



MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COALITION

COMMUNITY AIR COUNCIL

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-MERCY LAW SCHOOL
ECOLOGY CENTER

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The Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition is a hub for environmental justice groups to come together to take action for systemic change for environmental justice today and beyond. We are seeking candidates for the Community Air Council. The Community Air Council will learn about polluting industries and other heavy contamination sources that impact our rights to breathe and enjoy a healthy and safe community. The CAC's purpose is to help facilitate the knowledge and power of community members and help them realize that they can utilize this power to make impactful changes to their living conditions. In collaboration with the MEJC, the University of Detroit Mercy Law School and the Ecology Center will help design, organize, implement and coordinate an Air Quality Advisory Committee for Detroit and southeast Michigan.

CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMUNITY AIR COUNCIL

Anyone can become a Community Council Member of the CAC. You can have any level of knowledge about air quality. For example a stay-at-home parent who is concerned about the health of your children brings knowledge and expertise about asthma management practices. You may be a teacher in a school who is concerned about the health of their students. Maybe you are a nurse practitioner who is interested in more than just treatment, but really engaging in the issue. Perhaps you study air quality and are interested in advocacy at the state level and lending tools like how to read air monitoring data. Anyone interested in social change for clean air and climate justice is a good candidate for the CAC!

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY AIR COUNCIL

The Council members of the CAC will:

- attend regular monthly meetings in person in Detroit
- discuss air quality issues in SE Michigan, and those of national relevance locally
- meet with decision-makers to improving the environment of Southeast Michigan
- study major issues that impact community health, safety and quality of life
- work with other leaders in environmental justice
- commit to study one project that is impacting your community





To that end members will be required to attend trainings on issues like air quality, air monitoring and permitting, race and environmental justice, mobile source and point source pollution and more. Meetings are expected to occur every 4 weeks and are 3 hours long.

The Council will be responsible for doing one project which will include an analysis of a community air problem, and presentation of that problem with innovative solutions.

Council members are eligible for a \$1000 stipend for attending meetings and completing the final project.

MICHIGAN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COALITION SUPPORT

MEJC and CAC graduates will be responsible, as a partner, to support the CAC and all its members. They will coordinate the trainings and help schedule the meetings as needed. MEJC may also provide technical support when needed. Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition Members currently include:

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, East Michigan Environmental Action Council, Ecology Center, Green Door Initiative, Michigan Environmental Council, NAACP of Southeastern Michigan, National Wildlife Federation, Sierra Club Environmental Justice Program, Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition, Urban Regeneration LLC, Zero Waste Detroit, Rosedale Recycles, We Want Green, Too!, Idle No More Michigan

University-based Institutions: University of Michigan School of Environment and Sustainability, Sustainable Michigan Endowed Project, Michigan State University, University of Michigan Dearborn, University of Detroit- Mercy, Wayne State University CURES

TO BE CONSIDERED BY MEJC FOR A COUNCIL POSITION PLEASE APPLY BY THE DEADLINE: DEC 07, 2018

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QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO MICHELLE MARTINEZ, PROGRAM COORDINATOR:
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2019 CLEAN AIR COUNCIL CALENDAR

All meetings will include dinner and discussion, a presentation and time to work on any project on an as needed basis.

All meeting will take place 5:30pm-8:30pm

January 17-- ORIENTATION

January 31, 2019

Organizing and Social Change

February 28, 2019

Environmental Justice and Environmental Racism

March 28, 2019

Power Generation, Pollution and Climate

April 25, 2019

Environmental Health I

May 30, 2019

Environmental Health II

June 27, 2019

Mobile Source Air Pollution

July 25, 2019

Point Source Air Pollution

August 29, 2019

Final Presentations