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Environmental Justice Council

Meeting #6
Monday, November 21, 2022
9:30 am



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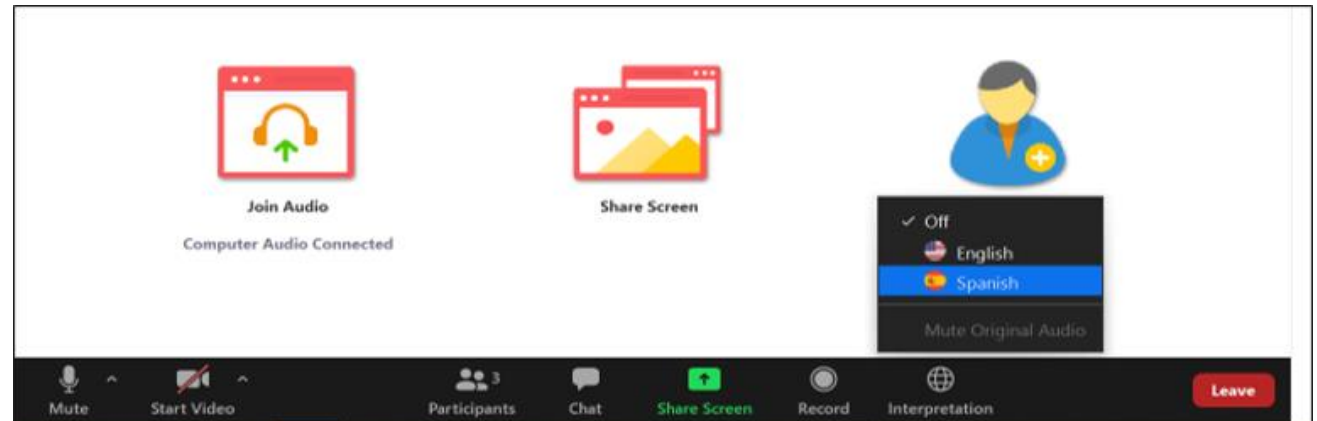
Logistics & Agenda

