



Jobs to Move America — California

WHO ARE WE

JOBS TO MOVE AMERICA is a national strategic policy center that works to transform public spending and corporate behavior using a comprehensive approach rooted in racial and economic justice and community organizing. JMA envisions a nation where all levels of government use the power of public funds to create public good — fostering the conditions for an inclusive democracy, equitable economy, and healthy environment that works for all communities.

WHO WE WORK WITH

We work with a broad coalition of labor, environmental justice, and community groups throughout California to hold corporations accountable to the public and fight for better policy at the state and local levels. Join us!

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AN OVERVIEW

California is the most populous state in the U.S. and represents the world's fifth largest economy. Every year, billions of our public dollars are handed to major corporations through contracts or tax breaks to maintain infrastructure and create jobs. But many workers and communities still lack access to clean water, air that's safe to breathe, or family-sustaining jobs and training opportunities.

OUR WORK

The US Employment Plan (USEP) is our federally-approved policy tool that incentivizes manufacturers bidding for public contracts to create good jobs for marginalized communities -- like people of color, women, veterans, and formerly incarcerated workers -- and invest in new manufacturing facilities by scoring bid applications based on their jobs plan.

In February 2021, we introduced SB 674, the California Jobs Plan Act, in partnership with State Senator Maria Durazo, which will support the creation of high quality transportation, manufacturing, and infrastructure jobs in California by requiring detailed information about job commitments and training in public transit contracts. These commitments would be legally enforceable, and information about them would be available to the public.

OUR WINS

In 2018, LA Metro committed to implementing an agency-wide jobs equity policy using the USEP, which applies to all manufacturing procurements above \$100 million and would support up to 22,000 U.S. jobs as the agency replaces its fleet. The San Ysidro School District also adopted an ordinance in 2020 that incorporates the USEP into the district's plan to transition to greener infrastructure.

We have also won legally enforceable Community Benefits Agreements with major California manufacturers like Build Your Dreams (BYD) and Proterra that contain commitments to hiring and training programs for individuals who have historically been denied access to secure, middle-skill careers in manufacturing.

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