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Climate Justice Working Group

August 13, 2020 – Meeting

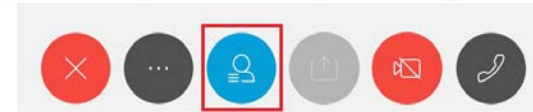
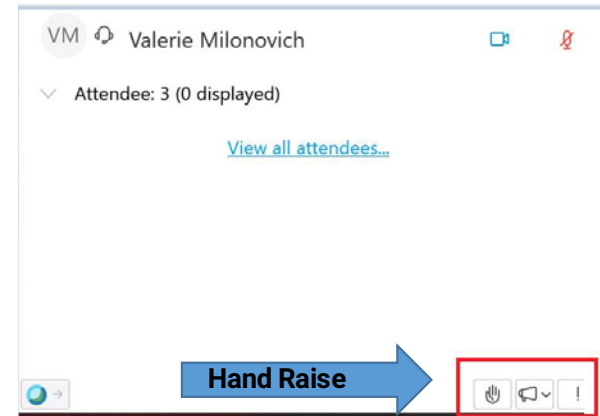
Meeting Procedures

Before beginning, a few reminders to ensure a smooth discussion:

- **Working Group Members should be on mute if not speaking.**
 - If using phone for audio, please tap the phone mute button.
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- **Video is encouraged for Working Group members, particularly when speaking.**
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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks
- Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Overview
- Role of the Working Group
- Discussion: Work Plan
- Discussion: Future Meeting Logistics
- Next Steps



Welcome and Introductory Remarks



Prioritizing Climate Justice

January:

- NYS: **\$175 million Workforce Development Initiative** to meet emerging job demand including new 'Future of Work Centers' in underserved communities.

March:

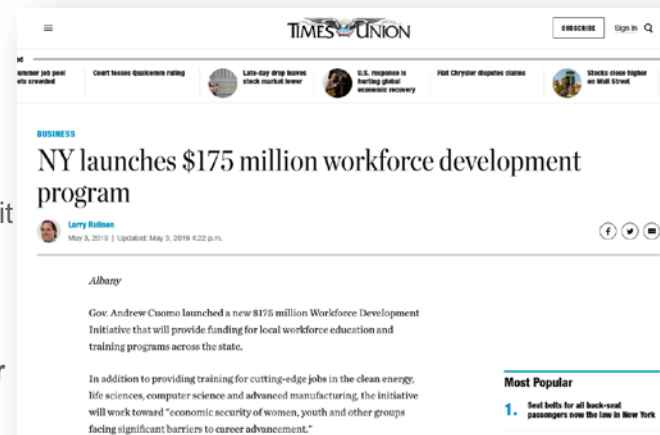
- DEC: **\$24 Million in Volkswagen Settlement funds** to support all-electric transit buses in Environmental Justice communities.

May:

- PSC: **\$573 million expansion of NY-Sun Program, including \$200 million for activities focused on LMI New Yorkers, affordable housing, and EJ communities.**

June:

- NYSERDA: **\$10.6 million to help underserved New Yorkers access clean, affordable, and reliable solar energy**
- DEC: Appoints Climate Justice Working Group



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Prioritizing Climate Justice

July:

- NYSERDA and New York utilities file **statewide low-to-moderate (LMI) portfolio framework to advance nearly \$1 billion in energy efficiency**, supporting initiatives to benefit more than **350,000 LMI households**.
- New York announces **largest-ever renewable procurement in U.S.**, prioritizing low-income census tracts and EJ areas to support delivering CLCPA's job creation and benefits to disadvantaged communities.



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Prioritizing Climate Justice

July, continued:

- New York joins **medium/heavy duty multi-state MOU** to electrify trucking, prioritizing EJ communities.
- Governor: **groundbreaking “Make Ready” EV charging program**, including \$206 million for equitable access and benefits for lower-income and disadvantaged communities.
- PSC: **\$25 million available for Environmental Justice Community Clean Vehicles Transformation Prize** and \$40 million program focused on reducing harmful air pollution in frontline communities and creating transportation "green zones" across the state.
- DEC: **\$48 million in VW funding** available, primarily for transit and school buses in EJ communities.

The screenshot shows a news article from S&P Global Platts. The main headline is "New York to add thousands of EV chargers, markets eye load shape impact". The article is dated July 17, 2020, at 10:48 UTC. The content discusses New York's "EV Make Ready" initiative to expand electric vehicle use by supporting over 50,000 level 2 charging plugs and 1,500 public direct current fast charger stations. It notes that these stations could impact the shape of power demand peaks. The article also mentions that utilities have 120 days to file managed charging proposals and that incremental charging capacity increases focus on peak load.



