

Climate Action Philly - 2020 focus

Some of our broad goals are:

- Create jobs in building a clean energy future, see the [Clean Jobs PA](#) report
- No new fossil fuel projects, like [NYC's recent announcement](#)
- Equitable transition to clean energy
- Ensure transparency and public input, especially the Philadelphia Gas Commission and the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corp

Our seven immediate areas of focus are:

1. **No new fossil fuel projects** that result in increased healthcare costs and add fuel to climate crisis. We need to ensure that the refinery site is used in environmentally sound ways, and not for fossil fuel processing or transporting.
2. **Equitable transition** - We ground every aspect of this work in equity, recognizing that low-income communities – which are often disproportionately Black, Brown, Indigenous and immigrant – are most vulnerable to the effects of environmental degradation and pollution.
 - 2.1. **Impose a moratorium on utility shut-offs** and restore service for households that have already been shut off (with no reconnection fees). People are already dying because of shutoffs. With more extreme weather happening all the time, folks need reliable access to heat, air conditioning and water more than ever.
 - 2.2. **Ensure affordable access to renewable energy for all.** The cost of converting to renewables must be offset by the electricity companies with no increase to ratepayers. Lower the rates for those at 300% of poverty or below such that no one is paying more than 6% of income on utilities, as per Federal standards for household budgets. Apply the same policies for those above 300% of poverty who can demonstrate financial hardship
 - 2.3. **Ensure a just transition for workers** in the energy sector and other affected industries. Provide job training and placement at no loss to workers. Protect workers' benefits.
 - 2.4. **Hold big polluters accountable** for cleanup of the land and air; for remediation with community members affected by pollution; and for back taxes, fines and violations.
3. **All candidates and elected representatives sign the [No Fossil Fuel Money](#) pledge.**
4. **Create a Climate Policy Advisory Council (CPAC)** bringing to the table community, environmental, and social justice organizations to work with Council and Administration, Office of Sustainability & the Philadelphia Energy Authority.
5. **Electrify Everything, Transition off Gas, Create Green Collar Jobs**
 - 5.1. Transition to renewable energy (starting with energy efficiency) in all buildings in an equitable way that creates jobs with competitive salaries, across the income and education spectrum, for local residents.

- 5.2. Use less energy -- create jobs in energy efficiency -- examples are insulation & draft sealing, window replacement
- 5.3. New construction, including gut rehabs must be [net zero energy](#) construction, using no fossil fuel energy during the building's operation -- notably, no gas hookups. See [Cities are starting to ban gas in buildings](#).
- 5.4. When it's time to replace oil & gas systems, replace with electric systems -- in schools, public buildings, and private homes and businesses.
- 5.5. Plan for PGW transition, address retraining employees, given need for increased demand for retrofits.
- 5.6. Energy Use Disclosure at Time of Sale by residential and commercial building owners.
- 5.7. Require oil & gas systems to be replaced with electric systems at time of sale, wrapped into mortgage - homeowners and renters must be supported... to accelerate carbon savings - Tax abatement to assist low income homeowners transition to electric systems
- 5.8. If needed, use tax abatement solely for climate solutions, so that a 100% tax reduction for 10 years is allowed only for net zero energy buildings.
6. **Green spaces, Decarbonization & more Green Collar Jobs** -- Expand investment in green spaces, parks, urban ag, eco system restoration -- large scale native shade tree planting, eco-remediation of refinery site, encourage urban ag & local food production with harvesting as a job program
7. **Transportation**
 - 7.1. Electrify City fleet of 6000 vehicles
 - 7.2. Improve transit per [Transit Fwd Philly Coalition](#)
 - 7.3. Anti-idling regulations and campaigns, like NYC, with citizen enforcement
 - 7.4. Congestion fee
 - 7.5. Require electric vehicle charging stations at each parking lot
 - 7.6. Incentivize solar farms on parking lots

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