

# LCV PRIORITIES FOR THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION

Immediate priorities to combat the climate crisis and fight for climate justice:

## IMMEDIATE ACTION

- Rejoin the Paris climate agreement
- Freeze and undo Trump's rollbacks of environmental protections
- Ensure everyone has access to the critical public services utilities provide by instating shutoff moratoria, service reconnections, and funding for low-income households during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Halt drilling, mining, and logging that threatens vulnerable public lands like the Arctic Refuge
- Stop the dirty and dangerous Keystone XL and Dakota Access pipelines
- Honor California's authority to set more stringent clean vehicle standards
- Halt construction of Trump's racist border wall
- Reinstate DACA protections for Dreamers
- Announce commitment to protect 30% of our lands and waters by 2030

## FIRST 100 DAYS

- **Launch an ambitious all-of-government, science-based climate action plan that centers environmental justice and workers**
  - Set ambitious emissions goals, including 100% clean electricity and zero-emission new vehicles by 2035, zero-emission trucks by 2040, all school buses being zero-emission, and carbon neutral new buildings by 2030
  - Mandate pollution reduction in environmental justice communities
  - Boost research and development funding for clean energy innovation and re-orient federal programs to tackle climate challenges
  - Support and accelerate local climate action in partnership with states, local governments and Tribal governments
  - Restore international leadership and increase global ambition of climate commitments
  - Grow high quality union jobs in domestic clean energy infrastructure and manufacturing and make the federal government a leader in the clean economy through procurement, public purchasing, and Buy Clean standards
- **Center environmental justice in all administration actions**
  - Modernize and strengthen Executive Order 12898, which, with meaningful input from environmental justice leaders and communities, could better achieve its goal of prioritizing environmental justice
  - Tighten EPA and DOJ enforcement of polluters harming frontline communities
  - Enact health-based pollution standards that address the cumulative impacts of air and water pollution caused by the fossil fuel and chemicals industries
- **Protect clean water**
  - Repeal the Dirty Water Rule and other rollbacks to the Clean Water Act
  - Regulate cancer-causing PFAS chemicals
  - Review and revise the Lead and Copper Rule to protect children from toxic lead in drinking water

- **Make our public lands and waters part of the climate solution and make access to them more equitable**
  - Develop a plan to protect 30% of our lands and waters by 2030
  - Issue a moratorium on new fossil fuel leasing on federal lands and waters and develop a plan to reach net zero emissions on them by 2030
  - Launch a Nature For All initiative to better ensure all communities have access to America's majestic public lands
  - Reestablish the climate test for fossil fuel infrastructure

## LCV POLICY PRIORITIES: 117TH CONGRESS

Justice and equity must be embedded into all policies advanced by Congress to ensure that workers and communities most impacted benefit from this opportunity to rebuild and reshape a more fair, just, and healthy economy and society.

- **Confirm Biden-Harris administration nominees who will lead an all-of-government response to the climate crisis**
- **Pass the For the People Act (H.R. 1), John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (H.R. 4), and the Washington, DC Admission Act (H.R. 51) to strengthen our democratic processes and institutions**
- **Pass at least a \$2 trillion economic recovery package that will rebuild a more just, equitable, and healthy society and create millions of family-sustaining union jobs by: reducing pollution, remediating contamination, advancing clean energy, electrifying transportation, investing in safe and affordable transit, retrofitting buildings, updating water infrastructure, boosting natural climate solutions, accelerating research and innovation, supporting clean manufacturing, building sustainable affordable housing and ensuring 40% of investments' benefits flow to environmental justice communities with inclusive and community-led policy development processes**
- **Extend and expand the existing tax incentives for clean energy, storage and transportation, and energy efficiency to transition to 100% clean electricity by 2035**
- **Bolster funding for and oversight of enforcement through EPA and DOJ to hold polluters accountable to ensure they clean up all their pollution—climate, air, water, and soil—that is jeopardizing public health and the environment**
- **Leverage surface transportation reauthorization to advance climate goals, transit investment, and smart-growth policies**
- **Designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances and direct the EPA to assess all other PFAS, place moratorium on new PFAS, restrict industrial releases of PFAS, and set a protective drinking water standard**
- **Restore and expand authorizations and appropriations for addressing cumulative health impacts from multiple pollutants, clean air science, and regulatory, monitoring, communications, and enforcement programs**
- **Establish mandatory requirements to reduce agricultural runoff that causes harmful algal blooms**
- **Enact policies and protect places that make access to nature more equitable, particularly for communities of color, low-income communities, and Indigenous communities**
- **Enact legislation permanently protecting the sacred and pristine Arctic Refuge from drilling**
- **Encourage afforestation, reforestation, blue carbon ecosystems, and responsible renewable energy development on public lands and waters**
- **Confirm a diverse slate of Biden-Harris judicial nominees who respect science and will seek the fair application of justice**