

GREEN AMENDMENTS

Transforming Environmental Justice From Rhetoric to Reality



Ending environmental racism and securing true environmental justice requires systemic legal and government reform. By providing constitutional recognition and protection we can raise up the inalienable rights of all people to a clean & healthy environment, and transform our system of laws and government to ensure environmental justice is mandatory, equitable and enforceable.



GREEN AMENDMENT ROOTS OF STRENGTH

- ▶ **Guaranteeing constitutional recognition and protection for the rights of ALL people to a clean and healthy environment, and to environmental protection that is equitable across all communities.**
- ▶ **Building the power of Environmental Justice communities to ensure equitable protection of their environmental rights by providing constitutional entitlement reinforced by advocacy and legal tools.**
- ▶ **Securing systemic reform of environmental protection laws and government action in order to provide the constitutional entitlement and legal grounding essential for ending environmental racism and sacrifice zones.**
- ▶ **Ensuring Environmental Justice communities have the constitutional tools, resources and legal assets essential for proactive and successful protection of their environmental rights.**
- ▶ **Embedding in all government decisionmaking and action the obligation to understand and address existing environmental burdens; cumulative impacts of proposed government actions over time and space; and scientific understanding of pollution and degradation on health, safety, quality of life, education, and childhood development in Environmental Justice communities.**
- ▶ **Empowering BIPOC communities to deliver their own demands for environmental justice by ensuring constitutional Bill of Rights protection.**
- ▶ **Providing constitutional grounding for the obligation of all government officials and bodies to think and act generationally when it comes to the environment, including water, air, species, ecosystems and climate.**
- ▶ **Recognizing and protecting the cultural and human health values of a clean and healthy environment particularly essential for Indigenous communities, People of Color, and low-income communities.**

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