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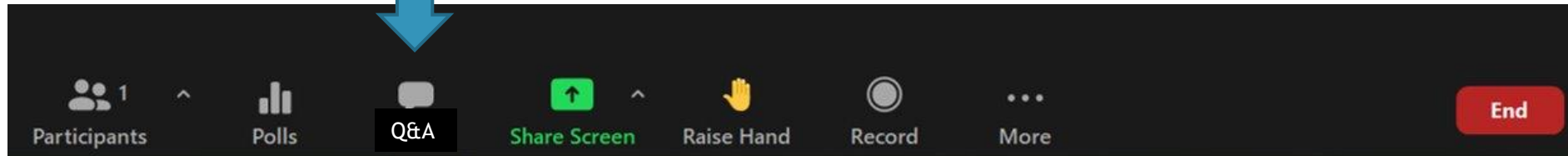
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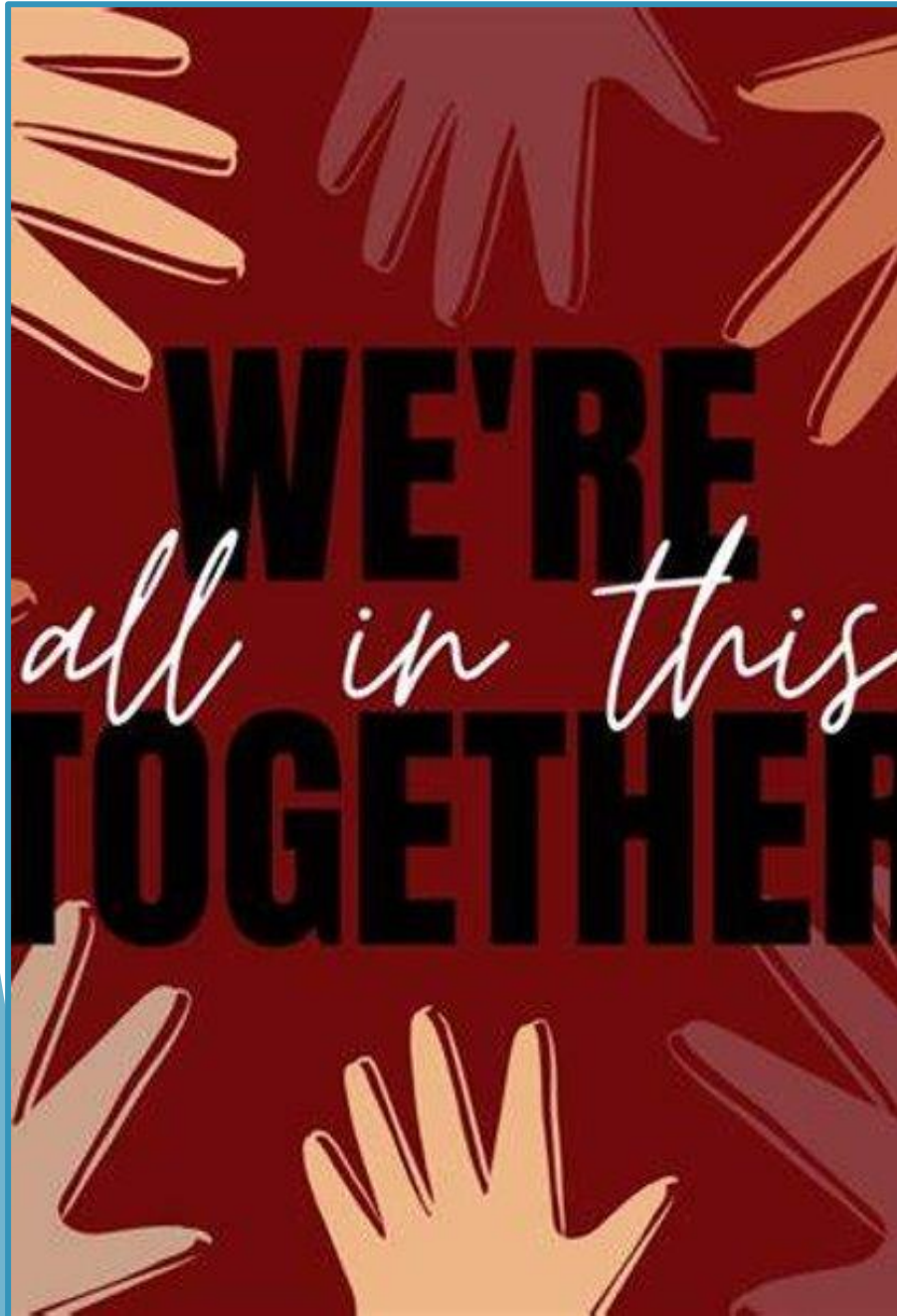
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- ▶ If you have a clarifying question or a logistical issue during the presentations, please type it into the Q&A box.



