



# SUNRISE MOVEMENT

**Our movement is calling on Joe Biden to declare a climate emergency and confront the climate crisis with green union jobs that invest in our communities, ending the fossil fuel era, and preparing for climate disasters.**

**Green Union Jobs:** Corporations are raking in record profits while we struggle to pay the bills. Fossil fuel executives are bringing in record paychecks, while our homes burn and flood. The President needs to lead an all-out, Green New Deal-style mobilization of the government to make sure everyone has a good paying job, a safe home, and a livable future. That means creating tens of thousands of green union jobs to build the renewable energy economy.

- **Unleash the full power of the Defense Production Act** to direct American manufacturers to build renewable energy and clean transportation technologies needed to decarbonize at the scale and speed that science demands. Guarantee that manufacturing invests in jobs and clean energy products in frontline communities and offers good paying union jobs to the workers powering the transition to renewable energy.
- **Ensure the American Climate Corps** is fully-funded and is a model for what Green New Deal jobs should be:
  - American Climate Corps members should be provided a life-sustaining wage, plus healthcare, childcare, and educational benefits that would help Corps members and their families thrive.
  - Corps members should receive technical and vocational training during their service, including through pre-apprenticeships in partnership with local union chapters, to open pathways to stable careers.
  - Advance the Justice40 initiative by directing 40% of American Climate Corps resources to communities on the frontlines of the fossil fuel economy and climate change.

**End the Fossil Fuel Era:** Our country is burning on the west coast, flooding on the east coast, and baking in the south. Millions of lives are under threat. But politicians are trying to have it both ways -- they tell young people they are taking climate change seriously while they let the fossil fuel industry run wild and build new oil wells and pipelines. Despite some progress, the simple fact is that the US is producing more fossil fuels than ever before.

- **Halt new fossil fuel development by:**
  - Reject federal approvals for new fossil fuel projects. New fossil fuel infrastructure and export approvals are no longer compatible with a stable climate. Every new oil, gas and coal project thus fails to pass the national and public interest tests required by existing laws like the Natural Gas Act, Deepwater Port Act, and the Clean Water Act, and they should be rejected.
  - Phase out oil and gas production on federal public lands and oceans as quickly as possible while protecting workers and communities.
  - Use emergency powers to reinstate the crude oil export ban and end all exports of fossil fuels to the extent possible under current law
  - Commit to use emergency powers to halt the hundreds of billions of dollars that fund coal, oil, and gas projects abroad

- **Direct the Department of Justice to investigate and prosecute fossil fuel companies** and other polluters for their role in creating the climate crisis and misleading the public about the role fossil fuels play in the climate crisis.

**Prepare for Climate Disasters:** The climate crisis is making storms stronger, fires more frequent and heat waves more intense. Death tolls are rising and Black, brown, and working class communities are being hit the hardest. The government is fighting climate-fueled disasters with hundred year-old tools designed for a different climate. The President must overhaul the government's preparation and response to disasters, ensure everyone has a safe, healthy home to weather the climate crisis, and redirect the military to make this work happen.

- **Overhaul the federal government's disaster preparation and response policies to use the full force of the federal government while investing in equity.**
  - Direct the Department of Labor and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to overhaul workplace safety laws to protect workers from extreme heat, rain, and wildfires.
  - Declare the effects of climate change to be a major disaster to open up funds through the Stafford Act to fund pre-disaster resilience, like building resilient renewable electricity grids and repairing broken infrastructure.
  - Reform the Federal Emergency Management Agency's approval processes for aid to make sure that all applicants are treated equitably. In particular, they must classify extreme heat and wildfire smoke as a 'major disaster' and end the extensively-documented racial disparities in assistance. Mandate that disaster relief funding builds communities back fossil-free and prohibit funds from re-entrenching fossil fuel energy systems.
  - Use the Public Health Services Act to provide free healthcare to people affected by climate disasters and ensure equitable access to care post-disaster.
  - Use the Defense Production Act to prevent price gouging during disasters, including prohibiting utility rate hikes.
- **Confront the growing housing crisis.** Revamping our approach to housing after disasters and making sure that all people have safe, healthy homes to live in and weather the climate crisis.
  - Issue eviction moratoriums and utility shut off bans in the wake of climate disasters under the Public Health Services Act's provisions to stop the spread of communicable diseases.
  - Use the Individuals and Households Program to provide housing waivers and build new affordable housing.
  - Activate the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resources to help move people experiencing homelessness into permanent, affordable homes.
  - Updating [building codes](#) in line with International Code Council standards to ensure buildings are energy efficient and resilient, saving renters and homeowners alike.
- **Direct the US military and reserves to prepare climate vulnerable communities for disaster and build renewable energy.**
  - Ordering members of the Ready Reserve to active duty to prepare climate vulnerable communities for disaster and build renewable energy by building community resilience hubs and deploying homes with energy efficiency technologies and distributed energy resources like rooftop solar, storage, and microgrids.
  - Use the Military Construction Codification Act to direct the United States Military to build a stronger climate resilient electrical grid throughout the country.