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## Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Equity Strategies

### Steering Committee Meeting #2

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Summary<sup>1</sup>

#### Schedule and Location

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Conducted virtually

#### Virtual Meeting #2 Attendees

##### Steering Committee Members

City of LA Climate Emergency Mobilization Office (CEMO), Marta Segura

Climate Resolve, Bryn Linblad (alternate)

Community Build, Inc. Robert Sausedo

DWP-NC MOU Oversight Committee, Tony Wilkinson, Jack Humphreville (alternate)

Enterprise Community Partners, Jimar Wilson

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)/ RePower LA Coalition, Agustín Cabrera

Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), Celia Andrade

Pacoima Beautiful, Melisa Walk (alternate)

South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z), Zahirah Mann, April Sandifer (alternate)

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE), Tiffany Wong

##### City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Ashkan Nassiri

Carol Tucker

David Rahimian

Dawn Cotterell

Denis Obiang

Emil Abdelshehid

Iris Castillo

Jason Rondou

Jay Lim

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Christian Mendez, Kearns & West  
Jasmine King, Kearns & West  
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## Welcome Remarks

Joan Isaacson, facilitator from Kearns & West, welcomed participants to the second Steering Committee meeting of Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Equity Strategies (LA100 Equity Strategies). Isaacson introduced Monique F. Earl, LADWP Senior Assistant General Manager and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, who welcomed the Steering Committee members (see Slides 1-2 in Appendix).

Earl thanked the LADWP, NREL, UCLA, and Kearns & West for engaging with this work and the community. Earl noted that LADWP is partnering with the organizations and individuals doing this work in the community. Earl shared about a time when she worked for the City of Los Angeles and community engagement involved only a few people, which was not and is not enough. Earl emphasized that partnering with community members and organizations is essential and that the City needs to listen to the community to engage in the groundbreaking work of implementing 100% renewable energy in Los Angeles.

## Introductions and Agenda Overview



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Simon Zewdu, LADWP Director of Transmission Planning, Regulatory, and Innovation Division and Project Manager for LA100 Equity Strategies, noted a change in leadership on the project. He introduced his role as Project Manager and team members Pjoy T. Chua, P.E., Assistant Director of Transmission Planning, Regulatory, and Innovation Division, and Steve Baule, Utility Administrator of LA100 Equity Strategies Oversight and UCLA Contract Administrator (see Slides 3-5 in Appendix).

Zewdu also shared that their team will be working in tandem with Joe Ramallo, Senior Assistant General Manager, Corporate Strategy & Communications, and Stephanie Spicer, Community Affairs at LADWP, to determine the occurrence and structure of the community engagement meetings. Zewdu thanked the Steering Committee members for their participation in the project.

Isaacson then shared the overall purpose of the meeting, which included reflection on the previous Steering Committee meeting and a presentation from NREL on what was heard from meetings with Steering Committee members. Isaacson also stated that they would do a deeper dive on Steering Committee members' thoughts on energy justice and the three tenets of energy justice. Lastly, UCLA would also share updates on the plans for collaboration.

Isaacson reviewed the guide for productive meetings, inviting any input, and there were no comments. Isaacson shared that the guides were created and designed so that all Steering Committee members can participate in the discussions. Isaacson encouraged all Steering Committee members to participate by using the audio, but that chat messages would be welcomed as well. Isaacson also recommended keeping input concise so as many people and topics as possible could be heard. Isaacson emphasized actively listening to others' perspectives.

## Steering and Advisory Committee Roles and Protocols

Zewdu described the purpose, governance, and structure of the LA100 Equity Strategies project (see Slides 6-10 in Appendix). Zewdu explained that the two convened committees are very important and are designed to play complementary roles as they enrich each other's inputs and perspectives and work in tandem with the NREL and UCLA researchers and LADWP. The core role of the Steering Committee is to represent Los Angeles communities and stakeholders who have been affected by the city's energy inequities and have been underrepresented in energy decision-making. Additionally, the Steering Committee provides strategic direction to LA100 Equity Strategies and identifies important energy outcomes and energy sectors. Importantly, community-based organizations (CBOs) are the conduits to communities across the city. Zewdu expressed that the breadth and depth of the knowledge of communities and their reach is vital to the success of LA100 Equity Strategies.