Agenda

- ▶ Welcome and Overview of Meeting Logistics 6:00 - 6:10
- ▶ Roll call; Approval of prior meeting minutes 6:10 - 6:15
- ▶ Announcements 6:15 - 6:20
- ▶ EJ Maps Update with most recent US Census Data 6:20 - 6:30
 - ▶ Vote to Publish Maps with Updated Data
- ▶ EEA EJ Strategy: Overview, Roll-Out, Public Comment 6:30 - 6:50
- ▶ Discussion: 6:50 - 7:30
 - ▶ Who/What is missing from current EJ Population definition?
(Continued from Meeting #4 on October 27, 2022)
- ▶ Questions/comments from the public 7:30
- ▶ Next Steps/Adjourn



Approval of October 27, 2022 Meeting Minutes & Roll Call: EJ Council Members

- ▶ Kalila Barnett
- ▶ Madeline Fraser Cook
- ▶ Melissa Harding-Ferretti
- ▶ Cheryll Holley
- ▶ Caroline Hon
- ▶ Namrita Kapur
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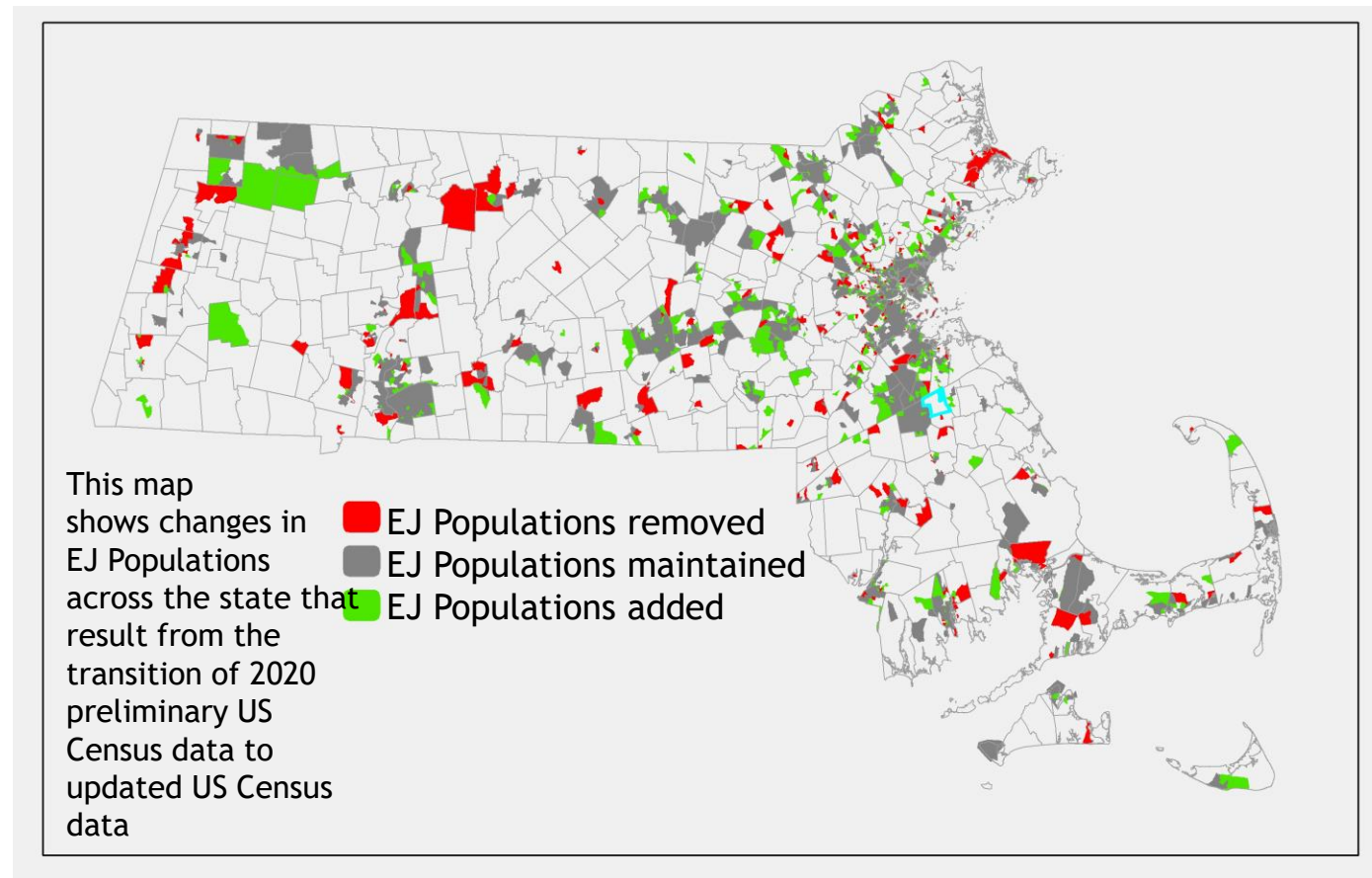
Announcements

