

THE GREEN NEW DEAL

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What is a Green New Deal?

A Green New Deal is a big, bold transformation of the economy to tackle the twin crises of inequality and climate change. It would mobilize vast public resources to help us transition from an economy built on exploitation and fossil fuels to one driven by dignified work and clean energy.

What would a Green New Deal achieve?

▶ MILLIONS OF FAMILY-SUSTAINING JOBS

Whether replacing lead pipes, weatherizing homes, expanding rail-ways, or manufacturing wind turbines, millions of workers will lead the transition to a new economy. The jobs created must be high-road, union jobs: with family-sustaining wages and benefits, safe working conditions, and training and advancement opportunities.

▶ CLIMATE SANITY

A Green New Deal would help us swiftly transition to a clean energy economy. By investing in smart grids for renewable energy distribu-tion, encouraging energy-efficient manufacturing, and expanding low-emissions public transit, a Green New Deal would significantly reduce climate pollution.

▶ CLEAN AIR AND WATER

A Green New Deal would replace lead pipes, clean up hazardous waste sites, and reduce toxic air and water pollution from oil, gas, and coal. Those benefiting the most would be the communities of color and low-income families who today endure disproportionate exposure to toxins. *[over]*

▶ LOWER COSTS

A Green New Deal would help working class families slash their energy bills and reduce their transit costs by offering more ener-gy-efficient homes, access to affordable wind and solar power, and more reliable options for affordable public transportation.

▶ COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Communities need greater resources to ensure safety and growth amid rising climate risks. A Green New Deal would help climate-exposed communities build bridges that can withstand floods, restore wetlands that buffer hurricanes, and shield coastlines from sea level rise.

▶ GREATER RACIAL AND ECONOMIC EQUITY

The disproportionate benefits of a Green New Deal would go to the working-class families and communities of color that have endured disproportionate economic and environmental hazards for decades. A Green New Deal must counteract systemic racism and economic exploitation by giving hard-hit communities priority access to new job opportunities, cost savings, pollution cleanup projects, and climate resilience initiatives.

***Ask Speaker Pelosi to support the green new deal:
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