




# GREEN NEW DEAL RUBRIC FOR 2020 CANDIDATE CLIMATE PLANS

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 Plan addresses component with federal policies and actions.  
 Plan acknowledges component but lacks clear policies or actions.  
 Plan does not include component.

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<b>Low Carbon Economy</b>	<b>ELECTRICITY SOURCES &amp; EMISSIONS</b> Eliminating emissions from the power sector in the 10-15 year time frame	○	○	●	○	●	●	○	●	●	○	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	●	
	<b>ENERGY SECTOR SOURCES &amp; EMISSIONS</b> Eliminating emissions from the full energy sector in the next 20-30 years	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	◐	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	
	<b>ECONOMY-WIDE EMISSIONS TARGET</b> Eliminating emissions from the full economy in the next 30 years, including land use, industry, and waste	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	
	<b>NON-RENEWABLE CLEAN ENERGY SOURCES</b> The development and use of nuclear, hydrogen, and carbon capture energy technologies	○	●	●	○	●	◐	●	○	◐	○	◐	●	○	○	○	●	●	◐	○	●
	<b>CARBON PRICING &amp; SOCIAL COST OF POLLUTION</b> Applying a price to carbon and other pollution either through tax, fee, or cap & trade system	○	○	●	○	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	●	◐	○	◐	●	●	○	◐	●
	<b>ENERGY DEMOCRACY</b> Increasing community ownership of energy generation through more distributed system and cooperatives	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	◐	●	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	◐	○	●
	<b>NATIONAL GRID IMPROVEMENTS</b> Modernizing the national grid to allow for more storage and long-distance transmission of renewable energy	◐	◐	◐	○	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	○	●
	<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b> Energy Efficiency through new building, power, and industrial standards, technology, and retrofits	●	●	●	○	○	◐	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	◐	○	●	●	●	◐	●
	<b>ELECTRIC VEHICLES</b> Rapid expansion of zero-emissions vehicles and charging infrastructure	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	●	○	●	●	●	○	●
	<b>TRANSPORTATION EMISSIONS</b> Eliminating emissions from full transportation sector, including aviation, rail, and waterborne	○	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	◐	●	◐	●	●	◐	○	●	●	●	◐	●
	<b>PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION &amp; R&amp;D</b> Technology innovation research, development, demonstration, and distribution	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	●	●	●	○	○	●	●	●	◐	●
	<b>MOBILIZE CLIMATE FINANCE</b> Create a Green Bank or other fund to deploy public and private capital to achieve a low-carbon economy	●	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	●	●	◐	●	○	○	○	●	●	●	○	●
<b>Clean Air and Clean Water</b>	<b>CLEAN AIR</b> National clean air attainment	◐	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
	<b>METHANE LEAKAGE &amp; CAPTURE</b> Eliminate emissions from existing oil and gas operations, and capture emissions from waste/wastewater systems	◐	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>REFRIGERANTS AND HIGH-GWP POLLUTANTS</b> Phase-out all remaining high-GWP and ozone-depleting pollutants	◐	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>CARBON REMOVAL</b> Direct air capture and other negative emissions technologies	○	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>WATER INFRASTRUCTURE</b> National lead pipe removal and water treatment upgrades for universal clean water	○	◐	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>CLEAN WATER ACCESS</b> Affordable water access and national conservation	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>WATERWAYS PROTECTIONS</b> Expanded protections to national waterways from agricultural and industrial pollution	●	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>POLLUTER LIABILITY</b> Holding firms civilly or criminally accountable for their current or historical pollution	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>PUBLIC LANDS</b> Moratorium on fossil fuel extraction on public lands	○	◐	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>REFORESTATION &amp; AFFORESTATION</b> Forest and grassland restoration	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Natural and Working Land Restoration</b>	<b>SENSITIVE LANDS AND BIODIVERSITY</b> Protection for crucial wildlife habitat, biodiversity hotspots, and ecosystem services in U.S. public lands and waters	◐	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
	<b>ARCTIC PROTECTION</b> Banning offshore drilling in the Arctic and the ANWR	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>WETLAND RESTORATION</b> Expanded wetland protection and restoration	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>SUSTAINABLE FARMING</b> Incentives and standards for sustainable farming practices with reduced chemical use and more diversification	●	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>SOIL HEALTH</b> Incentives and standards to promote soil health for better food, water quality, and carbon storage	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>BROWNFIELDS &amp; HAZARDOUS SITES</b> Remediation of polluted sites to return to natural or economic use	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Sustainable and Resilient Communities</b>	<b>COMMUNITY RESILIENCE</b> Infrastructure and education to improve community resilience to climate related hazards	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
	<b>PUBLIC SPACES</b> Increase availability and access to community green spaces and outdoor recreation	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>PUBLIC HEALTH</b> Improving quality of, and access to, health services to address the public health impacts of climate change	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>URBAN LAND USE &amp; MOBILITY</b> Reduce sprawl and vehicle travel by improving range, frequency, speed, safety, and affordability of mobility	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>ZERO WASTE</b> Eliminate as much landfilling as possible through material waste reduction, reuse, and recycling	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>JUST TRANSITION</b> Targeting support to industries and communities affected by the transition away from fossil fuels	●	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Job Creation and Economic Development</b>	<b>JOB GUARANTEE</b> Ensuring anyone who wants a good job can have one supporting public projects	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
	<b>WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT &amp; TRAINING</b> Education, training, and certification for good jobs required in the economy	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>JOB QUALITY STANDARDS</b> Labor protections, minimum wages, and collective bargaining rights for all jobs	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> Targeted investment to grow jobs particularly in marginalized and frontline communities	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>ANTITRUST</b> Returning fairness to the economy by breaking up monopolies across various industries	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; SOCIAL JUSTICE STANDARDS</b> Ensuring all government actions, programs, and project abide by standard of fairness and equity	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>Social Safety Net*</b>	<b>SOVEREIGNTY RIGHTS &amp; INDIGENOUS LANDS</b> Respecting and strengthening the rights of indigenous peoples for the use of their historical lands	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	
	<b>BASIC INCOME PROGRAMS</b> Guaranteeing a basic level of income to provide for basic needs - food, housing, transportation	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE</b> Guaranteeing access to affordable healthcare for all and affirmation of health care as a human right	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>PUBLIC BANKS</b> Using the US Postal Service or other entity to provide accessible and affordable banking to the economically vulnerable	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b> Solving the shortage of accessible, transit-connect, and affordable through financing, new construction, and policies	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>EDUCATION AND SCHOOL INVESTMENT</b> Funding infrastructure repair and upgrades for schools, investing in STEM education, climate and environment education programs	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
	<b>INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b> Forming an international agreement or body to advance sustainable economy policy globally	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE</b> Using the power of trade to incentivize other countries to reduce carbon emissions and other pollution	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	

\*The Green New Deal proposes that social and climate issues be addressed in tandem. However, on occasions where a candidate has released a major separate policy proposal on a Social Safety Net component, such as healthcare, we do take it under consideration.