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Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

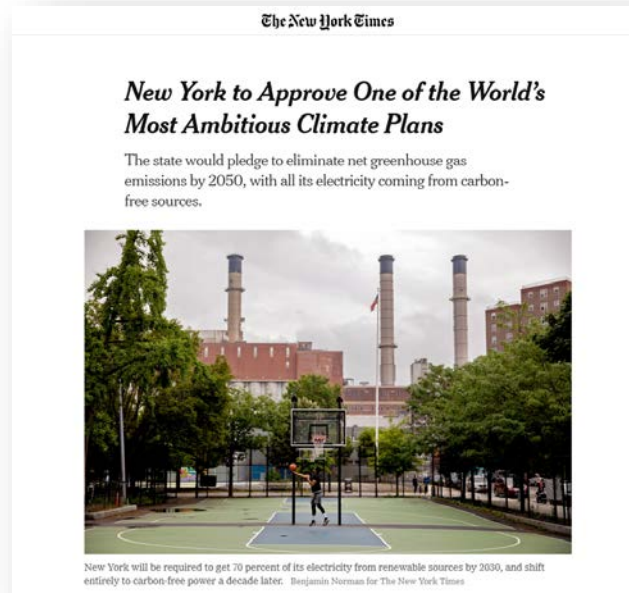


Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

- Among the most aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals of any major economy:

- **40% of '90 levels by 2030, 85% by 2050**
- **70% renewable energy by 2030**
- **100% zero-carbon electricity by 2040**

- Puts New York on path to carbon neutrality
- Codifies clean energy targets
- First statutory Climate Action Council



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Climate Action Council

- Adopt a **Scoping Plan** to help achieve GHG limits
- Co-chaired by DEC and NYSERDA
- 10 State Agency representatives
- 10 Appointees

Just Transition Working Group: chaired by Department of Labor and NYSERDA, 13 - 17 members, including Homes and Community Renewal, Department of Public Service, EJ representatives, labor organizations, clean energy developers, and energy-intensive industries.

Advisory Panels: transportation, land use and local government, housing and energy efficiency, energy intensive industries, power generation, agriculture and forestry.



Scoping Plan

Scoping plan will outline recommendations to achieve emissions targets, carbon-neutral economy and:

- Measures to aid in just transition of workforce;
- Mechanisms to limit emission leakage;
- Measures to achieve healthy forests; and
- Measures to reduce emissions in disadvantaged communities.

Process:

- Consult with Climate Justice Working Group and EJ Advisory Group;
- Hold six public comment hearings on the draft plan; and
- Update every five years.



Benefiting Disadvantaged Communities

DEC rulemakings to implement Council recommendations:

- Ensure no increase in co-pollutant emissions or disproportionate burden on disadvantaged communities.
- Prioritize measures to reduce emissions in disadvantaged communities.

DEC to implement community air monitoring in consultation with the CJWG:

- Program demonstrating community air monitoring systems in at least four high priority locations in disadvantaged communities (by October 2022).
- Strategy to reduce toxic air contaminants and criteria pollutants in disadvantaged communities affected by high cumulative exposure burden (by June 2024).



Investing in Disadvantaged Communities

Invest or direct available and relevant programmatic resources in a manner designed to achieve a goal for disadvantaged communities to receive 40 percent of overall benefits of spending on:

- Clean energy and energy efficiency programs, projects or investments in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low-income energy assistance, energy, transportation, and economic development

Receive no less than 35 percent of the overall benefits of spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs, projects or investments (does not alter funds already committed).



Work Plan

Content and Logistics



JOBS.
JUSTICE.
CLEAN ENERGY.
PEOPLES

Climate Justice Working Group

- Establish criteria to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant reductions, GHG emissions reductions, regulatory impact statements, and allocation of benefits associated with State investments.
- CAC consults with CJWG on climate justice including draft scoping plan.
- Advisory panels coordinate with CJWG.

DEC consults with CJWG:

- Report identifying barriers to and opportunities for access to or community ownership of clean energy and climate mitigation services.
- Community air monitoring program development.
- Rulemakings to achieve statewide emission limits.



Work Plan and Logistics Discussion

Establish criteria to identify disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant reductions, GHG emissions reductions, regulatory impact statements, and allocation of benefits associated with State investments.

Criteria:

- Areas burdened by cumulative environmental pollution and other hazards that can lead to negative public health effects;
- Areas with concentrations of people that are low income, high unemployment, high rent burden, low levels of home ownership, low levels of educational attainment, or members of groups that have historically experienced discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity; and
- Areas vulnerable to the impacts of climate change such as flooding, storm surges, and urban heat island effects.

Elements:

- Draft Criteria and Draft List of Disadvantaged Criteria
- Six Regional Public Hearings
- 120-Day Comment Period
- Meet no less than annually to review the criteria and methods used to identify disadvantaged communities



Work Plan and Logistics Discussion

- CAC consult with CJWG on climate justice including development of the draft scoping plan.
- Advisory panels coordinate with CJWG.

Elements:

- Draft scoping plan January 2022
- Six regional public hearings on the draft scoping plan
- Final submitted January 2023



Work Plan and Logistics Discussion

DEC to consult with CJWG on:

- Report identifying barriers to and opportunities for access to or community ownership of clean energy and climate mitigation services.
- Community air monitoring report (due January 2022).
- Program to deploy community air monitoring in four high priority locations in disadvantaged communities (October 2022).
- Strategy to reduce emissions in disadvantaged communities (June 2024).
- DEC rulemakings to achieve the statewide emission limits

Next Steps

