

WASHINGTON



ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE THREATS

AIR POLLUTION

- Centralia Big Hanaford coal plant is the state's largest single source of mercury pollution. It emits 350 pounds of mercury that causes brain damage in humans and is especially dangerous for children and pregnant or nursing mothers.

ASTHMA

- Washington State is 29.2 percent people of color: Hispanic/Latinx, 10.3 percent; Asian, 10.2 percent; African American, 2.7 percent; and Native American/Alaskan 1.1 percent.
- In Washington State, 666,453 people live with asthma. From 2009 through 2011, American Indians and Alaskan Natives were nearly twice as likely to have asthma as white people with 18 percent living with Asthma; and 10 percent of African Americans living with Asthma.
- Consistent with national data, people of Hispanic origin and Asians had lower asthma risk than white people after controlling for age, gender, income and education. There were no significant differences in asthma rates between blacks, Pacific Islanders, and whites in Washington State.

FLOODING

- Washington State is losing about 75 billion tons of ice each year as a result of the glaciers melt due to the climate warming. This causes floods, alters the ecological system and adversely affects the drinking water.



DOES WASHINGTON MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS?

TO MEET NAACP *JUST* ENERGY STANDARDS, WASHINGTON 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. Seattle Branch will **engage** in a Power to the People campaign and **release** its Just Energy Policy Update.
3. Washington State will **engage** in a Power Up project, **conduct** a Solar Demonstration project, and **campaign** for Local Hire Provisions/Disadvantaged Enterprise Provisions.
4. All Washington NAACP branch leaders will **join** Climate Action Planning tables.