



# CLIMATE JUSTICE

*Climate change is not only an ecological issue, but a moral, political, and economic one. Achieving “climate justice” requires:*

- a. **Social justice**, specifically analyzing issues of race, class, and gender inequality in Virginia, & fighting for just solutions to these issues through our organized actions.
- b. **An equitable transition from fossil fuels to a renewable energy economy** that does not leave the working class, BIPOC, people with disabilities, Appalachians, LGBTQ+ people, women, or other marginalized workers behind.
- c. **Legislative justice:**
  - i. a commitment by our **state government** to implement sustainable solutions to climate change through Virginia policy, law, and regulations (we specifically call on the VAGA to pass statewide, comprehensive environmental law in a timely manner that takes into account the UN’s 2030 deadline)
  - ii. a commitment by our **local governments** to implement sustainable solutions to climate change through local policy, law, and regulations.
- d. A guarantee by our state government, and the Commonwealth as a whole, to **respect the sovereignty of indigenous lands, governments, and peoples.**
- e. **The election of transparent, progressive, and pro-climate justice candidates** who ensure our goals will be met once in office.

