**Campaign for Working Families, 2017**

**Coalition for Social Justice**

**Raise Up Massachusetts Priorities**

1. **Paid Family and Medical Leave.** This legislation will establish paid leave and job protection for workers to recover from a serious illness or injury, to care for a seriously ill or injured family member, or to care for a newborn, newly adopted, or new foster child.
2. **Fair Share Tax On Millionaires.** People with incomes over $1 million would pay an additional 4% in their income taxes, with the new tax revenues dedicated to education and transportation. This would raise much-needed funds in a fair way to address critical needs in our public schools, public colleges, mass transit and roads and bridges.
3. **Fight for 15.** This legislation would build on the successful Raise-Up Massachusetts campaign that increased the Mass. minimum wage to $11/hour. It would establish a $15 minimum wage for workers in Massachusetts, to be phased in over 4 years, and increase the sub-minimum wage for tipped workers, currently at $3.75/hr. to 60% of the regular minimum wage.

**Jobs Not Jails.** This campaign addresses the issue of racially discriminatory mass incarceration. It would eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, reclassify certain drug possession offenses and petty larceny as misdemeanors rather than felonies, eliminate probation, parole and other court fees that trap defendants in poverty, improve CORI laws to remove barriers to employment for ex-offenders, and increase funding for job placement, job training and education programs for prisoners, ex-prisoners and court-involved youth.

**Green Justice.** This campaign is aimed at stopping new fossil fuel development while increasing access to clean energy. While CSJ continues holding big utility corporations accountable to ratepayers, we are prioritizing the need for opportunities for renewable energy developers and local communities to invest in clear energy together. CSJ is working to increase access to affordable solar energy for working class communities. Because these advancements are rooted in securing environmental justice, we are working to ensure our environmental policies reflect our values of racial, economic, and social justice.

**Strengthening the Welfare Safety Net:** Eliminate the “family cap” that forces many single mother families into homelessness. We also want to increase food security by screening families and individuals who receive Medicaid for Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility. And reject the Governor’s proposal to cut off families’ TAFDC where a parent or child has a severe disability. The Governor’s budget proposes slashing TAFDC benefits for families where a parent or child is so severely disabled that they receive federal SSI benefits.

**Build Indivisible Southeast Mass – Fight Back Against the Trump Agenda.** CSJ is expanding its agenda to include fight back against the Trump agenda. We are participating in the unprecedented and exciting upsurge of protest that that has greeted initial attempts to implement the Trump agenda. This involves taking up issues such as immigration and the repeal of Obamacare. So far we have coordinated a campaign to prevent Sheriff Hodgson from collaborating with ICE (federal immigration authorities) on its deportation policy and organized phone banking to stop Republican attacks on Obamacare and Medicaid.