

Purpose and Mission Statement Alliance for a Just Recovery

In the wake of the firestorm, 42 people died and approximately 5500 homes in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa were destroyed and 4000 damaged. Many organizations have worked to ensure the safety and well-being community members during and after the fires. However, we know that some community members and business interests are seeking to capitalize on this moment to lower or eviscerate labor and environmental standards and to dismantle business regulation and the planning and permit process.

We seek to bring together labor, environmental, faith and community organizations that represent working people in the region to explore potential collaboration to develop policy, and to advocate and organize for an equitable, just, and sustainable recovery and rebuilding. Across race, income, immigration status and geography, the Tubbs fire revealed inequities and injustices that existed long before for the fire began and must be addressed by the state, the county, and the City of Santa Rosa. The workers, who will be asked to do much of the recovery and rebuilding work, and low and moderate-income communities with the least resources must be at the center of a strategy for a just recovery.

Our shared values, vision, and tasks:

- 1) Ensure that the structural issues of inequality, the climate crisis, and racial and environmental justice are central to the recovery and rebuilding process;
- 2) Develop a common policy agenda and independent progressive alliance of labor, faith, environmental, community organizations to advocate for an immediate and long-term, equitable, just, and sustainable recovery. The common agenda focuses on good jobs, affordable housing, and environmental sustainability;
- 3) Promote an inside and outside strategy that emphasizes working with state and local government and elected officials while simultaneously organizing and mobilizing working class and moderate income residents for a just recovery and rebuild;
- 5) Ensure that the recovery and rebuilding processes are transparent, inclusive, and create economic opportunity for low and moderate-income communities and eliminate environmental disparities across communities;

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