



CJA MEMBER CONVENING

Albuquerque, NM

March 28-30, 2019



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MEETING PRACTICES



Community of Practice - intentional & aspiring for how we want to be in community

Ground in what matters - history & culture; ground in ABQ; hold our whole selves

Practices

- Stay present and connected
- Authentic communication toward forward movement
- Movement building orientation
- Hold the whole - put on our CJA hat

SOME INSPIRATIONS...



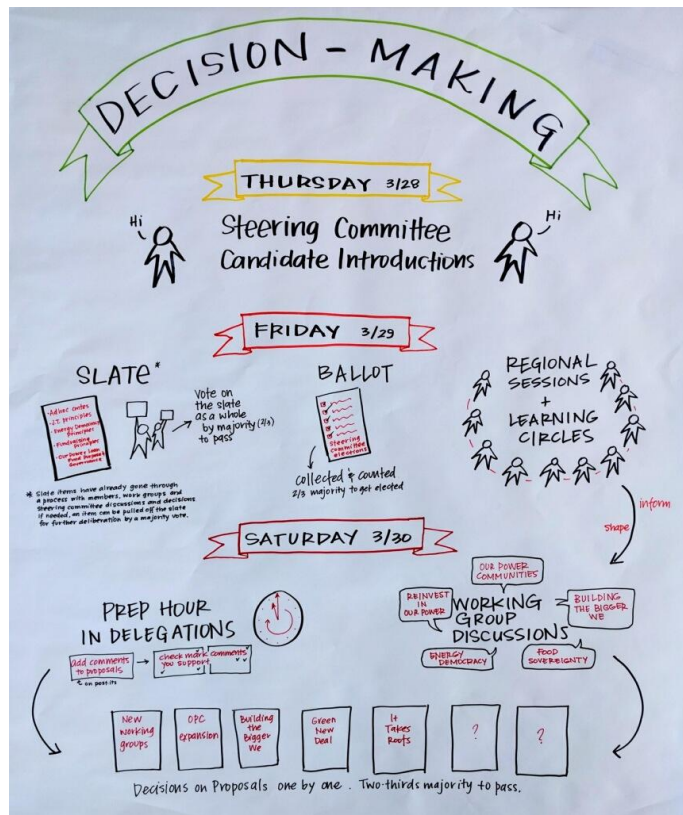
Jemez Principles

- #5: Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- #6: Commitment to Self Transformation

Left Roots - Principled Struggle

- We struggle for the sake of deepening our collective understanding
- Be honest and direct while holding compassion
- Take responsibility for your own feelings and actions
- Seek understanding- ask questions [& be curious]
- Consider that this may or may not be the container to hold what you need to bring
- Side convos and one on ones should build us up, not check us out

PRACTICE OF SELF-GOVERNANCE



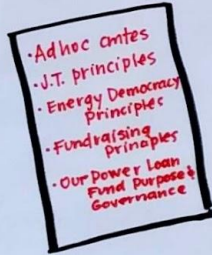
PRACTICE OF SELF-GOVERNANCE



CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE
COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR A JUST TRANSITION

