

# INTERFAITH COALITION FOR EARTH JUSTICE



July Newsletter of ICEJ  
[icejsd.org](http://icejsd.org)

## NEWS ITEMS

**Transportation Equity  
Poor People's Campaign  
Franchise Agreement  
Blog post**



ICEJ meets  
Aug. 13 @ 3:30 p.m.  
**Join us!**

## TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS WITH SANDAG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Jul 22 @ 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm**

**RSVP NOW**

This is a pivotal moment and faith leaders and communities must raise our voices and mobilize to create a better transportation future for our county. Join us on July 22 at 7pm for a momentous opportunity to discuss the most pressing issues in regional transportation and climate change with SANDAG's Executive Director, Hasan Ikhata.

.Co-hosted by **Interfaith Coalition for Earth Justice** and SanDiego350, SANDAG staff will provide an update on the regional transportation vision, the 5 Big Moves, and what they are learning from the COVID-19 crisis. This interactive, virtual event will help ICEJ members and allies advocate effectively for a sustainable and equitable transportation system in San Diego County.

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## WHY SHOULD FAITH LEADERS & FAITH COMMUNITIES SUPPORT THE 5 BIG MOVES?

**SANDAG meeting cont. from page 1**

### Healthier Communities

Underserved communities disproportionately suffer from increased air pollution. Also, the people who continue to use public transportation amid the pandemic are those who depend most on public transportation. More efficient build out would mean a decrease in travel time and increase in air quality.

### Care for Earth our Common Home

As advocates for the environment, we must also work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to help mitigate the continuing warming of our planet and will continue to affect those most vulnerable. We are called to work towards policies that improve lives and close the gap between rich and poor. Public transportation buildout is the answer, not building more freeways. Be with us, for this important discussion to advocate for environmental justice.

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THERE IS NO ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WITHOUT RACIAL JUSTICE



### Support the Poor People's Campaign

The Poor People's Campaign seeks to build lasting power for poor and impacted people. The political and economic systems in the United States are plagued by the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, militarism and a war economy, ecological devastation and a distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. The Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington is a Digital Justice Gathering to call for a revolution of values to save the soul and heart of our democracy.

Check out the  
Urgency of Now  
articles and a  
blog submission by  
Father Emmet

# LET'S GET A BETTER DEAL FOR SAN DIEGO'S CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE.

THE CITY'S ELECTRICITY AND GAS FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS ARE EXPIRING. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 50 YEARS, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET MORE CLIMATE-FRIENDLY, EQUITABLE AGREEMENTS.

JOIN US IN CALLING ON THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF SAN DIEGO TO...



## INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Mandate that corporate shareholders, not ratepayers, pay for lobbying, campaign contributions, and to use the public right of way for their profit. Our utilities must commit to generating good jobs that meet or exceed current standards and wages and ensure the right to unionize.

## MEET CLIMATE & EQUITY GOALS

Require our utilities to cooperate with the City to meet local clean energy and climate goals, protect consumers, incentivize efficiency, and prevent dangerous wildfires.



## ENSURE UTILITY ACCOUNTABILITY

Make the agreement term a maximum of 5 years, require regular performance evaluations, and levy daily penalties on corporate shareholders if agreement terms are violated.

**Take action now-Sign the petition**

Learn more at [sandiego350.org/better-deal](http://sandiego350.org/better-deal)

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## SIGN THE PETITION

### Franchise Agreement

San Diegans pay high utility rates and much of our energy still comes from fossil fuels. We can do better. The City's electricity and gas franchise agreements are expiring. For the first time in 50-years we can get a better deal with our utilities to create a more sustainable clean energy future. Take action today: [Sign the petition](#) calling on the Mayor and San Diego City Council to ensure we Get a Better Deal!



## MEET THE COALITION

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We are clergy and laypeople from diverse faith backgrounds, working together to empower faith communities to advocate and educate around climate justice. We provide presentations, outreach, and educational materials.

We are building our coalition, and new members are always welcome to join us! To have you or your organization join ICEJ, please email our coordinator, Rev. Jeanette Bragunier at [faithandclimate@gmail.com](mailto:faithandclimate@gmail.com).