

Climate Crisis Resolution

Whereas we recognize that disruption of the global climate threatens to undermine our ability to achieve all other Democratic Party goals including economic prosperity, national security, social justice, and a healthy environment; and

Whereas the window of opportunity to forestall climate chaos is rapidly closing and we must act now, boldly and with long-term vision, and

Whereas the actions needed to prevent climate disruption will produce economic opportunities that can and must be shared by all;

Therefore, be it resolved that U.S. climate policy should include:

1. Carbon pricing with full revenue recycling that is used both to enhance economic efficiency and to offset regressive impacts on low-income people and small businesses; and
2. Greenhouse gas reduction targets of 20% by 2020, and 80% by 2050, below 1990 levels; and
3. Creation of a wave of green-collar jobs by launching a Clean-Energy Corps to increase the energy efficiency of buildings by 20% by 2015, and use those jobs to lift people out of poverty; and
4. No new coal usage unless it captures CO₂ successfully and can be proven leak-free; and
5. Launching of a new "Project Apollo" to greatly increase investment in energy technology research and development; and
6. Vigorous action to halt deforestation (which is responsible for approximately 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions); and
7. Support for developing nations in choosing clean-energy modes of development.

Adopted _____ by _____