FRIDAY 3/29

SLATE*



Vote on
the slate
as a whole
by majority (2/3)
to pass

BALLOT



collected & counted
2/3 majority to get elected

REGIONAL
SESSIONS
+
LEARNING
CIRCLES



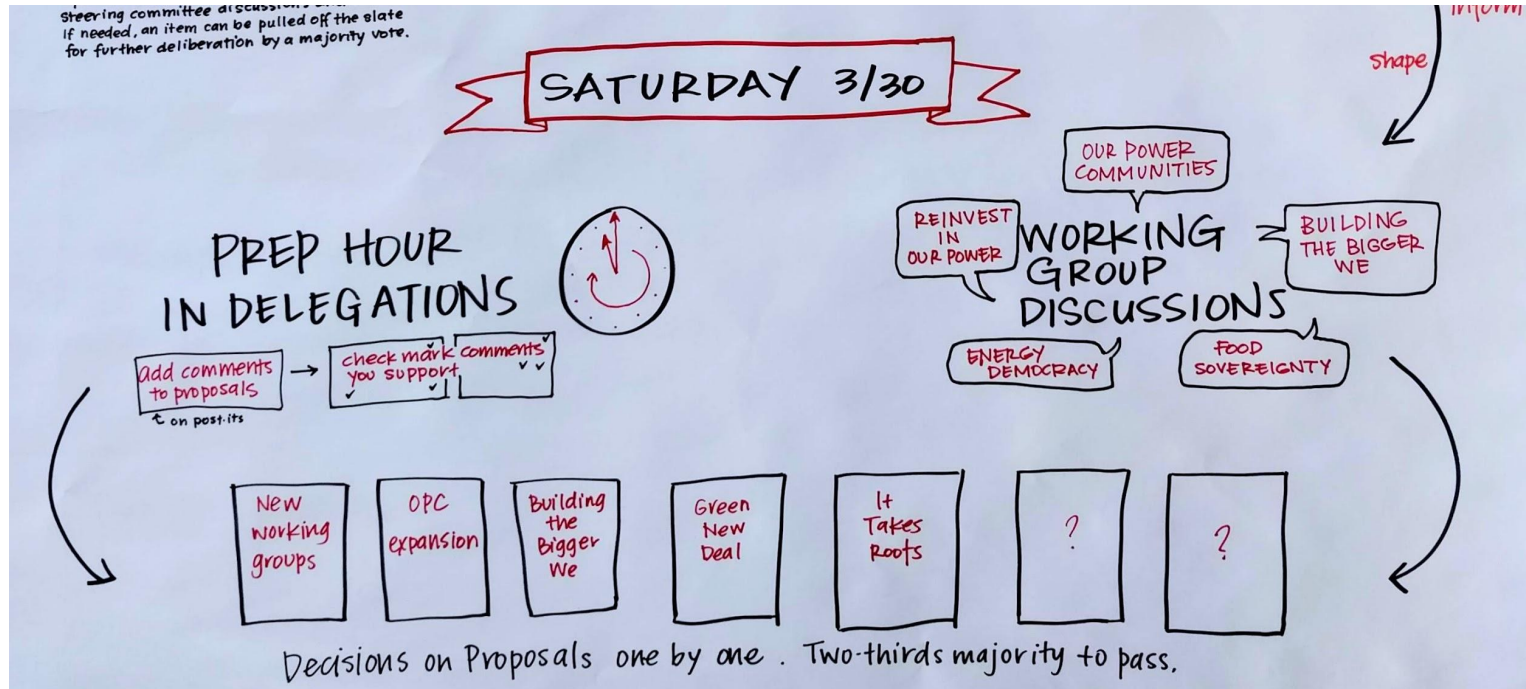
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shape

SATURDAY 3/30

* Slate items have already gone through a process with members, work groups and steering committee discussions and decisions. If needed, an item can be pulled off the slate for further deliberation by a majority vote.

PRACTICE OF SELF-GOVERNANCE



PROPOSALS FOR DELIBERATION



- Building Out OPCs & Regional Hubs
- It Takes Roots
- Green New Deal
- Bringing Back the Matriarch: Gender Justice in Just Transition

Guidance to help with deliberation:

- Name the specific purpose of the proposal
- Name the specific ask to the membership
- Name key political and resource considerations involved in adopting this proposal

POLLING THE PRIORITIES



Potential New Work Groups (Where is your organization willing to provide capacity - either as a lead or participant?)

- Geo-engineering
- Just Recovery
- Labor
- Zero Waste
- Green New Deal
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** 2 lead organization and 5 additional members needed to establish working group*

Affirming and establishing as a working group: addressing technical issue

- Food Sovereignty

TEMPERATURE CHECK



- Where Are Our Priorities in Building the Bigger We?
 - People's Climate March
 - The Majority
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 - Green New Deal
 - JPB Cohort

Not about elimination but gauging for energy and engagement

SOLIDARITY, RESOLUTIONS AND Recommendations

- Solidarity with the Amazons
- Black Caucus and Afro Diaspora Recommendations



WORK GROUP BREAKOUTS



- If the work groups have proposal for deliberation, please:
 - Name the specific purpose of the proposal
 - Name the specific ask to the membership
 - Name key political and resource considerations involved in adopting this proposal
- Send any new language to Olivia, Makani and Tammy asap to put in app

PROPOSAL: GREEN NEW DEAL



Context to the Green New Deal:

Following the Green New Deal, introduced in late 2018, CJA Steering Committee and other CJA member groups involved in related policy work formed an ad-hoc GND working group. We mobilized quickly to make sure that frontline communities and the principles of Just Transition were honored and present in the national narrative/discourse.