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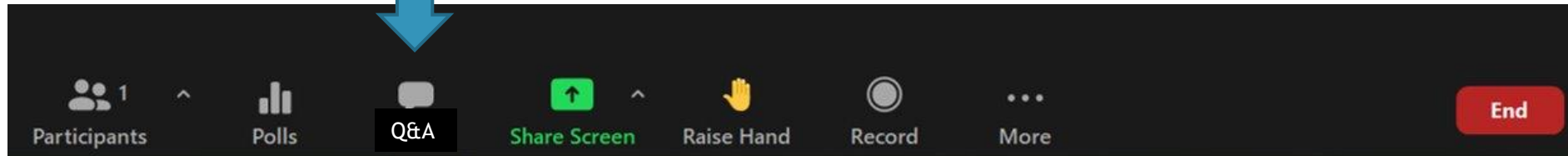
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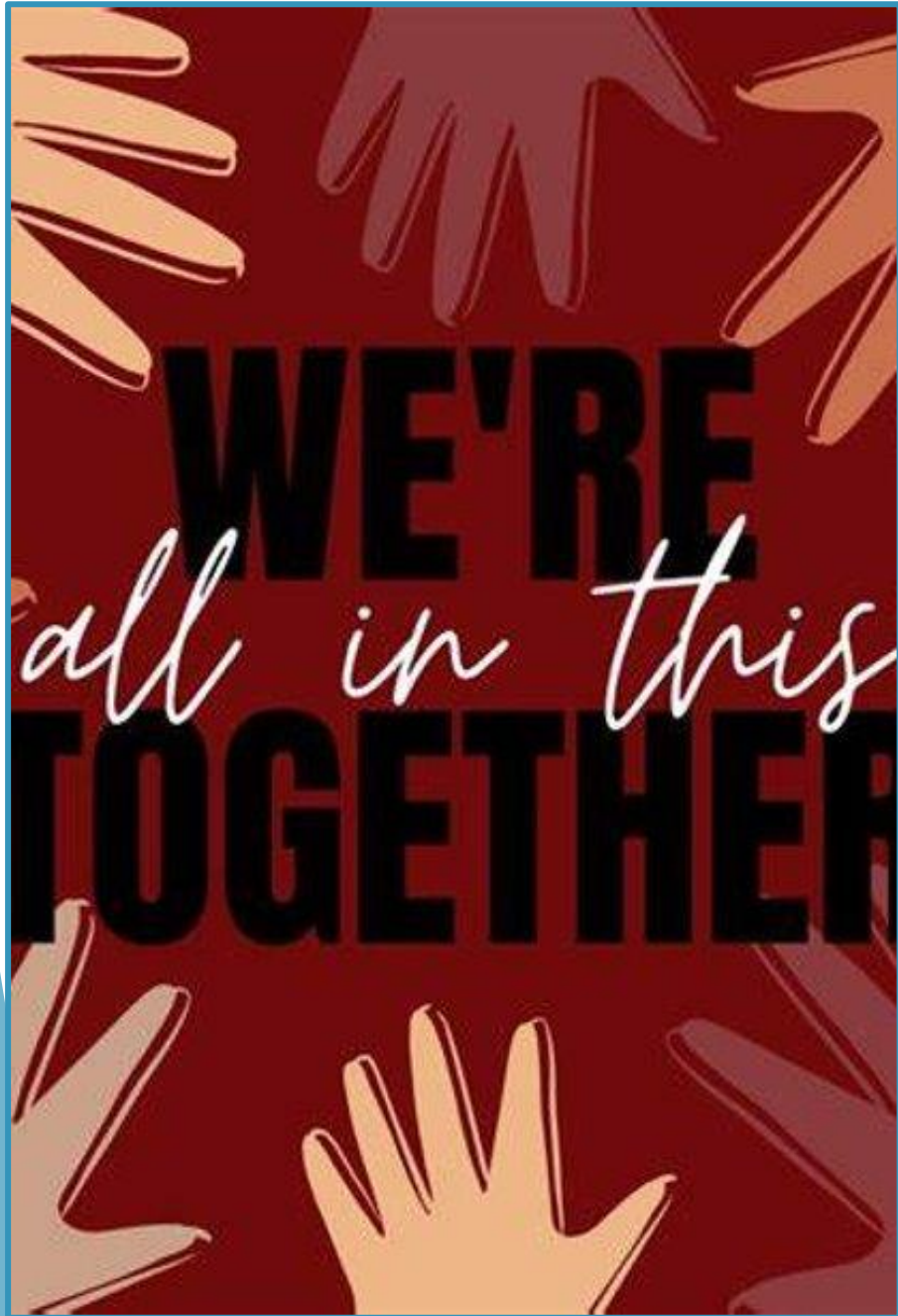
Logistics: Remote Meeting Details

- ▶ All lines will be muted during the presentations.
- ▶ The line will be open for oral comments after the presentations.
- ▶ If you have a clarifying question or a logistical issue during the presentations, please type it into the Q&A box.



