

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

President Biden established the first White House Office of Environmental Justice. The Office of Environmental Justice, which is housed within the White House Council on Environmental Quality, is tasked with coordinating federal agency efforts to address current and historic environmental injustices.

DR. JALONNE WHITE-NEWSOME SERVES AS THE FIRST CHIEF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE OFFICER

Appointed in May 2022, Dr. Jalonne L. White-Newsome serves as the first Federal Chief Environmental Justice Officer, where she advises the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality on environmental justice and leads the White House's first Office of Environmental Justice.



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President Biden's Investing in America agenda is delivering clean energy, accessible green spaces, clean air and water, and healthy environments. We want to hear your story!

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The Biden-Harris Administration's environmental justice agenda is helping communities restore, protect, and create healthy environments — wherever people live, play, work, learn, grow, and worship.

Ensuring that every person can breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live in a healthy environment is a matter of justice and a fundamental duty that the federal government must uphold on behalf of all people.

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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

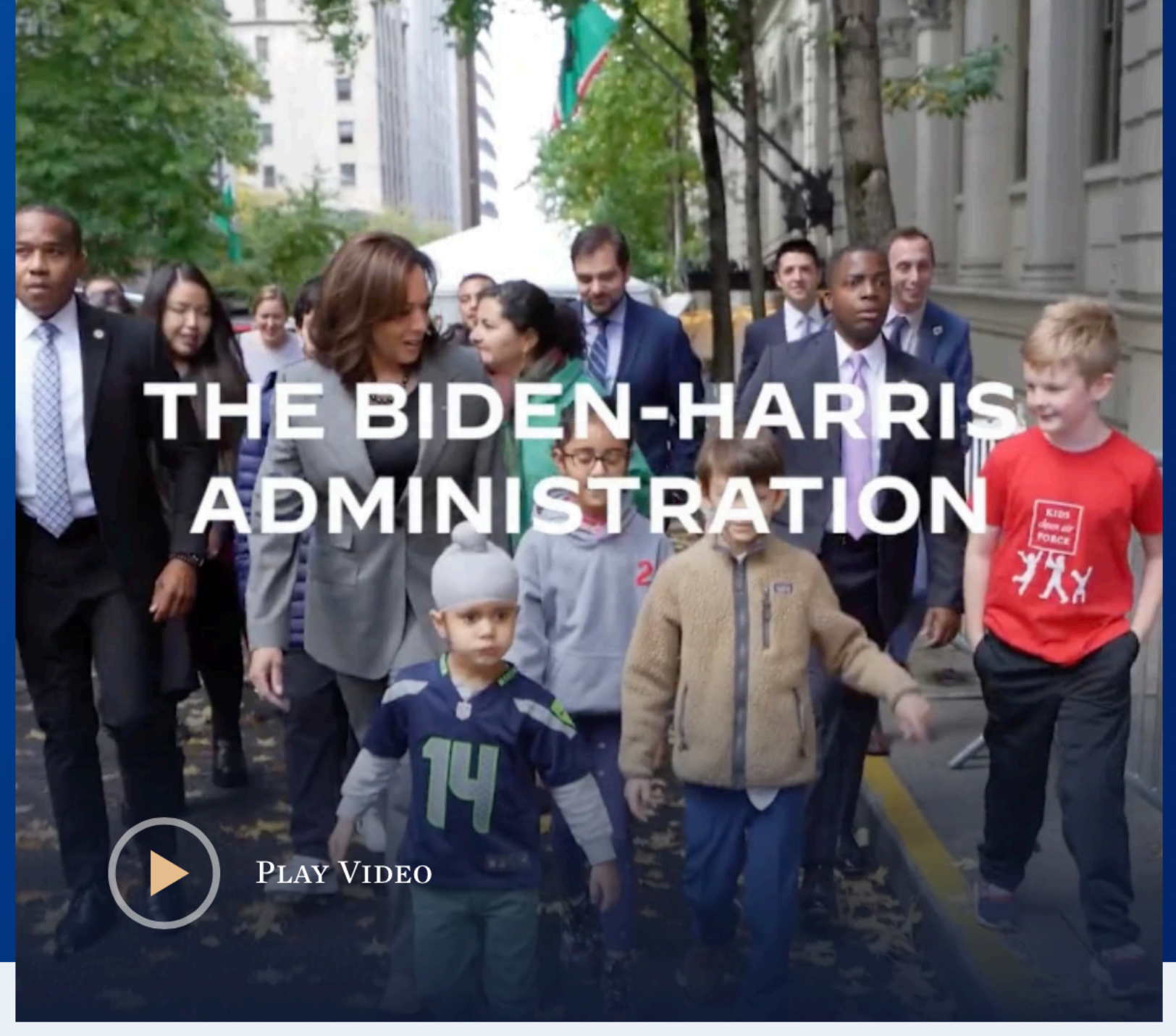
Through President Biden’s Investing in America agenda and programs that are part of the Justice40 Initiative, the Biden-Harris Administration is tackling climate change and delivering clean energy, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure to communities across the country.

IMPROVING AIR QUALITY

To help improve air quality, clean school buses are rolling in communities across the country and protecting children and communities from harmful fumes.

