

CO-DESIGNING CLIMATE POLICY SOLUTIONS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES & WORKERS

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An Energy Justice Framework for Building Decarbonization

The LA City Council motion states that any building decarbonization policy should:

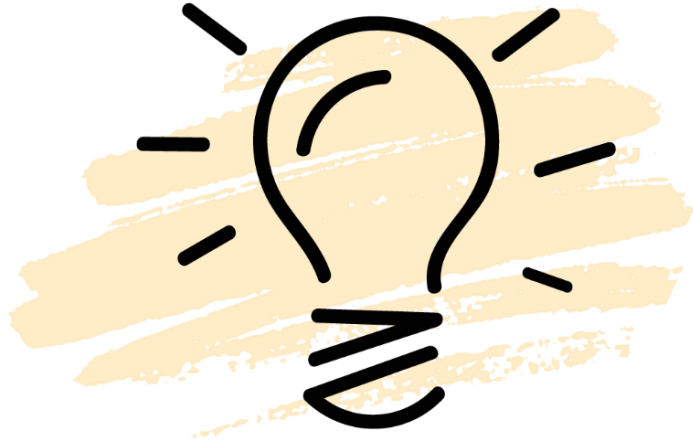
- Not lead to evictions, rent burden, energy burden, harassing conduct against tenants, or displacement; thereby exacerbating our homelessness crisis;
- Not replace carbon-based infrastructure with technologies that create other local air, environmental, or climate pollutants;
- Equitably distribute the benefits and burdens of the transition;
- Ensure that decarbonization technologies and information will be accessible and affordable for all, and will ensure that the communities with the worst pollution and climate burdens reap the full benefits;
- Be informed and shaped by the needs and priorities of local communities and experts, leveraging local networks and expertise to ensure equitable and effective adoption;
- Create jobs that are well-paid and unionized, where targeted local hiring will ensure a just transition for workers from impacted industries and historically excluded communities;
- Ensure that energy efficiency improvements decrease energy burdens in historically-excluded communities and provide real bill savings at no additional cost.

Sacramento's Electrification Ordinance

Added public health and safety as key goal and brought in existing buildings:

By 2022, develop a policy roadmap to achieve decarbonization of existing buildings by 2040 without additional cost burden or displacement risk to frontline communities. The roadmap must address:

- Equitable process and outcomes, including avoiding bill increases, ensuring benefits flow to renters, and local green jobs;
- Incentives and requirements;
- Regulatory obstacles;
- Phasing of implementation;
- Financial assistance for low-income residents and businesses, including on-bill financing;
- Opportunities for integration of distributed renewable energy generation and energy storage; and
- Opportunities and needs for energy efficiency and building envelope upgrades, taking into account local, state, and regional energy efficiency incentive programs and focusing particularly on renters, low-income populations, and populations with a disproportionate risk of housing and business displacement.



BEEP Coalition

Building Energy, Equity & Power

- **The first priority must be keeping power on and keeping people housed.**
- A just transition will provide “High Road” jobs and meet basic needs.
- Equitable policy means all ratepayers benefit.
- Energy is a public good.
- Understanding the urgency of the public health and climate crisis - we must not rush to false solutions.
- Cost impacts must be analyzed at a more nuanced level, and solutions must not have regressive impacts.
- There is no “one size fits all” or “low hanging fruit” solution.
- Energy policy must be informed and led by community experts and community organizers who are paid to do that critical work.
- Make space for building allies and unity.
- No Sacrifice Zones - be intentional about benefits and burdens.
- The goal is resilient communities and energy systems.

POWER AND WATER AS HUMAN RIGHTS

RePower LA's three main focuses:

- 1) LADWP accountability and utility debt relief
- 2) Equitable decarbonization
- 3) Expanding UPCT, a union job program

RePower LA



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RECENT VICTORIES

- Utility Grant Assistance Program (Nov. '20)
- Worked closely with LADWP staff to win \$2 billion in statewide utility debt relief through **AB 135 and AB 148**
 - LADWP applied for \$265m
- Moratorium was extended to **March 2022**
- \$100 million dollar investment for energy efficiency programs

NEXT STEPS

- Expanding the coalition
 - Equitable building decarbonization policies
- Expanding the Utility Pre-Craft Trainee (UPCT) program
- No shut-offs & affordable rates
- Clean energy future for LA

