

# Seize the Future

## A BOLD, PROGRESSIVE CLIMATE AGENDA FOR 2024 AND BEYOND

The polycrisis is wreaking economic insecurity, mass death and genocide, climate disasters, and other kinds of instability on working people worldwide. Winning durable change requires a policy platform that tackles the root causes of the existential challenges of our moment. Neoliberalism has failed the working class by providing stopgap measures to the interlocking problems of economic inequality, never ending war, racism, and environmental degradation. To transcend these accelerating crises, we need bold solutions that address the underlying drivers of chaos in working people's lives and of climate breakdown.

**Progressive movements, labor unions, and allied politicians must put forward climate policies that link kitchen table issues to political economic crises and the compounding climate emergency. We see four crucial issues for progressives to organize around in the lead-up to November and beyond.**

A comprehensive, justice-oriented climate agenda is the clear pathway not only to rapid decarbonization, but also improving the lives of working people and solving these political-economic crises. It's time to seize the opportunity for change that delivers a greener, fairer future for all.

### Cost of Living

Reducing the costs of everything from housing to public services is more important than ever as we navigate the impacts of the climate crisis and transition to a greener economy.

- Lower housing costs by capping rents, increase affordable supply with focus on green social housing
- Tackle costs by raising wages across care sector, creating jobs and cutting pollution with green investments in schools and health care facilities
- Cut costs of essential services like public transit and utilities

### Good Jobs & Infrastructure

Zero-emissions energy, transportation, and buildings are all feasible—we must build them at speed and scale, with strong public institutions and planning, to manage the transition to a decarbonized future.

- Build the green working class by transitioning workers to good jobs and protecting labor
- Construct robust, fair supply chains that build worker power at home and abroad
- Empower the public sector to coordinate a clean energy agenda that rapidly deploys renewables and ends fossil fuel dependency

### Ending Forever Wars

The US should pivot foreign policy away from funding militarization to focus on peace and resource provision to climate-vulnerable communities.

- End the genocide in Gaza by imposing an arms embargo on Israel and use diplomatic tools to avert further regional escalation
- Support climate-safe economic development and cancel debt in the Global South to counteract “race to the bottom” globalization
- Divest from the military and contribute to decarbonization by scaling back military operations and starting a global military superfund

### Disaster Prevention & Migrant Safety

Extreme weather and climate disasters are destroying infrastructure and displacing communities—we must adopt equitable mitigation policies for people in the US and abroad.

- Overhaul the home insurance system and invest in restoration and adaptation priorities for at-risk communities
- Demilitarize disaster response by funding equitable responses to disaster that increases community resilience
- Enable humane migration policy by funding Global South efforts to contend with climate-based causes of migration and championing pathways to legal status.