

Community Labor United/Green Justice Coalition Energy Efficiency Advocacy

Green Justice Founding Principles:

- We all have a right to a decent quality of life and healthy environment, but not at the expense of others or future generations.
- We all have a right to an equal voice on how public resources are used to go green and to know the outcomes of these public investments.
- We must protect those who are currently most vulnerable.

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- Green Justice requires that there be meaningful access to green jobs and other economic opportunities for residents of communities of color and other low income communities. Meaningful access includes appropriate education, training and support, as well as priority hiring for local projects.
- Green jobs must be safe jobs, with decent pay and benefits that can support families. Where possible, green jobs should be union jobs or at least pay the prevailing wage. Workers who will be negatively impacted by green development have a right to a just transition.

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Green Justice Founding Principles:

- Green justice supports not only green jobs but also opportunities for individual and community ownership and production among communities of color and other low income communities.

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The Green Justice Steering Committee Includes:

Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE)
Alliance to Develop Power (ADP)
Boston Climate Action Network (BCAN)
Boston Workers' Alliance (BWA)
Chelsea Collaborative
Chinese Progressive Association
Clean Water Action Massachusetts
Coalition for Social Justice
Greater Four Corners Action Coalition
Laborers New England Regional Organizing Fund
MassCOSH
Massachusetts Energy Consumers Alliance
Neighbor to Neighbor
New England Regional Council of Carpenters
New England United for Justice
Painters & Allied Trades DC35, Project RIGHT

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Big Results and Big Numbers from CLU/GJC Campaign

2,200 homes could be weatherized over the next three years, saving Massachusetts households **\$59 million** on their energy bills.

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Improved wages and job quality for home weatherization workers could result in **\$42.8 million** in wage gains.

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Those higher wages and other workplace reforms could save the government **\$44.4 million** a year in higher tax revenues and money it won't have to pay out in public benefits.

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The reforms CLU 's Green Justice Coalition initiated will keep nearly **84,000 tons** of greenhouse gases out of our atmosphere over the next 20 years.

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The health benefits – from safer working conditions, lower asthma rates, warmer and healthier homes, and more money for food – could yield another **\$10.5 million** in savings over the next 20 years.

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Crucial to campaign success:

- Broad-based coalition with deep neighborhood ties
- Shared aims and principles
- Capacity to mobilize
- Multiple constituencies with different strengths
- Inside/outside strategy

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Responsible Contractor Provisions:

- Require that all contractors disclose any past history of violations – wage & hour laws, health & safety laws, labor law, etc. – and require them to sign an agreement stating that they are in compliance with all federal and state wage and benefit laws and regulations, as well as in compliance with federal and state workplace health and safety laws and regulations.
- Disqualify contractors who use discriminatory business practices and require notification to contractors that they are expected to follow the law.

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- Obligate the utilities to send inspectors out to look for health and safety violations on the job.
 - Recommend that the utilities also inspect working conditions during regular quality control inspections.

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Responsible Contractor Provisions:

- Direct the utilities to work with CLU/GJC to eliminate contractors who misclassify workers as independent contractors.
- Require Building Performance Institute certification for contractors, which ensures contractors meet high industry standards.

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Responsible Contractor Provisions:

- Pay contractors to send more workers to trainings.
- Prevent contractors from arbitrarily firing or not hiring a worker for having a criminal record and instead require them to look for a correlation between the offense and the nature of the work.