EJ Maps Update

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- ▶ In 2021, EEA released EJ maps identifying EJ populations. This was based on the then-available/preliminary US Census demographic data
- ▶ Since then, the 2020 US Census data has been made more accurate, so we must update our maps to incorporate that data
- ▶ These updates will result in the following statewide changes vs. current published maps (see overview map next slide):
 - ▶ Count of EJ block groups is increasing from 2,316 (46%) to 2,604 (51%), out of ~5000 statewide
 - ▶ Number of people living in EJ block groups is increasing from 3,100,468 to 3,487,681 (+12.5%)
 - ▶ Number of municipalities with EJ block groups is decreasing from 188 to 187
 - ▶ This includes 19 municipalities that no longer have EJ populations, and 18 municipalities that newly have EJ populations
- ▶ Note: "An Act Creating a Next-Gen Roadmap for MA Climate Policy" (2021) requires use of US Census data to inform our EJ maps, but there are data limitations with how it is reported. To align as closely as possible with EJ Principles as defined in the Act, EEA intends to proceed with maps that use the US Census data as-is

EJ Maps Update



EJ Maps Update

VOTE

EEA Environmental Justice Strategy:

Overview
Roll-out Timetable
Public Comment Process

EJ Strategy Background

▶ **Mandates:**

- ▶ Executive Order 552 on Environmental Justice
- ▶ EJ Policy

▶ **Requirements:**

- ▶ proactively promote EJ in all neighborhoods,
- ▶ appropriately integrate EJ considerations into departments through policies, programs, or other strategies,
- ▶ identify and promote agency sponsored projects, funding decisions, rulemakings or other actions to further EJ through the Commonwealth,
- ▶ demonstrate the fair distribution of benefits has been measured,
- ▶ be consolidated into one Secretariat EJ Strategy, and
- ▶ be finalized by a date set by the Secretary.