Zewdu next described the role of the Advisory Committee, which is to provide strategic and technical direction to LA100 Equity Strategies through the identification of prioritized energy equity outcomes and ensure broader engagement, so that community members are involved in the process. Zewdu explained that the Advisory Committee includes 53 members and is organized to provide comments, ideas, and perspectives on the strategies identified by the Steering Committee. The Advisory Committee will assess the work of the Steering Committee and give feedback to develop improved findings and strategies. Zewdu shared that the membership of the Advisory Committee is primarily composed of Los Angeles City Council districts, energy and environmental justice advocacy groups, and other City entities. The intent of the Advisory Committee is to ensure the findings that are discussed in the Steering Committee at the utility level are considered in how they can be adopted across City departments. Zewdu expressed that communities will be enriched from City department actions as information shared in the Advisory Committee will be provided to other City departments.

Isaacson shared that a document will be sent out to Steering Committee members that establishes the roles and protocols for both the Steering Committee and the Advisory Committee. Isaacson reiterated that the committees' roles are complementary.



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The Steering Committee is providing guidance while the Advisory Committee is reviewing conversations and input and identifying ways to support the ideas brought forward.

Isaacson provided an overview of the expectations of the Steering Committee. Isaacson noted that these meetings are where all members can equally participate, and everyone can feel comfortable having frank conversations.

Isaacson explained that in terms of primaries and alternates, alternate representatives can fully participate when the primary representative is absent. Both can attend meetings, but only one representative per member organization should participate in meeting discussions to ensure equal participation across the Steering Committee. The project team asks that the Steering Committee send documents to Dawn Cotterell ([dawn.cotterell@ladwp.com](mailto:dawn.cotterell@ladwp.com)) with LADWP, who will then send materials out to everyone. If approached by the media, the project team asks that individual members not speak on behalf of the Steering Committee and to let Dawn Cotterell know about media inquiries. Lastly, Isaacson explained that project contact information will be included in the protocols that the Steering Committee members should receive in the coming days. Ramallo emphasized that individuals can speak on their perspectives and experience. The focus of this protocol is to not act as a spokesperson for the Steering Committee. Isaacson further explained that the project team wants to ensure everyone can share candidly, and the project team asks that Steering Committee members do not speak on what others have said.

## Key Takeaways from Steering Committee Meeting #1

Isaacson invited the Steering Committee to respond to the question: What is one key takeaway from the Steering Committee kickoff meeting?

- This is an exciting time to transform community engagement. In the first meeting, one key takeaway was the discussion on energy justice and equity and the impacts on the ratepayer. The transition is of utmost interest to everyone. Can the project team provide an explanation on how the LA100 Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan (SLTRP) and LA100 Equity Strategies are linked? Important questions include how will LA100 Equity Strategies impact infrastructure? The transition will be most difficult for disadvantaged communities, and they need to be supported in the transition. This process has the potential to serve as a model for how community engagement should be done.
- It is important to commit to an equity lens and ensure energy burdens fall in a just way. The Steering Committee was asked to take a sustainability lens, look at long-term solutions and investments, and not be too quick to take possibilities off the table. Offshore power should also be considered in the conversation on strategies.
- There are two committed groups of people in this conversation, and the commitment from LADWP should be highlighted. Gratitude was expressed for community folks from CBOs, and that they have tremendous trust in this group.
- The discussion on the importance of not overburdening low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (DAC) in this process was noted, and that the entire northeast valley fits that category. It is necessary to think about how Los Angeles being the poorest big city in America will impact the rollout of this program due to the large number of people that fall into Disadvantaged communities where changes in power bills will impact budgets. In this room, we can hear from people that are not often heard from and this is a space for everyone to take advantage of and speak up.
- The energy from this group and the people with technical expertise implementing this project are appreciated. The Steering Committee is looking at this program from an equity lens and is centering that conversation going forward.
- The discussion on social justice as well as equitable service distribution to DACs and ignored populations is important. Populations are ignored when programs exist that should be helping DACs, but they do not do a lot of good in the



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community. After words are said, communities are largely ignored. The thinking in this space and movement will be different.

- Structuring the Equity Strategies within an energy justice framework is vital to any energy transition. The project team and Steering Committee were thanked for their contributions.
- In terms of this vision for the future and how we get there in terms of energy efficiency, who pays for that? How is that done equitably?
- Issues of energy affordability, an increased focus on utility rates and utility debt, and not further burdening communities and ensuring they can participate in the energy transition were all points to be emphasized.
- It is important to continue having grounding conversations around vision and values and how we want to move in the energy justice transition.

