

# NEVADA



## ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

### HEAT

- Las Vegas is getting hotter faster than any other city in the country.
- Extreme heat can disproportionately affect populations without access to housing that is well insulated or has air conditioning.
- More than 70,000 people in Nevada are especially vulnerable to extreme heat.
- By 2050, the number of heat wave days is projected to increase from 15 to nearly 55 days a year.
- 46% of the population live in areas at an elevated risk of wildfire.

### AIR POLLUTION

- There is one remaining coal-fired power plant in Nevada with a C-grade; it is scheduled to be retired in 2021.
- The Las Vegas metro-area is the second most polluted in the United States.
- 92% of the state's population lives in areas where the air quality received an F grade.

### FLOODING

- More than 150,000 people live in areas at an elevated risk of inland flooding.



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

### TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, NEVADA 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. Nevada State Conference will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign to **increase** environmental standards.
3. Rural Nevada NAACP branch leaders will **organize** electric co-op campaigns.
4. All Nevada NAACP branch leaders will **organize** Community Solar campaigns.
5. All Nevada NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.