

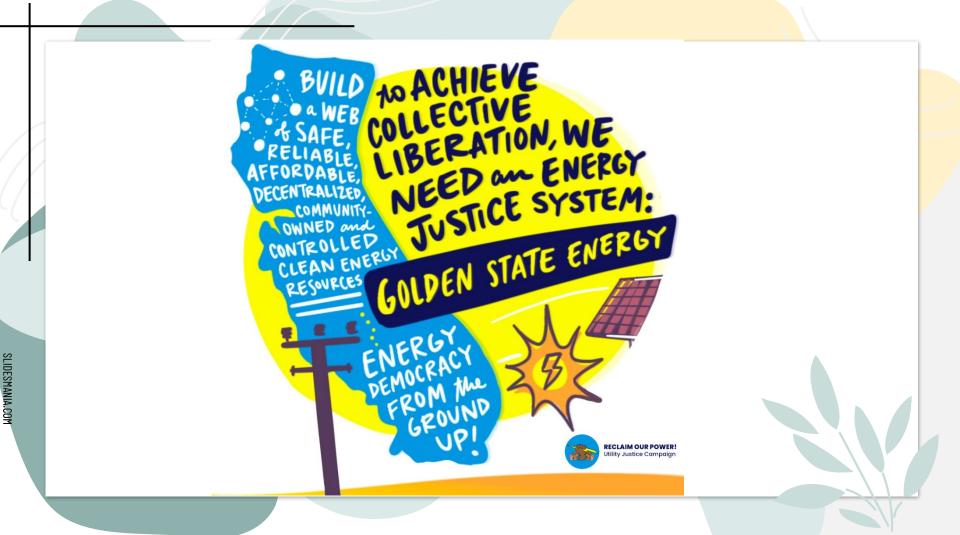


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### "I must engage my own imagination in order to break free"

-adrienne maree brown

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Reclaim Our Power! Utility Justice Campaign

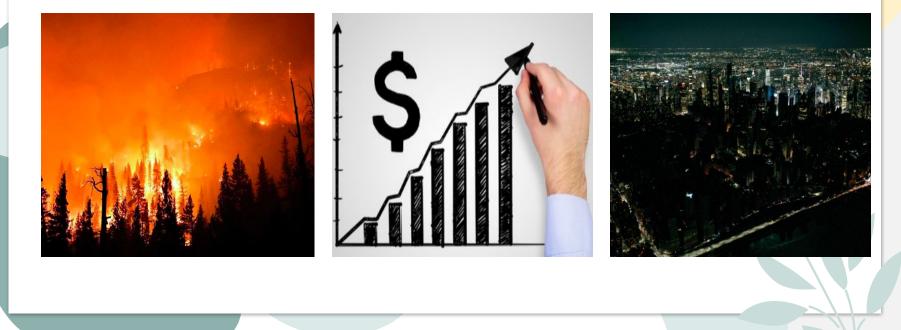




**Our Vision:** Communities all have the energy and resources they need to live and thrive.

Justice is the goal, energy is the tool.

# The Harms of Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs): Wildfires, Skyrocketing Rates & Shutoffs



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### **People's Policy: Infrastructure**

- Fund **resilience hubs that can keep the power on** even in extreme emergencies
- Invest in islandable microgrids & eliminate risky wires through remote areas
- Require more regular inspection, maintenance and equipment audits for a safer system

People's Policy: Reparative Mandate (Addressing Past Harms)

- Make wildfire survivors financially whole
- Land Back to California Native Tribes and Tribal Nations
- Minimize future harms to people and ecologies through land use decisions
- Dismantle polluting infrastructure, prioritizing frontline communities

### **People's Policy: Rates & Finances**

- Lower rates to eliminate energy burden
  - Cap bills at 3% of household's income
  - Percentage of Income Payment Plans (PIPP)
- Utility Shutoff Ban Eliminate shutoffs for inability to pay
- Participatory Budgeting and Rate-Setting
- On-bill financing to eliminate barriers to upfront renewable energy and energy efficiency investments

People's Policy: Energy Democracy in Governance

- Innovative, equitable, transparent & participatory governance structure
- Local representation on the board
- **Community ownership of the utility** as a cooperative
- Mechanisms for sustained community engagement for

# accountability

 Inclusion of non-energy impacts and benefits to evaluate cost effectiveness and decision-making

#### **People's Policy: Local Economic Development**

- Creation of **family-sustaining** clean energy jobs
- Community-owned Solar + Storage Microgrids for shared wealth-building
- Transfer of union pensions & improved benefits & conditions for unionized workers
- **Recirculate energy cost savings** for other local community priorities

### **A People's Policy Process**

- Envisioning what our communities need and deserve
- Building people power to overcome political obstacles





## How do we get there?

- Co-design a new utility with frontline communities to be a democratic utility that is accountable to the public
- 2. **Implement a new utility** using a people-centered implementation plan which outlines a timeline and transition process to the successor entity
- 3. **Enable a just worker- and community-led transition** by revoking the investor owned utilities' business licenses and transferring their assets to the not-for-profit successor utility as the Provider of Last Resort for their territories.

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