Isaacson noted themes of appreciation, impressiveness, expertise, a determination to be heard, commitment, social justice, environmental justice, and equity. Isaacson also summarized perspectives about the Steering Committee representing an opportunity to dig in and make real progress, that affordability and cost must be addressed, and vision, values, and big picture concepts can help frame discussions.

## What We Heard from the Steering Committee

Paty Romero-Lankao, Equity Strategies Technical Lead from NREL, shared some key takeaways from the first Steering Committee meeting (see Slides 15-21 in Appendix). Romero-Lankao also highlighted that LADWP and NREL conducted one-on-one meetings with representatives from nine organizations from the Steering Committee. The project team is in the process of scheduling three other meetings with the Alliance of River Communities (ARC), Community Build, Inc., and the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE). Romero-Lankao shared that during the meetings, many Steering Committee members advocated multi-pronged, community-specific engagement guided by member organizations; a long-lasting relationship beyond the LA100 Equity Strategies project; and LADWP's commitment to be present at each level of community engagement in building trust, mutual understanding, and rapport.

Romero-Lankao then described insights on various opportunities, strategies, and other issues, including the need to develop equity tenets to guide this work, where people can ask:

- Are they referencing the equity tenets?
- Are there guiding questions that accompany the tenets?
- At the end of the process, what are some key programmatic and policy issues we need to tackle as a committee (such as affordability, accessibility, accountability)?

Other Steering Committee members, said Romero-Lankao, suggested developing a definition of seamless and holistic energy justice that describes services that are equitably distributed to different communities across Los Angeles so that communities aren't rent and utility burdened.

## Steering Committee Discussion

Isaacson invited Steering Committee members to ask questions and discuss the summary from NREL. Isaacson described the discussion as an opportunity to identify needs, opportunities, topics, and resources that need to be addressed by NREL. She asked



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Steering Committee members whether there were any points that were missed from NREL's summary based on their impression of the last meeting, or in their meetings with NREL and LADWP.

- Is "centering justice" another way of saying integrating measurable and consistent equity metrics or policymaking across the board? What does this mean? How will this be executed?
- Currently, the Biden Administration's Executive Office is advocating for Justice 40 and the offices are trying to figure out how to implement it. How can we ensure this will happen and is executed?
- What will anchor us is having aligned and consistent equity metrics that will be applied to all policies before policies are created and considered to ensure there is a bottom line for all investments. Important to know is how it will be executed, especially in relation to the SLTRP, the guiding document for investments. Having a process flow chart. What happens with the LA100 Equity Strategies report, and where does it go next? How does it get executed and translated into policy? Can you provide clarity on how decisions will be made and how centering justice will be executed?
- The most important point is the need to develop the community outreach strategy together with the participating organizations in this room.
- There will be some difficult intersections between LA100 Equity Strategies and the objective of an urgent forced march forward to a specific date like 2035. The faster we go, the more expensive it gets. The ultimate equity metric is the price of power. Our good intentions need to look at the hard costs of doing the power system conversion.
- Something not mentioned was the impact of cost-shifting on the business community that has over 60% of the revenues. And this does not include homeowners who represent about 25% of revenues.

## UCLA Collaboration Update

Cassie Rauser, Executive Director of the UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge, shared that UCLA will contribute knowledge of the region so that that LA100 Equity Strategies thoughtfully incorporates a local social and behavioral context. Rauser emphasized the socio-technical transition and that UCLA is poised to speak to societal and institutional elements due to its past work in these areas. UCLA is confident in bringing expertise with trusted relationships with stakeholders. Rauser described UCLA's work that addresses both environmental and social injustices (see Slides 23-33 in Appendix).

Rauser noted that they are joined by Greg Pierce, Co-Director of the UCLA Luskin Center for Innovation (LCI), and Stephanie Pincetl, Professor of the Institute of the Environment and Sustainability and Founder and Director of the UCLA California Center for Sustainable Communities (CCSC), to share their potential contributions to LA100 Equity Strategies. Rauser also expressed that beyond the three units from UCLA at this meeting, there are others from disciplines, such as the Latino Policy & Politics Initiative, College of Social Sciences and Institute for Research on Labor & Employment, and the Fielding School of Public Health, committed to working on equity and justice issues in the region.

Rauser invited Pierce and Pincetl to present on overarching themes to explore UCLA's depth of experience in the Los Angeles region.

