

TEXAS



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.