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The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study

CHALLENGE: NREL partnered with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power on a first-of-its-kind **objective, rigorous, highly detailed, and science-based study** to analyze potential pathways LA can take to achieve its goal of a 100% clean, equitable energy future.

RESULTS: The LA100 study shows LA's goal of reliable, 100% renewable electricity by 2045—or even 2035—is **achievable** and will entail **rapid deployment of wind, solar, and storage technologies this decade.**

Download the final report and dive into
the data at LA100.org.

While all communities will benefit from the modeled LA100 clean energy scenarios, improving equity in participation and outcomes requires intentionally designed equity strategies.



A photograph of a residential street under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a black metal fence with stone pillars runs along a sidewalk. Behind the fence, several houses are visible. On the left, a house with light green trim and a brown roof. In the center, a larger house with a dark grey roof and a dormer. To the right, another house with light-colored siding and a grey roof. Trees and shrubs are scattered throughout the scene.

LA100 Equity Strategies purpose:

Identify **strategies** to achieve community-prioritized equity outcomes in LA's clean energy transition

The Challenge



A 100% TRANSITION REQUIRES BRINGING EVERYONE ALONG

Even those that can't afford it. Los Angeles County is home to 30% of the state's population living in poverty.

THE CURRENT ENERGY SYSTEM IS INEQUITABLE

Disadvantaged communities experience more burdens and fewer benefits of the energy system. An equitable transition will require major shift in how investments are allocated.

LEGISLATION CONSTRAINS RATE AFFORDABILITY

Legislation prevents Los Angeles Department of Water and Power from meeting investor-owned utility affordability standards.

EQUITY REQUIRES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

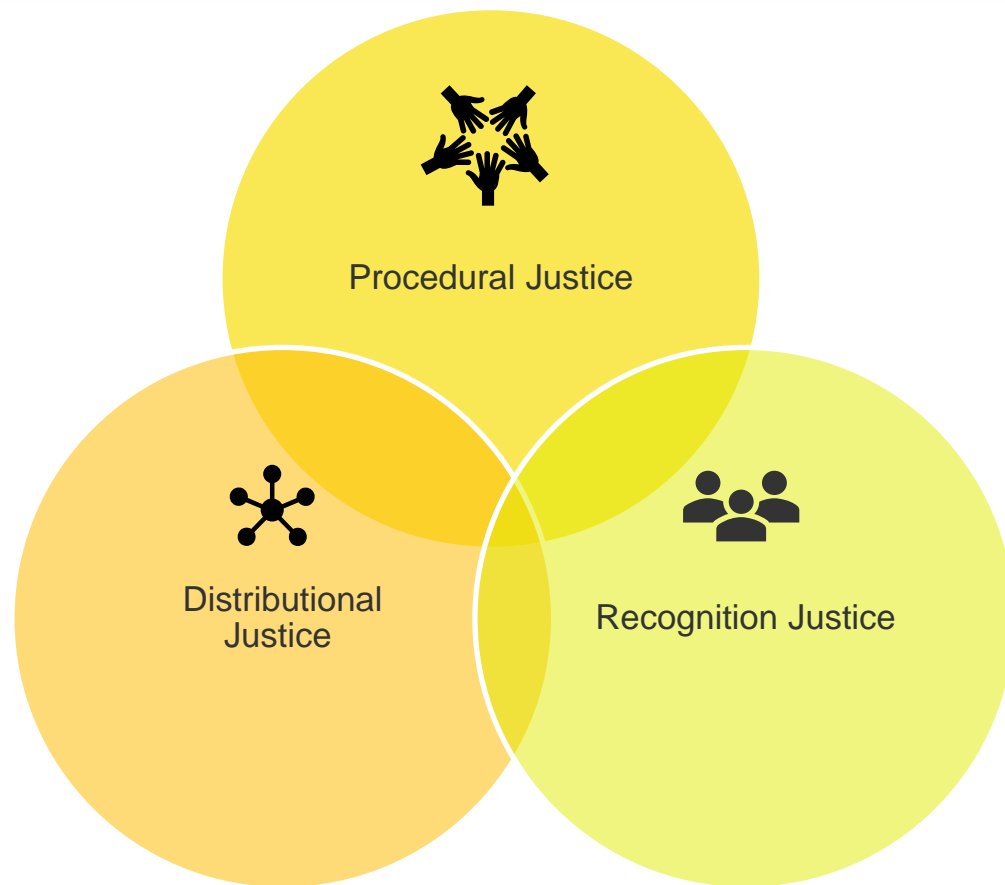
Underserved communities have not participated in decision making and are seeking greater involvement in solutions moving forward.

**LA100
Equity
Strategies
is organized
around
three tenets
of justice**

Ensure **just and equitable distribution** of benefits and negative impacts of clean energy transition

Enable **community leadership** in the process

Understand and address past and current energy inequities



Governance and Community Engagement



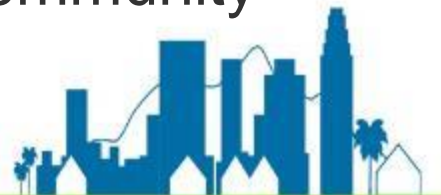
Steering Committee: Community based organizations provide strategic and technical direction and ensure community members are involved in the process.



Advisory Committee: City departments provide feedback on feasibility of strategies and potential partnerships with other City programs.



Community-specific listening sessions: Community members provide input through focus groups, adapted to each local context, to understand the priorities of community members.



Community-Informed Strategies

Community Priorities

Strategy Development Pathways

Potential Future Outcomes



Affordability & Burdens

- Low-income energy bill stability
- Reduced transportation energy burdens

- More **affordable rates** and **utility debt relief**
- More equitable electric transportation opportunities



Access & Use

- Weatherization and cooling for safe household temperatures
- Solar and efficiency access for renters

- **Increased access to cooling** for future LA heat waves
- **Increased participation** in solar, energy efficiency, and electrification programs



Health, Safety, & Resilience

- Truck electrification to mitigate air quality health impacts
- Resilience through grid upgrades and access to critical services

- **Cleaner air**, especially for those located near power facilities or transportation corridors
- Equitable **grid upgrades and reliability**



Jobs

- Jobs and workforce development

- **New clean energy jobs** and **workforce development.**

Example Implementation Strategies



Procedural Equity

Engage residents in developing programs and services targeting community priorities



Low-Income Energy Bill Affordability

Implement robust low-income assistance program to achieve reduction in bills for the lowest-income customers



Housing Weatherization and Resilience

Deploy cooling in low- and moderate-income, multifamily households with no cooling to reduce dangerous heat exposure



Transportation Electrification

Expand near-home charging access for low-income households projected to adopt EVs by 2035 who lack home charging access



Truck Electrification for Air Quality

Establish a community-wide heavy-duty truck electrification goal, with a heavy-heavy-duty truck carve out



Distribution Grid Upgrades for Resilience

Increase investment in underground cables in DACs to increase reliability and resilience to disaster events

Key Takeaways

- **Equitable implementation requires long-term utility-community partnerships**
 - Partnering with communities to transition everyone to clean energy-- including vulnerable populations-- is a new role for utilities that will take time to build.
- **Funding the transition to 100% clean energy will be a challenge**
 - **Affordability and access are primary community concerns**, especially in communities where people are already struggling with poverty.
 - Baseline investments are inequitable. Making the transition equitable **will require a major shift in how investments are allocated.**
- Despite these challenges, **the study shows essential strategies to implementing a long-term path to an equitable clean energy transition.**
 - The process guided by three tenets of justice and resulting strategies are applicable beyond Los Angeles.





Thank you!

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