## Affordability, Revenue, and Ratemaking

Pierce presented UCLA's contribution to the energy burden and policy solution analysis. Pierce shared that the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, School of Law, and others have over ten years of experience working on affordability, rates,



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and revenue, and energy incentive policy designs and evaluations. Pierce also noted that the LCI has worked with LADWP on over five projects under the UCLA-LADWP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

Additionally, UCLA has engaged in multi-year collaborations with community-based organizations involved in the emPOWER platform and members of the RePower coalition on affordability and debt issues in Los Angeles. Pierce concluded by describing UCLA's expertise on public utility models and structures and that UCLA is in a position to understand the challenges electrification poses to the traditional utility model, impacts on rate structures, and broader infrastructure considerations.

## Transportation

Pierce presented UCLA's collaboration potential in transportation, stating that LCI, the School of Engineering, and the School of Public Health, amongst many others, have over 30 years of experience analyzing household transport affordability, traffic, and mobility patterns in the Los Angeles region. Pierce noted UCLA's active collaborations with LA Metro to develop policies for equitable mobility.

Pierce expressed that UCLA has over ten years of experience developing tools and models for local, regional, and state agencies and advocates for scenario planning to develop equitable strategies that increase access to zero-emission transport and improve health outcomes in DAC. Currently, UCLA is engaged in a series of ongoing projects in the region exploring equitable transportation infrastructure that includes alternative modes, and they work with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Transportation Resources Board.

## Housing and Buildings

Pincetl shared the UCLA update on housing and buildings, noting that UCLA has over ten years of active collaboration with LADWP, including projects under the UCLA-LADWP MOA. Pincetl explained that the CCSC Energy Atlas provides a detailed understanding of the current electricity and natural gas use of buildings, correlated with socio-demographic data and building characteristics, to understand the needs for electrification. Pincetl expressed that it is important to understand the amount of natural gas used to project how much electrification will be needed.

Pincetl also stated that UCLA has developed public-facing tools and materials and has a deep understanding of the energy burden and inequality within DAC. Pincetl lastly shared that UCLA is engaged with ongoing projects on solar potential in Los Angeles County and the potential for Distributed Energy Resources and Community Solar installations. There is an opportunity for Community Solar and UCLA is mapping to help see what the solar and energy burden looks like.

## Jobs, Workforce, and Business Development

Rauser shared the update on jobs, workforce, and business development, noting that UCLA has over 20 years of experience at the forefront of issues of equity and access in the Los Angeles region. UCLA has conducted previous projects and is currently working on projects to better understand the challenges and needs of minority-owned small businesses in the region.

Rauser stated that UCLA's previous work spans important geographic regions, encompassing both local and non-local sources of LADWP power generation. UCLA has the experience of evaluating the impacts of the transition to electrification on the workforce and is developing strategies for just transitions.



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Rauser noted the work of Kelly Kay, Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography, and Abel Valenzuela, *Professor* in Chicana/o Studies and Director of the UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, whose work centers place-based and ground-truthed resources.

## Cross-cutting Theme: Health and Air Quality

Rauser described UCLA's expertise on health and air quality, emphasizing over 20 years of experience in the Los Angeles region working on air pollution and health. Rauser expressed that UCLA's influential research has helped shape air quality standards and regulations in the region and that they are involved in ongoing projects monitoring indoor and outdoor air quality, as well as projects to understand and map urban heat island effect in collaboration with community organizations.

Rauser also noted UCLA's extensive experience in collaborative research to identify and quantify co-benefits associated with renewable energy implementation. Rauser highlighted the UCLA researchers integral to this work, including Mike Jared in the School of Public Health. Jared – who identified the Aliso Canyon gas leak and recommended policies in the aftermath -- monitors indoor and outdoor air quality and studies the heat island effect and associated preventative measures. Rauser also identified Ivan Chu as a scholar in air quality working to understand the health benefits of decarbonization at the neighborhood level.

Rauser closed the presentation on UCLA's collaboration by highlighting researchers and agencies that have informed UCLA's work and the partners with whom UCLA has collaborated. Rauser concluded by stating that UCLA is committed to its continued engagement with the community.

## Major Themes from Steering Committee Questions and Discussion

Isaacson invited Steering Committee members to share what stood out to them in UCLA's collaboration update.

