ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION
- Texas is home to 5 coal-fired power plants: Harrington, Spruce, Tolk, Martin Lake, and San Miguel.
- In TX, over 1.5 million people live with asthma, many of whom live in Houston and Dallas-Fort Worth, two of the most ozone polluted cities in America.

SEA LEVEL RISE
- Texas has 127,000 people at risk of coastal flooding. By 2050, an additional 117,000 people are projected to be at risk due to sea level rise.

HEAT
- Texas is home to nine of the hottest cities in the U.S., and it averages about 60 dangerous heat days a year. By 2050, that number is projected to increase to a staggering 115 days, almost a third of the year. This is second only to Florida.
- Increased heat results in: an increase in the number of wildfires, an increase in the number and length of droughts, and increased intensity of storms.

DOES TEXAS MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP JUST ENERGY STANDARDS, TEXAS 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 should have an ECJ committee and chair, and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
2. Temple, Waco, Longview and San Antonio branches will engage in Rural Electric Co-Op community solar projects.
3. The Texas State Conference will engage in a "Power to the People" campaign to strengthen TX equity based energy policies.
4. The San Antonio, Amarillo, and Panola County branches will engage in a Coal Blooded training and campaign to retire Tolk, Martin Lake, and San Miguel coal-fired power plants and plan for a just transition to clean energy.
5. The Galveston, Corpus Christi, and Rio Grande Valley branches will host Sea Level Rise training and strategy sessions.
6. Houston and Dallas will establish Clean Air Ordinances/Resolutions.