Agenda

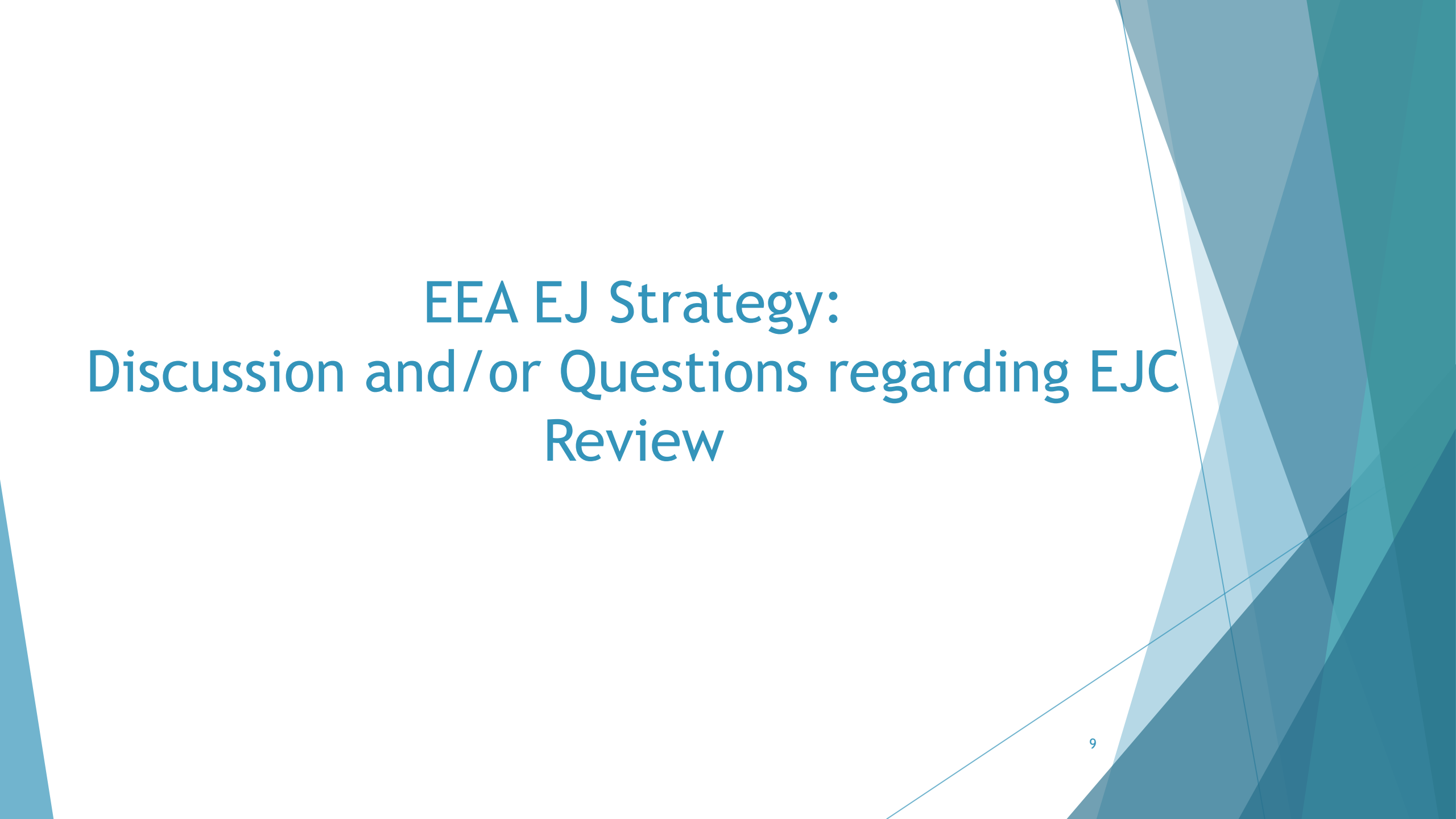
- ▶ Welcome and Overview of Meeting Logistics 9:30 - 9:40
- ▶ Roll call; Approval of prior meeting minutes 9:40 - 9:45
- ▶ Announcements 9:45 - 9:50
- ▶ EEA EJ Strategy: Discussion and/or Questions regarding EJC Review 9:50 - 10:00
- ▶ Comprehensive Analysis of “EJ Population” Definition: Continued Discussion 10:00 - 10:40
 - ▶ Who/What is missing from current EJ Population definition: “English Language Proficiency” criteria
- ▶ Questions/comments from the public 10:40
- ▶ Next Steps/Adjourn



Approval of November 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes & Roll Call: EJ Council Members

- ▶ Kalila Barnett
- ▶ Madeline Fraser Cook
- ▶ Melissa Harding-Ferretti
- ▶ Cheryll Holley
- ▶ Caroline Hon
- ▶ Namrita Kapur
- ▶ Lydia Lowe
- ▶ Marcos Luna
- ▶ Peter Maathey
- ▶ Rishi Reddi
- ▶ Patricia Spence
- ▶ Ari Zorn

Announcements



EEA EJ Strategy: Discussion and/or Questions regarding EJC Review

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?

Income Criteria Considerations

1. Does Income criteria include the homeless population? Where in MA would this make a difference?
2. Does the Income criteria adequately include white population in rural areas?
3. Does the Income criteria accurately capture the realities in a block group where a few large homes placed adjacent to low-income homes: Plymouth, Cape Cod, Berkshires
4. Does the income criteria include “cost-of-living” considerations?

Minority Criteria Considerations

1. How are indigenous individuals, federally recognized tribes, and non-federally recognized tribes included in the “minority” criteria?
2. Can we craft a definition that explicitly includes tribes’ traditional practices on Off-tribal lands and On-tribal lands, such as hunting, fishing and other activities?
3. Regarding “distributed populations” such as indigenous peoples, should we abandon block groups as an anchor for the criteria?



Discussion: English Language Proficiency Criteria Considerations

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: December 13, 2022; 6:00 pm
- ▶ Information on the EJC and its meetings can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/environmental-justice-council-ejc>