- The Energy Atlas and the affordability research.
- Would like to learn more about workforce research and how the researchers are partnering with labor unions and CBOs.
  - You can learn more about the recent work from Kelly Kay on phasing out fossil fuel infrastructure in Los Angeles: <https://www.ioes.ucla.edu/project/phasing-out-fossil-fuel-infrastructures-in-the-city-of-los-angeles-challenges-for-a-just-transition/>
- The importance of Community Solar -- is it a short-term solution to the inability to get green power. When this change comes about, all will have green power.
- Community Solar is a great concept, but more of the benefits need to go to ratepayers to lower their costs significantly. Perhaps we can reassess this compensation to low-income ratepayers?
- Does Community Solar make economic sense? Especially if batteries are involved? And now that net metering (NEM) has been reduced by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), it may not make sense for communities.

Isaacson thanked UCLA for their presentation and the work they are doing.

## Steering Committee Discussion: Tenets of Energy Justice

Megan Day, Equity Strategies Project Manager and NREL Senior Energy Planner, framed the discussion on the tenets of energy justice by providing a definition -- the goal of achieving equity in both the social and economic participation in the energy system, while also remediating social, economic, and health burdens on those historically harmed by the energy system ("frontline communities") -- and inviting Steering Committee members to provide feedback.



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Day shared the three tenets of justice (see Slides 36-41 in Appendix):

- Procedural justice is about enabling community leadership in the process. The Steering Committee is a major part of this as they are determining infrastructure investments and what should be prioritized.
- Recognition justice is done by researching current and historic inequities and recognizing them moving forward. Moving forward without recognizing inequities will continue the inequities. Day expressed that this tenet focuses on understanding and addressing past and current energy inequities. Recognition justice also considers that values, context, and needs differ across communities. As an example, Day explained that even if communities can participate in Community Solar, they may not prioritize that as not everyone can put solar on their roof or access plug-in electric vehicles.
- Distributional justice ensures the just and equitable distribution of benefits and negative impacts of the clean energy transition. Day stated that distributional justice asks questions such as:
  - What is the number of jobs created and who has access?
  - What is a just distribution of access to those benefits? (e.g., jobs created from Community Solar).
  - What does air quality look like across communities?
  - What are the benefits of the energy transition and its impacts?

## Major Themes from Steering Committee Questions and Discussion

Isaacson invited Steering Committee members to discuss the three tenets, beginning with procedural justice. Isaacson asked for Steering Committee input on fine-tuning these definitions and input on how the tenets can be applied to Los Angeles.

### Procedural justice

- The inclusion of the term "harmed by the energy system" is misleading as health issues in Los Angeles are largely from transportation, not from power generation. The energy LADWP derives from coal is burned in other states. The implication here is that these people who are environmentally harmed are harmed by local power generation, which is not an accurate statement. Los Angeles needs to electrify the transportation industry, and this is where the health benefits will come from as health consequences largely come from transportation.
- This is the most critical in terms of community leadership in the process. When talking about something that crosses an entire region, communities are varied across Los Angeles. When narrowing down and talking about community leadership, is there an element to refer to communities overburdened by pollutants and those who have been overburdened by past energy inequities?
- Overall, there is an appreciation of the thoughtfulness of what has been shared to meet these definitions and understand what this is. It is important to have some level of storytelling in all of this. When policymaking, it's easy to forget whom we are actually talking about in these structures. When we are talking about a group, what values are we holding up at that moment? As community members and residents, we don't all have the same values. Storytelling is necessary, so people see themselves in it and have something tangible.
- Appreciation of lifting up overburdened communities and prioritizing CalEnviroScreen communities, those who are the top 10% polluted communities in Los Angeles. The tool is being modeled by the White House and their environmental justice work.



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- It is important to not only define who the community is and where they are coming from but also their role in decision-making. What is their power? Often, agencies bring communities together to hear them, but suggestions or priorities are not listened to. How can we define how to actually implement their priorities in LA100 Equity Strategies?
- What are "energy inequities"? The CalEnviroScreen communities are largely affected by diesel trucks, trains, refineries, and chemical industrial work, not power generation. There is an inference here that is not technically correct.
- Emphasized that "power is a human right."
- The cumulative impact is a very key concept to consider across the board for all City environmental and climate policies.
- It is important to consider socio-economically burdened communities, those burdened not just from pollution but also by rates.
- Transportation can improve the region as a whole, but how do we execute it? LA 100 Equity Strategies needs to avoid unintended consequences on these communities. How do we ask ourselves how to mitigate those burdens for communities in the transition?
- Regarding clean energy, nitrous oxide (NOX) emissions, etc., everyone is concentrating on electrification because of emissions from the transportation sector. Not sure if there is a study that is looking into the unintended consequences of battery disposal and recycling. Has this been planned for in the rush to electrify? There are concerns about batteries being dumped in areas near disadvantaged communities.
- There are concerns about electricity being a more expensive utility and how cost is integrated into the discussion among communities that are socially and economically disadvantaged on top of everything else. For example, if I have an electric vehicle, I have to charge it and it will increase the electricity cost. Cost is a factor for people to be able to do these actions.

