Leading the Campaign for Affordable, Accessible Energy for All

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Growing a Movement for Just Energy

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Our Mission

The Partnership for Southern Equity (PSE) advances policies and institutional actions that promote racial equity and shared prosperity for all in the growth of metropolitan Atlanta and the American South.
Equity is a way, not a what.

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The PSE Way

- Lead with race
- Catalyze relationships
- Build the equity ecosystem
- Grounding in black, brown, marginalized communities with limited incomes.
- Leverage data & research
The Equity Ecosystem is a diverse network of stakeholders prioritizing "equity" as the lens to expose inequities and to propose and pursue just solutions.

- Community Engagement
- Community Organizing
- Leadership Development
- Research & Reporting
- Coalition Building

CIVIC EQUITY ECOSYSTEM
“strengthening community power and engagement.”
Communities must envision the change they seek.
The Just Energy Circle (JEC) is an inspiring, values-driven collaborative that builds power with communities and encourages participation in the development of clean energy solutions that benefit everyone.
Food? OR Medicine? OR Gas? OR Electricity?
ENERGY EQUITY is the fair distribution of the benefits and burdens from energy production & consumption.
Guiding Principles of the Just Energy Circle:

- Community engagement is vital for the progression of self-sufficient people and neighborhoods.
- Access to high-quality energy should be fairly priced for all.
- Transparency and accountability is a necessity of energy providers.
- Equity accessibility should be the principal growth model for the American South.
- All people have a part to play in our emerging green sector economy.
- The best field and scientific research should be utilized and leveraged to find the best energy solutions.
Why Energy Equity?
Equity is top of mind for a reason

Atlanta has 4th highest energy burden in U.S.  
(energy burden = % of household income spent on electricity + natural gas)

National average is 2.7% of income  
Atlanta – up to 9.6% in highest ZIP codes in lower-income, minority areas

**Burden highest in low-income neighborhoods**

$245/month: monthly utility bill for $26,000 household income  
(11.3% burden)

$330/month: utility expenses for $90,000 household income  
(4.4% burden)
Energy decisions in your city are made with vulnerable communities in mind.
Just Energy works with partners to educate and engage systematically disenfranchised communities and communities of color about sourcing and commodification of power generation in Georgia and the American South.
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ENERGY EQUITY IN THE AMERICAN SOUTH

ADVANCING EQUITY & OPPORTUNITY COLLABORATIVE

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR ALL

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The Just Energy Academy is a seven-month program focused on developing community leaders’ understanding of energy equity. Our collective goal is to educate and engage the next generation of equity leaders on issues of energy equity and climate justice.
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Demond Drummer, Co-Founder and Executive Director

New Consensus

The World Needs a New Worldview
CAP’s Energy Partnerships Project

Our Team Can Help

- Individualized Assistance
- Webinars and Trainings
- Connections to Experts
- Tools and Templates

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Thank you!

The panelists will be available for Q&A in the Great America room on the 6th floor by the escalators.

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