.
- Florida is home to 4 operational coal fired power plants that received D/F grades in the NAACP Coal Blooded Report: C.D. McIntosh, Stanton, Crist, and Polk.

SEA LEVEL RISE
- Florida has 3.5 million people at risk of coastal flooding.
- By 2050, an additional 1.1 million people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise.

HEAT
- Florida averages about 23 dangerous heat days a year. By 2050, it is projected to increase to a staggering 130 days; over a third of the year will be dangerously hot.
- This directly harms 650,000 Floridians vulnerable to heat, increasing the number of wildfires, and increasing the number and length of droughts.
- Increase in heat also supercharges storms, leading to stronger storms each year, which directly impacts over 4 million Floridians at risk of inland and coastal flooding.

DOES FLORIDA MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, FLORIDA 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 has an ECJ committee and chair, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Tallahassee and Orange County branches will engage in Rural Electric Co-Op Democratization projects.
3. Lakeland, Manatee, and Pensacola branches will launch Coal Blooded action campaigns to retire the C.D. McIntosh, Crist, and Polk plants and work towards a just transition to clean energy.
4. Florida State Conference will engage in “Power to the People” campaign to strengthen FL environmental standards.
5. Hillsborough branch will pass local Clean Air Ordinance
6. All FL NAACP leaders will join local Climate Action Planning Tables