

MEJC May 2022 Newsletter

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Environmental Justice Caucus takes action to oppose dangerous plastics bill.

In May, Grassroots members of the Michigan Environmental Justice Caucus acted quickly to sound the alarm on Senate Bill 954, sponsored by Senator Aric Nesbitt, that would re-classify toxic plastic reprocessing technologies as “advanced recycling,” and exempt reprocessing facilities from health-protective regulations. In response to the call from the grassroots members of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Caucus, 20 organizations joined forces and sent a letter condemning SB 954 to State Legislative Leaders, Governor Whitmer, and EGLE Director Liesl Clark.

Read the full press release [here](#). Shout out to MEJC member KT Andresky and Sierra Club’s Christy McGillivray for their leadership.

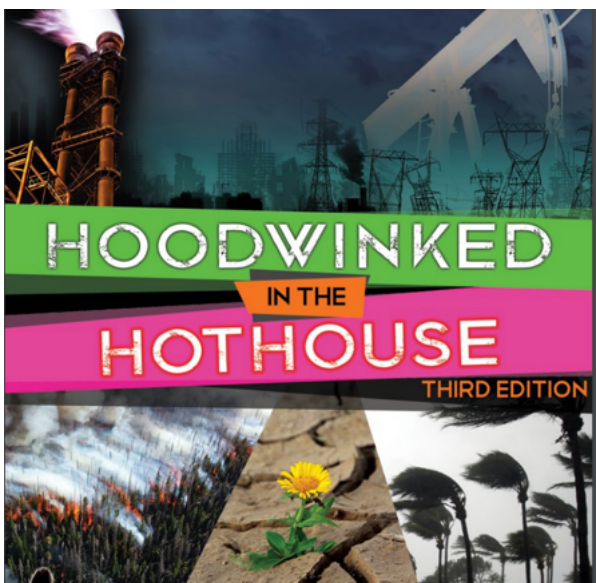
If you would like to participate in a statewide Justice 40 work group, please reach out to bridget@michiganej.org.

Upcoming Events



DTE Greenwashing Conference: June 14-15

DTE is hosting a “sustainability conference” in Detroit in their latest effort to [greenwash](#) their image. They have continuously shown that their priorities lie with their shareholders, not the people and the environment. Join MEJC and We the People, MI in showing up to the conference and holding DTE accountable! If you’re interested about getting involved in this action please contact Alex Hill: alex@wethepeoplemi.org.



Hoodwinked in the Hothouse Webinar: June 15

MEJC’s Climate Justice Director Juan Jhong Chung will be hosting a webinar for the launch of the Hoodwinked in the Hothouse Audiobook along with the Indigenous Environmental Network. Tune in to listen to a portion of the audiobook and hear the authors discuss [false climate solutions](#).

[Register Here](#)



MEJC Quarterly Member Meeting: June 22

Join us for our quarterly membership meeting! If you have not yet renewed your membership or applied as a new coalition member, you can still do so [here](#). Please note that this is a members only meeting!

[Register Here](#)

May 2022 Highlights

Environmental Justice for All Tour

MEJC members and staff visited several impacted communities in Detroit alongside Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Rep. Debbie Dingell, and Chairman of the House Natural Resource Committee Rep. Raul Grijalva to gather input for the historical [Environmental Justice for All Act \(H.R 2021\)](#).



Staff Retreat

Our team enjoyed a relaxing retreat on Belle Isle a few weeks ago! It was wonderful to see everyone in person and spend time together outside.

Climate Justice Alliance Michigan Member Kickback

A few of our MEJC team members enjoyed food, music, and the awesome greenhouse at Ohana Gardens! We are so grateful to Piper Carter, the Midwest Regional Convener, for inviting us to this event.



Swords into Plowshares Art Installation Opening: *Building Community, Building Power: Art as Resistance*

We were thrilled to be a part of this amazing event. It was an incredible night with so many friends and comrades turning out. (Over 100 people attended!) We are so grateful for the ways art and community take us a little closer to a radically better world.

[Follow Swords into Plowshares on Instagram!](#)



Grant Opportunity: Urgent Action Fund

Urgent Action Fund’s Rapid Response Grants resource the resilience of human rights and gender justice movements by supporting the security and advocacy interventions of activists when a swift response is needed. Specifically, Rapid Response Grants offer quick, flexible funding to respond to security threats or unexpected advocacy opportunities experienced by women, transgender, or gender non-conforming, activists and human rights defenders.UAF’s grants **do not exceed US\$8,000**. The final grant amount awarded is determined by the UAF staff.

To learn more about this grant and application process, [click here!](#)

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