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[Find Justice40 Covered Programs](#)



IMPROVING ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

So every person has clean water, the Biden-Harris Administration is working with communities to replace every lead pipe in America within 10 years, and the EPA has set the first national standard to address PFAS in drinking water.

[Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan](#)

[Critical Action to Protect Communities from PFAS Pollution](#)



LEGACY POLLUTION CLEAN UP

To address longstanding legacy pollution, the Biden-Harris Administration is unleashing historic funding to clean up abandoned oil and gas wells, orphaned coal mines, and contaminated hazardous waste known as Superfund sites.

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[Legacy Pollution Clean Up](#)

ACCESS TO NATURE

With funding from the President’s Investing in America agenda, communities are planting trees to provide shade, help protect against extreme heat, and create more accessible green spaces in places where people live, work, and play.

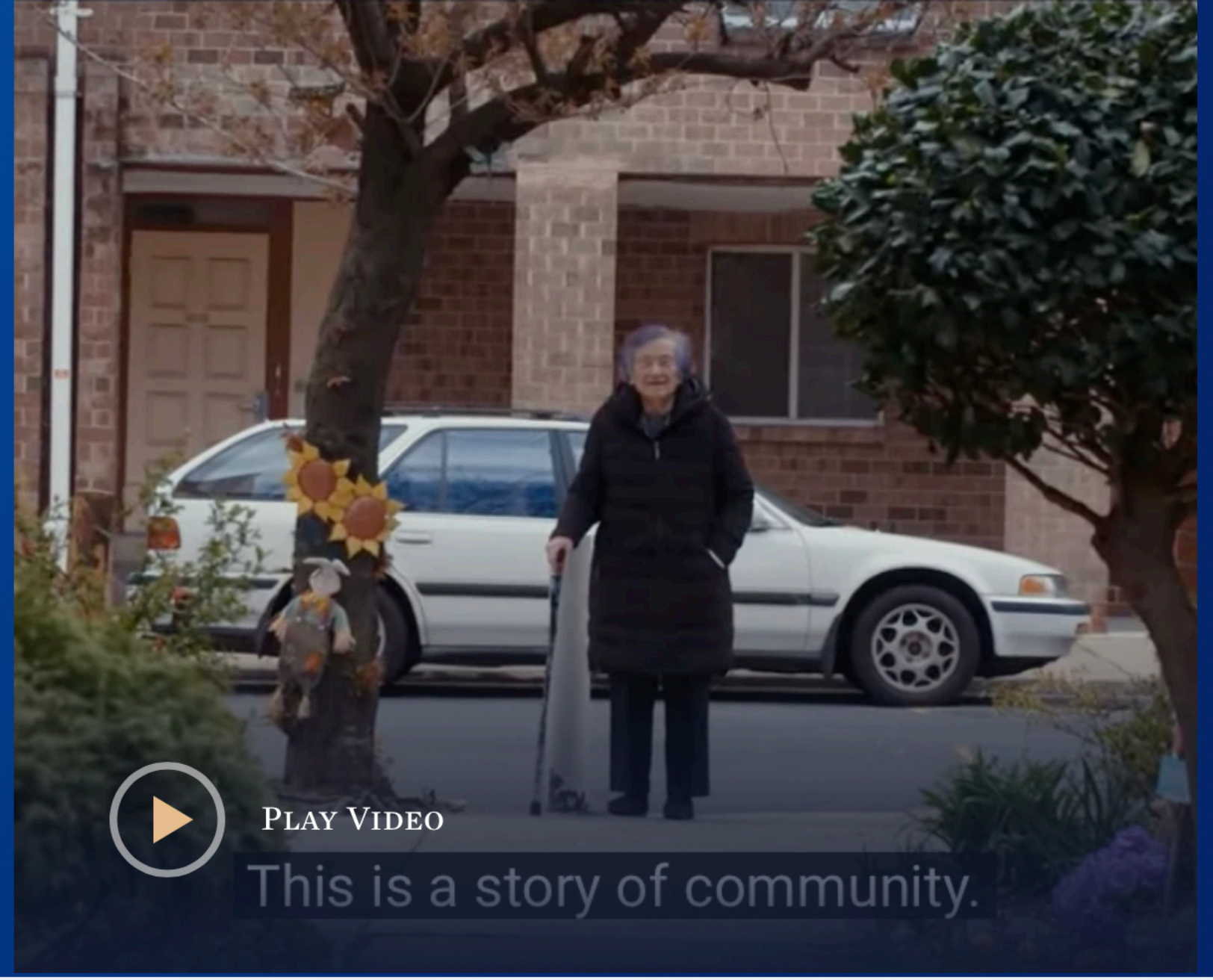
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RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Communities once divided by highways and other infrastructure - sometimes as a result of redlining and segregation - are being reconnected with opportunities, amenities, and natural spaces.

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SHARE YOUR STORY ABOUT WHAT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEANS TO YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

1. Fill out the form to introduce yourself.
2. **Record a video of what environmental justice means to you and your community.**

YOUR NAME*

EMAIL*

ZIP/POSTAL CODE*

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IT IS OKAY FOR SOMEONE TO CONTACT ME ABOUT THIS.*

Record My Video

All submissions will be reviewed before posting.

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