## Recognition justice

- This definition is very broad, and it is good that past and current are being addressed.

## Distributional justice

- In the transition, how are we going to decide and balance negative impacts and benefits?
- An unintended consequence is gentrification. It is also a concern for community agencies that represent communities.
- Electric vehicle chargers are a distribution of benefits issue. The location of batteries and solar farms are a negative impact on distribution. In the end, there is no distribution issue for the power because wires will carry green power to everyone equally.
- The process is starting with the assumption that there are significant energy inequities and is then trying to find a way to fix them. Other than the availability of electric vehicle chargers and rooftop solar, there is no evidence of energy inequities. The bigger issue is what to do with the additional costs of going to 100% green energy. Can low-income households afford the increase in power costs?

## Engaging the Broader Community

Romero-Lankao described initial intentions for broader community engagement (see Slides 42-49 in Appendix), which are a work in progress. Romero-Lankao also noted that the project team cannot develop this community engagement approach without Steering Committee input and buy-in. At various stages of the LA100 Equity Strategies, the project team will gather input from the



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public and also develop a shared identity, purpose, and vision. Romero-Lankao explained that there will be three stages that run throughout the process.

- Stage 1: Identify and understand Los Angeles' energy justice problems.
- Stage 2: Inform strategy analysis and development plan.
- Stage 3: Present preliminary analysis, models, and get community feedback.

Romero-Lankao conveyed preliminary goals for the first two meetings and subsequent meetings. In the first two meetings on Envisioning a Just Energy Future in LA, the project team intends to share a project overview, introduce energy justice concepts, and gather community concerns, issues, and aspirations. Subsequent meetings on Co-Defining Paths to Energy Equity in LA are intended to gather community input on the study plan and prioritize equity metrics and strategies. Romero-Lankao stated that more details will follow a series of conversations with LADWP.

Isaacson shared that the project team would like the Steering Committee to help with the outreach needed to ensure broad participation. LADWP will share invitations and registration links for dissemination in early January.

Isaacson invited Romero-Lankao to include costs in the discussion in community meeting breakout groups. Isaacson invited questions about what was heard and on the presentation on broader community engagement.

## Major Themes from Steering Committee Questions and Discussion

- Where is the discussion of the choice to be made in the march to green power? There are choices to be made for all of the topics. This needs to be included in community discussions. For example, solar is not cheap in terms of keeping the power on at night and during winter storms, etc.
- It is important to think about what subsequent meetings look like and how we are following up on the initial meeting. A multi-touch format with communities about what they want to see and what will then be integrated into LA100 Equity Strategies.
- Conversations about the clean energy transition can be complex. For many, this is the first time they are hearing about this. When we get people in the room, the first questions are around their bills. The first meetings should be about meeting people where they are at. Address community concerns in the first meeting and identify what needs to be done in the subsequent meetings.
- CEMO is hosting focus groups to have smaller groups with tenants and improve conversations and understanding about some of these concepts.

## Wrap Up and Next Steps

Isaacson provided a wrap-up of the meeting and reminded that the Steering Committee meetings occur monthly. Steering Committee members will be receiving a Doodle poll to indicate their preferences and availability for the next meeting. Isaacson shared that the next meeting would focus on energy sector definitions, exploring sector-specific energy outcomes, and the Steering Committee's initial feedback on the goals and metrics to reach these equity outcomes. Isaacson invited Zewdu to provide closing remarks.

Zewdu thanked everyone for their participation and a great discussion. Zewdu noted the wealth of experience, expertise, and comments to guide the project in the right direction. Zewdu shared that this cannot be done without the Steering Committee:



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This is a community-informed process. Zewdu encouraged the Steering Committee to continue to communicate with LADWP through the primary contact Dawn Cotterell at [dawn.cotterell@ladwp.com](mailto:dawn.cotterell@ladwp.com). Zewdu wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

