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RE: CIS in SUPPORT of CF 19-0156 - Green New Deal For Los Angeles

Humankind has reached a moment of existential crisis. Human activity is causing disastrous climate disruption and Earth's sixth mass extinction event, triggering critical losses of biodiversity. We are already locked in for global warming that will have catastrophic effects, and we are on a slippery path to our own extinction. The 2018 [Special Report](#) from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warns unequivocally that "without societal transformation and rapid implementation of ambitious greenhouse gas reduction measures, pathways to limiting warming to 1.5°C and achieving sustainable development will be exceedingly difficult, if not impossible, to achieve."

Yet, the crisis we face exceeds ecological breakdown. Deepening inequality, suppressed democracy, precarious jobs, racial and gendered violence, border hostility, and endless wars make up the terrain on which climate destabilization will be unleashed. The most vulnerable members of society will be hit hardest, first, and suffer most.

We must solve the climate crisis and the inequality crisis together. Climate remedies in the context of austerity will produce a popular backlash, as we see in the yellow vest protests against a fuel tax. Corporations profiting from fossil fuel extraction have long worked to undermine the truth about climate change while claiming that clean energy would be a job killer. But working class and poor people's quality of life, gravely threatened by climate disruption, would greatly improve in a just transition.

The urgency and scale of the crisis we face demand solutions that meet the magnitude of this moment. The ineffectual gradualism demonstrated by the U.S. government's climate response has proven to be a dead-end for humanity. We need rapid, systemic transformation that heals the stratification of wealth and power while putting decarbonization and justice at the forefront.

Los Angeles, and indeed the United States, needs a Green New Deal. We demand a Green New Deal, and we demand that it serve people and planet. Future generations are entitled to a beautiful habitat with a vibrant natural world that can sustain a good life for all people. Creating a fully ecological society will require a transformation based on cooperation, equity, and justice. A Green New Deal must serve as a bridge toward this future. To that end, we support the recommendations from the LA City Council Energy,

Climate Change and Environmental Justice Committee Report, relative to the development of a plan for a Green New Deal for Los Angeles while recognizing that it is a conversation starter—not a complete and adequate blueprint. Similar proposals are facing fierce opposition from the fossil fuel industry, but the opportunity to campaign for a radical and effective Green New Deal remains in the public's hands.

Because of this, we support the following guiding principles for a Green New Deal:

1.) Decarbonize the economy fully by 2030. We need to set a more ambitious timeframe than the IPCC 1.5°C pathways suggest because of the United States' historical responsibility for carbon pollution, because highly industrialized societies have the greatest capacity to rapidly reduce emissions and afford the shift from endless fossil-fueled growth to regenerative systems, and because faster decarbonization will give us the greatest chance of avoiding more catastrophic climate tipping points. We must mobilize all carbon-intensive sectors of the economy to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions at the source, and to scale up processes that safely and naturally draw down and remove excess carbon from the atmosphere—not as “offsets” to allow for ongoing emissions, but to restore a safe climate for all.

2.) Democratize control over major energy systems and resources. Bring fossil-dependent industries under public control so that they can be scaled back or transformed to fossil-free processes. Establish public control of utilities and the electric grid, and support energy cooperatives and community solar and wind projects for democratic control of the shift to 100% renewable energy. Shift from monoculture and factory farms to diversified agroecology. Expand municipal and state public banks, finance community land trusts, and end water privatization. Reinvest in and expand parks, urban canopy, and wildlife preserves to enable natural carbon capture; and preserve public lands for future generations. Encourage replacement of individually-owned vehicles and short-haul air travel with expanded regional and high-speed electric rail, free public transit, shared vehicles, bicycles and other non-fossil-fuel modes of transportation in ways that benefit disadvantaged communities..

3.) Center the working class in a just transition to an economy of societal and ecological care. Guarantee a job with union wages and benefits to everyone who wants one by creating public sector jobs and funding massive direct investments to build decarbonized infrastructure in critical sectors like renewable energy, regenerative agriculture, soil and ecosystem restoration, environmental impact mitigation, and climate adaptation while also expanding support for low-carbon care sectors like healthcare, education, and domestic work. Empower workers with stronger labor protections and rights to collectively organize. Promote worker-owned and worker-controlled cooperatives and enterprises at all levels of the economy. Ensure workers' democratic control over the use of technological innovation and automation at work. Reduce the work week and guarantee substantial, paid parental leave and vacation time for all workers.

4.) Reinvent our communities to serve people and planet, not profit. Facilitate the creation of neighborhood transition councils as hubs of distribution, education, participatory planning, and democratic decision-making. Prioritize funding for projects that build community health and wealth, beginning with working class, racialized, and Indigenous communities that are on the frontlines of the climate crisis and collective struggles for environmental justice. Fund targeted cleanup efforts to address environmental injustices and meet a demand of clean air, water, and soil for all. Help communities plan resilience and prepare for climate shocks, material shortages, and other consequences of pushing past planetary boundaries.

5.) Redistribute resources from the worst polluters with just and progressive taxes on polluting industries.

If the City of Los Angeles is serious about being a world leader on the issue of Climate Change and taking the bold steps necessary to make a meaningful impact in addressing the existential threat it poses, these principles are a solid foundation upon which to build future policy and City Council should adopt them forthwith.