



Colorado People's Climate Justice Platform

V I S I O N

The people of Colorado want a state powered entirely by renewable energy, woven together by accessible public transit, in which the jobs and opportunities of this transition are designed to systematically eliminate economic, racial and gender inequality.

We know that the time for this great transition is short. We are living in a country, and on a planet, already in crisis. Climate scientists have told us that this is the decade to take decisive action to prevent catastrophic global warming, which would require maintaining the temperature rise to 1.5-2 C degree above pre-industrial times. The time for energy democracy has come: we believe not only in changes to our energy sources, but that wherever possible communities should collectively control these new renewable energy systems.

The undersigned represent a broad swath of the Colorado active electorate. We call on Colorado candidates to endorse the following *Colorado Climate Justice Platform*. See www.PeoplesPlatform.info for endorsing organizations, elected officials and candidates.

E N E R G Y

- Support the rapid transition off fossil fuels, recognizing the harm to public health, safety and the global climate
- Support a rapid transition to 100% Renewable Energy by 2035 or sooner
- End fossil fuel subsidies and ban new fossil fuel exploration, extraction, and infrastructure projects
- Protect our communities' health and safety from fracking operations by establishing buffer zones of 2,500 feet between new oil and gas operations and occupied buildings and other areas of special concern, such as homes, schools, water sources and playgrounds, and by supporting local control on oil and gas development that is more protective than current state law, including bans and moratoria.
- Avoid false solutions and ineffective market-based schemes
- Support transition to community-based decentralized renewable energy resources, including net metering, shared renewables or virtual net metering, feed-in tariff programs and consumer control of energy usage
- Support demand reduction and energy efficiency programs
- Prioritize clean, renewable energy development and community resilience programs in low-income communities and communities of color that have historically borne the brunt of industrial pollution, power plant pollution, transportation pollution, and all forms of toxic contamination

A G R I C U L T U R E

Promote programs and incentives to shift from a globalized industrial food system that contributes significantly to the climate crisis to a more localized, organically-grown and resilient food system that can help build and sequester carbon in soils and reduce fossil fuel dependence

F I N A N C E

Develop vehicles for public financing of a Just Transition

- Generate municipal bonds and climate/green energy bonds
- Divest public pension funds and local and state government funds from fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure
- Move public funds from financial institutions that provide loans to fossil fuel companies and infrastructure
- Advocate for public banking in Colorado

L A B O R

- Promote family-sustaining, regenerative, healthy, safe, and local clean energy jobs
- Develop pathway out of poverty job programs that build skills and wealth
- Develop retraining and transitional support for employees currently in the fossil fuel energy sector
- Provide legal and technical assistance and capacity support for community cooperatives

G O V E R N A N C E

- Pledge not to take money from the fossil fuel industry
- Support overturning *Citizens United*
- Replace the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) with one or more state entities whose mission is to protect public health and safety from oil and gas development and to promote renewable energy development

R E S E A R C H & D E V E L O P M E N T

Increase funding for research on climate change, safe methods to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere, improved renewable energy power storage, and agricultural techniques that maximize resilience.

E D U C A T I O N

- Ensure young people have education opportunities that teach the realities of climate change, and the need for action by individuals, communities and government
- Take an active stand against misinformation efforts aimed at confusing teachers and young people about the causes, consequences and solutions to climate change
- Support schools to prioritize climate and energy education, especially schools with populations most at risk from climate change and the extraction and burning of fossil fuels
- Make space for young people as key stakeholders at public events including candidate debates and town halls

CANDIDATE/ELECTED OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT :

Name (printed): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____ **Office you represent/are running for:** _____