PROPOSAL: GREEN NEW DEAL



Purpose:

Describe how CJA is providing leadership in this moment and space around the GND, making sure that we are aligned and organized.

Specific Ask:

Formalize the ad hoc working group around the GND to strengthen CJA's internal capacity to lead on the GND, center CJA's leadership and influence at the national level to change the rules, and move the money.

Implications:

Multiple implications here, including programming, budget and capacity that will be fleshed out.

PROPOSAL: IT TAKES ROOTS



- **Proposal:** Continue joint regional to national alignment process with Grassroots Global Justice, Indigenous Environmental Network, Right to the City
- **Purpose:** Build new & deepen existing relationships at a local and regional level across alliances
- **Purpose:** identify regional and national spaces to work together across issues
- **Purpose:** launch stronger **united front** strategy - shared practice and targets for **systems change** across issues **longterm**



IT TAKES ROOTS: IMPLICATIONS



CLIMATE JUSTICE ALLIANCE
COMMUNITIES UNITED FOR A JUST TRANSITION

- **United Front** increases our ability to contest for power
- **Alignment** means we win systems change together
- Grow **joint practice** experience (Sol2Sol, RNC to DNC, etc)
- **Resourced regional** strategy (independent ITR resources to support local alignment)
- Formalized **ITR workgroup** within CJA to hold the work



Brooke Anderson | Survival Media Agency

PROPOSAL: BRINGING BACK MATRIARCHY - GENDER JUSTICE IN THE JT



PURPOSE: In this world that has been dominated by extractive systems that we are aiming to collectively transform into a just, sustainable and regenerative future, it is critical to put a lens towards the importance of gender justice. In moving towards a just transition, we must "fight the bad"- in this case, heteropatriarchy, male-supremacy, toxic masculinity, and "build the new" - or in this case - bring back the old with re-indoctrinating matriarchy and galvanizing our voices towards gender equity in a partnership paradigm and respect for the right of nature.

Further, if we are honest with ourselves, we have noticed that the climate and environmental justice movement bears marks of patriarchy we cannot ignore. We continue to observe a pattern of women doing much of the heavy lifting, invisibilized labor, being the "do-ers", the caretakers, the healers, and the miracle makers. Whereas, we still see men being lauded for their intellectual prowess, communications skills, being the "thinkers", the leaders, taking up more space and resources than is appropriate - including the higher paid leadership positions in organizations that are able to pay their folks for labor. This is not in alignment with just transition principles, especially given the smaller proportion of men within this movement as a whole. The purpose of this proposal is to address this disconnect we are feeling in the bones of our movement today.

ASK: We propose CJA intentionally develop and incorporate a gender justice framework into the 4-year strategy, acknowledging and promoting matriarchical systems as a way of coming back into balance with mother nature. We propose women of color, and indigenous and black women in particular, be centered, upheld, respected, and resourced for the essential role we play, within the development of this framework, as we continue our work of manifestation for a just transition.

POLITICAL AND RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS: Particularly in the light of the #MeToo movement that has been of central importance in the mainstream since the last CJA deliberations, and currently has the attention of the world, the absence of an intentional effort, initiative, working group, principle, or even language around gender justice and women's rights in the 4-year strategy within CJA is striking. The resources needed to address this will be staff and member capacity to form an exploratory committee to conduct landscape mapping of member organizations addressing gender justice as well as potential alignment with and recruitment of new groups and formations in the movement for gender justice and equity.

