

# Environmental Justice Communities Against Plastics (EJCAP)

Our coalition shall collaborate to organize frontline Environmental Justice communities and workers to end the era of disposable plastics production and waste, replacing these harmful industries with community and worker-rooted alternatives for environmental and economic justice, zero waste, and healthy local, living, and regenerative economies.

## Who We Are

EJCAP facilitates a collaborative space for environmental justice community groups to tackle the life cycle of plastic pollution, prioritizing frontline communities' needs. We support developing local, environmentally responsible, zero-waste alternatives led by communities and workers.

## Our Priorities



**Prioritize frontline communities' needs in ending plastics pollution**



**Promote and increase access to safe, healthy, and zero waste alternatives to plastics**



**Invest in environmental justice community-led solutions, divest from false solutions**



**Hold industry accountable**

## Why it Matters

1. Across the U.S., EJ communities are the most affected by plastic pollution and the cumulative impacts of oil, gas, and petrochemical industries that manufacture plastics.
2. The plastics life cycle is toxic and harmful at every stage, including extraction of raw materials, production, transportation, consumption, and disposal.
3. Most disposable plastics end up in landfills and incinerators that are disproportionately sited in people of color and low-income communities.
4. Industry-backed solutions do not address waste prevention, nor do they reduce plastic demand upstream, and often cause more harm than good to EJ communities.
5. EJ communities and worker participation should lead just transition strategies and pathways to resolve the plastic pollution crisis.

## Core Members



**East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (EYCEJ)** is a community-based organization that works to facilitate self-advocates in East Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles and Long Beach. EYCEJ is working towards a safe and healthy environment for communities that are disproportionately suffering the negative impacts of industrial pollution. By providing workshops and trainings, EYCEJ prepares community members to engage in the decision-making processes that directly impact their health and quality of life. [eycej.org](http://eycej.org)



**Pacoima Beautiful** is a grassroots environmental justice organization that provides education, impacts local policy, and supports local arts and culture in order to promote a healthy and sustainable San Fernando Valley. Through collective action, we strive to create a safer and cleaner community where children, their family and neighbors can thrive. We believe that Pacoima and the Northeast San Fernando Valley residents are powerful and transformational environmental justice leaders who are stewards of our environment, health, and communities. [pacoimabeautiful.org](http://pacoimabeautiful.org)



**Just Transition Alliance (JTA)** serves people of color, Indigenous peoples and low-income communities harmed by polluting industries, as well as workers in those industries. We support community organizing with a focus on education and action, led by those on the frontlines of production and at the fenceline of exposure, towards system changes that do not compromise people or our environment. Our goal is to help workers and communities achieve a just transition from dirty production processes towards health-based local economies to scale, protecting the most vulnerable populations and workers first. [jtalliance.org](http://jtalliance.org)



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