



# NEWSLETTER

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## A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings everyone. Thanks for taking the time to read our first newsletter. There have been some exciting things going on which we want to share with you. Hopefully, you will continue to support our organizing efforts and stay engaged with Action. As the Holiday Seasons approaches, please take some time to rest and rejuvenate and above all, stay safe!



MARVIN MARTIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## WHATS NEW WITH ACTION ?

### GREEN EQUITY PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank you to everyone who attended the launch of the Green Equity Partnership. It was great to see so many faces in person that we haven't been able to connect with. The kick-off celebration of our Green Equity Partnership (GEP) has launched us forward to training existing construction workers in the skills they need for new green technology for building decarbonization. State and city officials and local construction contractors joined us and shared their commitment to inclusion. The Green Equity Partnership is funded by a 3-year, \$1.2 million grant from the Massachusetts Center for Clean Energy.



EMPLOYERS, PARTNERS , STAFF, COMMUNITY, ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy & Open Space in the City of Boston, said, "Climate change is a crisis that needs to be addressed. But the reality is many communities are already facing economic crises. The exciting thing about partnerships like this is that we don't have to choose. We can do both. We can raise up our communities. It is about getting people good jobs so people can stay living in our communities. I believe in this work."

Stafford Lewis of Alpha Building said this is different from what has been done before and that he was looking forward to hiring people from the community, saying, "I believe in this community, and that is why I'll stick around to employ people from this program."

All of our speakers spoke of the need to be intentional to design routes to inclusion for Black and BIPOC residents.

Since the launch, three more small contractors have asked for more information on becoming a GEP employer partner. We are continuing discussions with our training partners, Roxbury Community College and BPS Adult Education. We are also tapping into a network of expert Black trainers to learn how to teach experienced tradespeople how to be skilled and successful technical instructors.

**We are looking for both more employers and technical instructors.**

- Are you an employer looking to expand your building decarbonization business?
- Are you a skilled tradesperson interested in sharing your skills as an instructor?

Get in touch: [tarshia@action4equity.org](mailto:tarshia@action4equity.org)



OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARVIN MARTIN, OUR JOBS DIRECTOR TARSHIA GREEN-WILLIAMS, AND STAFFORD LEWIS FROM ALPHA BUILDING CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT (Left to right)



JOBS DIRECTOR TARSHIA GREEN-WILLIAMS AND CHIEF MARIAMA WHITE-HAMMOND



# Special Protection Zone is Moving Forward!

In a promising development for our community, the Boston city councilors are taking significant steps toward creating the groundbreaking Special Protection Zones (SPZ) ordinance. This progressive initiative seeks to protect Boston's working-class and low-moderate income residents from the challenges of escalating gentrification, particularly in Transit Corridors. This ordinance underscores a commitment to preventing displacement and fostering equitable urban development.

While the city councilors are in the process of considering the SPZ ordinance, Mayor Wu and her dedicated staff have voiced support for its potential to address the challenges posed by transit improvements. As we move forward, we encourage our community to stay informed and be prepared to contribute to the cause. Action for Equity urges all members to remain engaged and actively support the SPZ ordinance. Stay tuned for our updates as we navigate this crucial phase together, and be ready to play a vital role in shaping a more inclusive and equitable future for our neighborhoods.





**Greater Four Corners Action Coalition** is a sponsor to the Annual Hidden Heroes & Sheroes Award Ceremony that celebrates Leaders in our Community ! This is a ticketed event.

*Join us!*

## CELEBRATE THE 2023 HIDDEN HEROES & SHEROES

*The Event*  
DINNER & AWARD CEREMONY



2022 AWARDEES

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 17TH  
6-8:30PM  
AT THE GREAT HALL  
6 NORFOLK STREET,  
DORCHESTER, MA 02124

**THE 2023 AWARDEES**  
Youth Leadership Awardees will receive a scholarship from  
The Rev. Dr. William Loesch Memorial Scholarship Fund

- Habitat For Humanity Greater Boston (Civic)  
Tina Marie Johnson (Civic)
- Saranya Sathananthan & Ineudira Barbosa (Neighborhood)  
Laquisa Burke (Neighborhood)  
Toni Wiley (Millennium)
- Sportsmen's Tennis Club & Enrichment Center  
Kristina Pruitt (Youth)  
Lawrence Gustama (Youth)  
Zaquarah Caldwell (Youth)  
Justin-Jabari Gichuru (Youth)  
Tyeisha Harkness (Youth)

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# LivableStreets

Connecting People + Places

**LivableStreets'** is back with their annual **StreetTalk**.  
It will be held at the **Old South Meeting House**,

They will be discussing topics about issues regarding transit advocacy, climate justice, protecting our greenways, equitable housing + land use policies, and more!

Doors open at 5:30PM and the event starts promptly at 6:00PM. There will be an intermission in between speakers where they will be serving appetizers and beverages.



**December 07, 2023 at 6:00pm – 8:30pm**

**Old South Meeting House  
310 Washington St  
Boston, MA 02108  
United States**