EJ Background (continued)

► Development Process

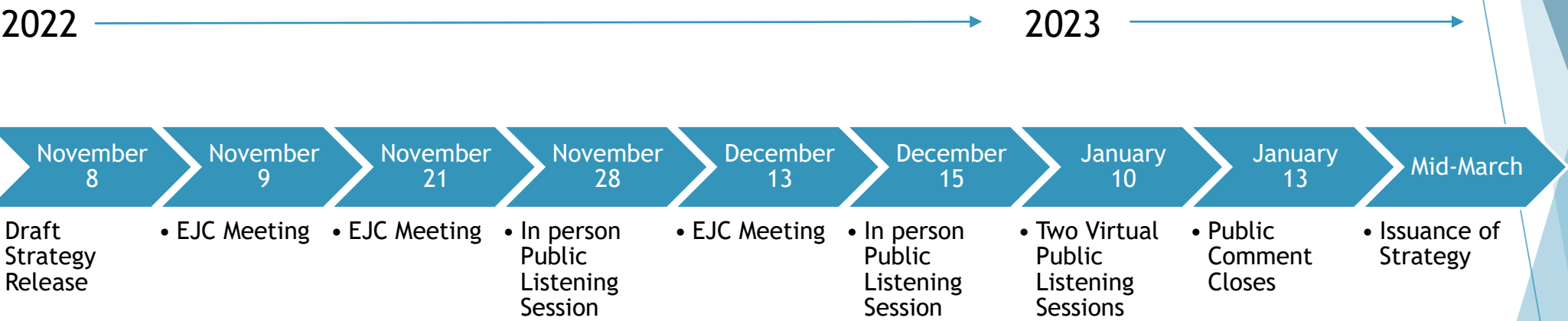
- Convened EEA EJ Task Force (EJTF) in September 2020
- EJTF authored EJ strategies for their respective agencies
 - Worked with senior staff at their agencies and EEA EJ Office to draft and review

AGENCY	NAME	TITLE
EEA	Rishi Reddi	Director of Environmental Justice
EEA	Vallery Cardoso	Deputy Director of Environmental Justice
EEA	Carline Lemoine	Deputy Director of Environmental Justice for External Stakeholder Coordination
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DCR	Jorge J. Ayub	Coastal Ecologist
DCR	Francisco Rodriguez	AMMP Program GIS Analyst
DEP	Deneen Simpson	Director of Environmental Justice
DFG	Noah McClanan	Legislative Director
DFG	Jimmy Rossignol	Aquatic Biologist
DOER	Danilo Morales	Clean Energy Program and Outreach Manager
DPU	Wayne Wang	Energy Facilities Siting Analyst
DPU	Scott Seigal	Hearing Officer
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MEPA	Tori Kim	Assistant Secretary / MEPA Director
MEPA	Page Czepiga	Assistant MEPA Director
OTA	Tiffany Skogstrom	OTA Director
OTA	Kari Sasportas	Outreach and Policy Analyst
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CEC	Jade Lu	Clean Transportation Program Manager
MWRA	Tomeka Cribb-Jones	Associate Special Assistant, Affirmative Action

Strategy Structure

- ▶ **Common Aspects of each agency strategy are:**
 - ▶ Metrics
 - ▶ Equity in hiring
 - ▶ Communication
 - ▶ Community Engagement
 - ▶ Training (internal and external)
- ▶ **Agency-specific aspects include, but are not limited to:**
 - ▶ Specific grants
 - ▶ Enforcement obligations
 - ▶ Cumulative impact analysis when required
 - ▶ Technical assistance opportunities

Release Schedule



Question for Discussion:

*Who are missed by current EJ
Population Definition?*

EJ Population Definition Comprehensive Analysis: Current MA Definition

- ▶ “Neighborhood” a census block group as defined by the United States Census Bureau.

- ▶ “Environmental justice population” a neighborhood that meets 1 or more of the following criteria:
 - i. the annual median household income is not more than 65 per cent of the statewide annual median household income;
 - ii. minorities comprise 40 per cent or more of the population;
 - iii. 25 per cent or more of households lack English language proficiency; or
 - iv. minorities comprise 25 per cent or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150 per cent of the statewide annual median household income.

Question: Who are missed by current EJ Population Definition?

Public Comments and Questions

Please limit each comment to 2 minute to allow time for others to speak



WHAT'S
NEXT?

Next Steps & Adjourn

- ▶ Next meeting: November 21, 2022; 9:30 am
- ▶ Information on the EJC and its meetings can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/environmental-justice-council-ejc>