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Following IPCC Climate Report, Berkeley Activists Slam Governor Newsom's Wildfire Photo Op *Group behind Berkeley vegan transition bill says Newsom's inaction on environmental impact of animal agriculture is unacceptable*



DxE activists outside Berkeley City Hall last month (Credit: Direct Action Everywhere)

AUGUST 9, 2021, BERKELEY, CA - The Berkeley-based grassroots animal rights network [Direct Action Everywhere \(DxE\)](https://www.directactioneverywhere.com/) has just issued a scathing statement in response to today's dire

[IPCC report](#) on the burgeoning threat of global climate change. The group -- which led the campaign which culminated in [last month's resolution](#) for the city of Berkeley to transition its food purchases to 100% plant-based -- took issue with what they call California Governor Gavin Newsom's [hollow words and action regarding](#) climate change.

Almira Tanner, who was elected and has served as the network's Lead Organizer since 2019, issued the following statement.

In this moment -- with the IPCC's dire warning, and as the [largest single blaze](#) in California history rages -- it's unacceptable that a Governor and a state touting bold progressive leadership would blatantly ignore the catastrophic impact of animal agriculture.

Governor Newsom talks the talk: yesterday, surrounded by the charred remains of homes, he posed in front of a team of cameras and stridently proclaimed, 'We need to acknowledge straight up that these are climate-induced wildfires.'

Yet in the state with a larger animal agricultural footprint than any other, Newsom shockingly refuses to even acknowledge what the UN called "[the world's most urgent problem](#)." Animal ag is a leading cause of greenhouse gas emissions, and we can and we must act now.

We're calling on Governor Newsom to immediately [issue an executive order](#) establishing a moratorium prohibiting the construction of more factory farms and slaughterhouses statewide. It's only a necessary first step -- the least that can be done to acknowledge and combat this dire threat while we still have time.

DxE has launched a website in support of its "[No More Factory Farms](#)" campaign. It held a [demonstration](#) in San Francisco over the weekend to raise awareness of the campaign and related issues.

Investigators with [Direct Action Everywhere \(DxE\)](#) enter farms, slaughterhouses, and other agricultural facilities to document abuses, and to rescue sick and injured animals. DxE's investigatory work has been featured in [The New York Times](#), [ABC Nightline](#), and a [mass pig killing Glenn Greenwald exposé](#). DxE activists have been [subjected to FBI raids](#) and [felony prosecutions](#) for their investigative work. The group also led the 2019 grassroots effort to [ban fur products in California](#) and the 2021 effort to transition Berkeley city purchases to [100% plant based foods](#). Visit DxE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and at [directactioneverywhere.com](#).

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