



# MASSACHUSETTS



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### AIR POLLUTION

- MA is home to one coal power plant. Previously, Brayton Point in Bristol County received an F Grade in the NAACP Cold Blooded report; it has since closed. Salem Harbor in Essex County closed and converted to gas. It came on line May 2018. Both are owned by Dominion Energy.

### HEALTH RISKS

- More than 4 out of 10 people live in counties with unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution.
- More than 140,000 people living in Massachusetts especially vulnerable to extreme heat.

### FLOODING

- In Massachusetts, more than 210,000 people are living in areas at risk of flooding. Massachusetts has 84,000 people at risk of coastal flooding. By 2050, this number is projected to more than double with an additional 133,000 people projected to be at risk due to sea level rise.



## DOES MASSACHUSETTS MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

### TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, MASSACHUSETTS 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. MA Branches will **launch** a Solar Demonstration Project Massachusetts State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. Every MA Branch will **host** Sea Level Rise Training and **launch** a Sea Level Rise Preparedness Project.
4. MA State Conference will Release an updated Just Energy Policy Snapshot and conduct Just Energy Policy Toolkit Training.