PROPOSAL: BUILDING OUT OPC



- 1. OPCs Ratified Building Out Our Power Communities Plan**
- 2. New OPC Proposal for 2019-2020 (resource support)**
 - A. Convene Regional Gatherings that:
 - a. Discuss alignment, accountability, communications in each region,
 - b. Facilitate sharing of the work people are doing
 - c. Build relationships and collaboration across OPCs
 - B. Host a national OPC gathering to decide our form & functions of the working group

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ADVANCING TO A WORK GROUP



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2019 FINAL VOTE

TALLY

**WE HAVE A NEW
STEERING

COMMITTEE!**

Member Votes

PRESENT: Alliance for Appalachia, Another Gulf is Possible, Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Black Dirt Farm Collective, Black Mesa Water Coalition, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy, Center for Story-Based Strategy, Communities for a Better Environment, Community to Community Development, Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice, Cooperation Jackson, East Michigan Environmental Action Council, Energy Justice Network, Environmental Justice League of Rhode Island, FANG Collective, Farmworkers Association of Florida, Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives, Global Justice Ecology Project, Got Green, Grassroots Global Justice, Grassroots International, Greenroots, Indigenous Environmental Network, Institute for Policy Studies, Ironbound Community Corporation, Jobs with Justice, Just Transition Alliance, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, Kentucky Student Environmental Coalition, Kheprw Institute, Labor Network for Sustainability, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, Movement Generation, Movement Strategy Center, NAACP, National Family Farm Coalition, Native Organizers Alliance, North Carolina Climate Justice Collective, New Economy Coalition, New Florida Majority, New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, OPAL, Organización Boricuá, PODER, PLANevada, Right to the City, Rising Tide North America, Soil Generation, Soulardarity, Southwest Organizing Project, Southwest Workers Union, Sunflower Alliance, Thousand Currents, Three Part Harmony Farm, UPROSE, Urban Tilth, US Food Sovereignty Alliance

ABSENT: Alternatives for Community and Environment, California Environmental Justice Alliance, The Workers Institute, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, Labor Community Strategy Center, Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment, Parable of the Sower, Vermont Workers Center, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KIRTRINA BAXTER (BLACK DIRT FARM COLLECTIVE) - 56 (98%)

JESUS VAZQUEZ (ORGANIZACION BORICUA) - 55 (96%)

MARIA LOPEZ NUNEZ (IRONBOUND COMMUNITY CORPORATION) - 54 (95%)

SHARON LEWIS (CONNECTICUT COALITION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE) - 51 (89%)

JAYEESHA DUTTA (ANOTHER GULF IS POSSIBLE) - 38 (66.67%)

ABSTENTION: 1 MEMBER

PRESENT: 57 MEMBERS ABSENT: 9 MEMBERS

Overview of Decision Results

Proposal #1: ITR -

- 47 - yes | 8 - abstain |
- 85% yes | 15% abstain

Proposal #2: Building Our OPCS and regional hubs

- 29 - yes | 24 - abstain | 2 - no
- 52% yes | 44% abstain | 4% no

Proposal #3: Green New Deal

- 42 - yes | 12 - abstain | 1-no
- 76% yes | 22% abstain | 2% no

Proposal #4: Bringing back the Matriarch: Gender Justice in Just Transition

- 51 - yes | 4 - abstain
- 93% yes | 7 % abstain

PRESENT: 55 MEMBERS ABSENT: 11 MEMBERS

Overview of Decision Results

Solidarity with the Amazon Recommendation

- 52 - yes | 3 - abstain
- 95% yes | 5% abstain

3/30 - Black & Afro-Diaspora Recommendations

- 52 - yes | 3 - abstain
- 95% yes | 5% abstain

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Building the Bigger We Priorities

			Total
PCM	1	0	1
Majority	14	14	28
ITR	20	24	44
GND	17	12	29
JPB Cohort	0	1	1
abstain	2	3	5
	54	54	108

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WORKGROUPS:

Passed

Just Recovery - Another Gulf, NC Climate volunteer co-leads, 6 members volunteered

Zero Waste - EJA & CCEJ volunteer co-leads, 5 members volunteered

Food Sovereignty - USFSA, Org Boricua volunteer co leads, 16 members volunteered

Green New Deal - UPROSE, APEN volunteer co leads, 26 members volunteered

Did Not Pass

Geoengineering - 2 co leads, 4 members volunteered

Labor - 1 co lead, 1 member