

EJC Newsletter

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Welcoming Mr. Broderick Flanigan, Executive Director



As you all may know, we are now under new supervision of Mr. Broderick Flanigan. Mr. Flanigan has been overseeing the EJC office as of August 2023. Here are a few words from Mr. Flanigan:

“I joined the Economic Justice Coalition Board of Directors in 2018 after some coaxing by my predecessor, “The One and Only Mrs Linda Lloyd.” Unknowingly I was being groomed to assume the role to lead EJC and pick up where she left off, fighting for voter empowerment and living wages/health benefits for low-wage workers. In January of 2023, the Board unanimously approved my appointment and Mrs. Lloyd lit a fire under me in preparation for her coming and well-deserved retirement. On August 1st, 2023 I started full-time as the Executive Director of The Economic Justice Coalition”.

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Office Closed for the Holiday

The EJC office will be closed from December 15 to January 2nd, 2024. We appreciate your patience and understanding. We eagerly anticipate your return in the near future. Stay connected for the latest updates by following our official pages on Facebook and Instagram.

The Economic Justice Coaliton



The Economic Justice Coalition (EJC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit in Athens, Georgia, focuses on advocating for quality jobs with living wages and benefits. Teaming up with the Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda, we prioritize voting rights, education, criminal justice reform, affordable housing, and equal participation for underrepresented communities.

Operating across thirteen Northeast Georgia counties since 2003, we've registered 20,000+ voters. We actively engage in local governance, attending city council, election board, and school board meetings.

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Strategic Goals:

1. Conduct direct-action voter registration and encourage civic engagement.
2. Empower workers to know their rights, develop bargaining skills, and build collective bargaining power.
3. Link living conditions to policies, fostering civic engagement for economic justice.

EJC remains a vibrant force in Athens-Clarke County, enhancing worker conditions, aiding low-income families, and bolstering voter engagement as we grow and evolve.

The Workers Center - AT THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION



The Workers Center, established in 2021, has made significant strides in advocating for worker rights and reclaiming over \$100,000 in withheld wages for immigrant workers. In collaboration with the Athens Clarke County government, we've initiated Community Benefit Agreements and supported four workers with legal claims. Our center serves as a vital hub for empowering non-unionized, low-wage workers, especially those from historically marginalized groups like Black, Latinx, and immigrant communities in Athens, Georgia, and surrounding areas.

Worker centers play a crucial role in fostering economic justice by offering education, organizing opportunities, leadership development, and advocacy.

Our efforts include partnering with local unions, lawyers, and organizations, connecting workers with resources, and championing policies for fair wages and improved working conditions. By addressing underlying issues contributing to financial hardships, we aim to create a more resilient community.

Membership at the Workers Center is open to all, regardless of their ability to pay dues. However, dues-paying members participate in decision-making processes, shaping the center's direction. Your recurring monthly contribution as a member empowers us to sustain long-term organizing efforts and create a more equitable future for workers in our community. Join us in building a stronger, more just workforce at the Workers Center.

Above and Beyond - AT THE ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION

Above & Beyond
Home Care Co-Op



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Above and Beyond Home Healthcare is dedicated to providing exemplary care for elderly residents requiring specialized attention. As a compassionate home healthcare service, we prioritize the well-being and comfort of our senior community members. Our team of skilled professionals is committed to going the extra mile in delivering personalized care tailored to each individual's unique needs.

We understand the significance of maintaining independence while receiving the necessary support, which is why we offer a range of services designed to assist elderly residents with

daily activities, medical needs, and emotional support. From medication management to companionship, our caregivers ensure a safe and nurturing environment, promoting both physical and mental well-being.

At Above and Beyond Home Healthcare, our mission extends beyond traditional caregiving; we strive to create a familial atmosphere where seniors feel valued, respected, and cared for. Through our dedication and unwavering commitment to excellence, we aim to enhance the quality of life for every elderly individual we serve, ensuring they receive the compassionate care they deserve in the comfort of their own homes.

Where to find EJC:



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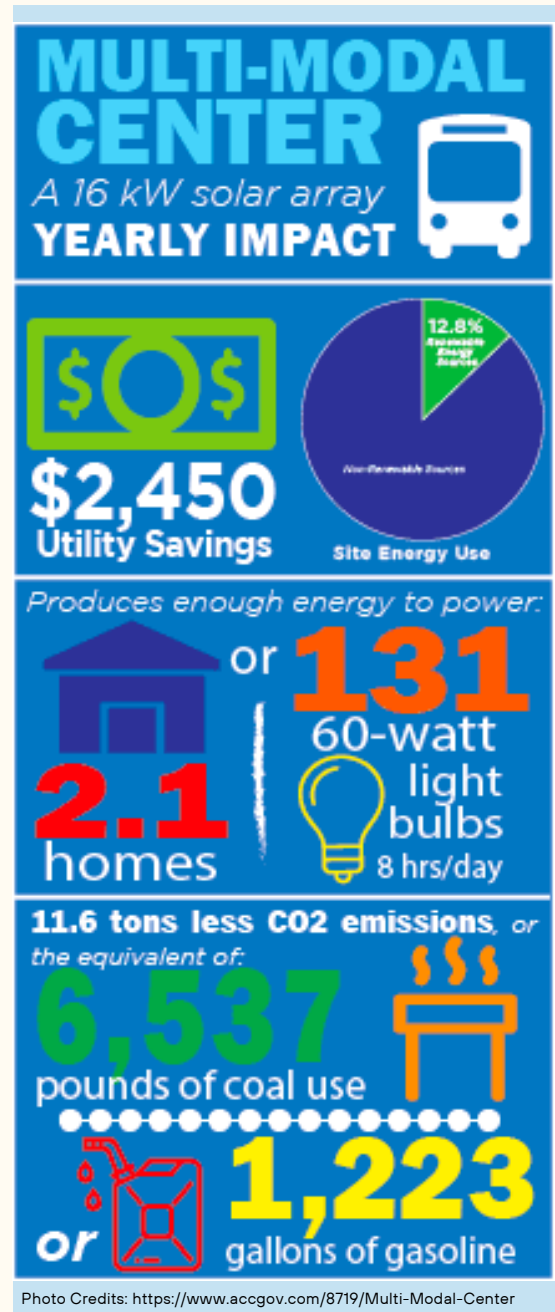
EJC has partnered with the Athens - Clark County Library to conduct voter registration!

Address: 2025 Baxter St, Athens, GA 30606

Sunday: 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Join the Workers Center every second Thursday for their Monthly Workers Meeting!



Beginning in January 2024, EJC will be conducting Voter Registration at the Multimodal Transportation Center. Please stay up to date on our Facebook for dates!

County Election Links:

Staying informed about local affairs is crucial! To streamline access to information, we've provided convenient buttons below, each linking directly to the Registration and Elections office for the 13 counties under our purview. These resources are at your fingertips for easy reference. If you require any guidance or support, don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to help and may be able to offer assistance tailored to your needs.

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Justice Fest 2023:

Justice Fest, a commemoration sponsored by the Economic Justice Coalition, Inc., serves as a platform to spotlight and raise awareness about the triumphs of our community endeavors. These include elevating minimum wages, securing essential health benefits, fostering the creation of sustainable, living-wage jobs, and encouraging active participation in civic initiatives.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the UU Church of Athens for their unwavering support of our annual fundraising campaign. A resounding thank you goes out to all who contributed to the orchestration of this exceptional event. Gratitude abounds for our generous sponsors and supporters whose invaluable contributions helped us achieve remarkable results. Through their support, we've successfully garnered essential funds to sustain our pivotal programs. These initiatives encompass critical aspects such as voter registration outreach, fostering engagement, and the continuous operation of the Above and Beyond Home Health Care Cooperative LLC.

We are immensely grateful for the collective efforts and generous contributions that enable us to persist in our mission, impacting lives and fostering positive change within our community.



A wrap on 2023:

This year, the dedicated EJC team has invested considerable effort in registering Georgia citizens across our 13 counties. Collectively, we've successfully registered over 1,100 voters in this calendar year alone. Our commitment extended beyond voter registration; we actively engaged in GOTV (Get Out To Vote) initiatives. A heartfelt salute goes to our exceptional coordinators and canvassers for their tireless dedication and unwavering commitment. Their hard work has been instrumental in advancing our mission and empowering our community through civic participation.



Some of the EJC Staff at The Voter Cook Out - Triangle Plaza (Athens, GA).



Miss. Cynthia Walker Greene County Coordinator and Miss. Linda Stephens Athens-Clarke County Resource Coordinator at the Athens-Clarke County Sheriff Fall Festival.



Miss. Spring Turner Athens-Clarke County Coordinator at the Booths on the Ground (Athens, GA).



Director Broderick Flanigan at Cedar Shoals High School presenting about voting, civic engagement, and work based learning programs.



Georgia Coalition for the Peoples Agenda staff meeting on November 13th in Macon Georgia at the Triangle Center. Our Executive director Broderick Flanigan is a regional coordinator for GCPA. At the meeting they discussed 2024 priorities related to civic engagement and voter outreach. We are fired up and ready to get people engaged in the new year!



Mr. Micheal Jackson and Miss. Helen Hayes conducting voter registration at the Athens-Clarke County Library.

Donations

Join us in making a meaningful difference in our community! Your support matters greatly to us at EJC. Every contribution, regardless of its size, holds the power to create positive change. Be a part of this transformative journey by donating today. Your generosity fuels our mission. Thank you for considering making a difference with us!



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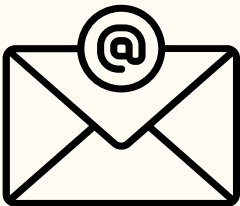
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