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Rev. E.D. Mondainé, president of the Portland NAACP, pastor of the Celebration Tabernacle in north Portland, and primary spokesman for a ballot measure this November that would require big businesses in Portland to apply a 1 percent surcharge on their sales to a Clean Energy Fund. The measure would fund environmental projects and provide job training and new business assistance for low income populations impacted by pollution.

## A Business Tax for Climate Justice

### Advocates say ballot measure supports communities of color

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It's high time big business does its part to support communities of color. And that means backing a proposed Clean Energy Fund to combat global warming and provide job training and help forming new businesses for the diverse and low-income populations impacted

by pollution and changes in the economy.

That's the message of Rev. E.D. Mondainé (pronounced MON-de-nay), president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP, pastor of the Celebration Tabernacle in north Portland, and primary spokesman for the Portland Just Energy Transition Initiative or

PDX04. Poised for placement on the ballot this November, the measure would require big businesses in Portland to apply a 1 percent surcharge on their sales in the city if the business has at least \$1 billion in annual revenue and at least \$500,000 of that revenue from within the city limits. Most

groceries and medicine would be exempt.

The Clean Energy Fund would be used to encourage and promote eco-friendly measures such as weatherproofing and solar installations, and to train low-income people to do the work and eventually open their own businesses and create even more green jobs.

"We plan to raise about \$30 million dollars (annually) which will help us do better weatherization, create jobs for energy efficiency, solar power, etc., and to make the heavy load of home utility bills a lot lighter," Mondainé said.

He said the revenue would off-

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