



## WHY WE NEED THE JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE

We all want our families to grow up healthy, happy, and safe for generations to come. Communities of color and low-income neighborhoods have been intentionally exploited and systematically harmed. For example, they have paid an unconscionable price for pollution and climate change due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to:

- **Systemic racism**, classism, and other issues
- **White supremacy** that sponsors and supports racist and classist policies
- Historic **land stealing** (eminent domain) and **Redlining** (housing segregation)
- **Mismanagement of funds** earmarked for specific communities racism, classism, and other issues
- **Devaluation** of Black, Brown, Indigenous lives, and those with low incomes
- Disproportionate, cumulative exposure to **pollution** and associated health impacts
- **Disproportionate** effect on jobs during the transition to a **clean economy**
- **Uneven distribution** of the costs and benefits of **green investments** and environmental programs designed to subsidize access to clean technology

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