

JUST TRANSITION

Zero Hour believes that a **Just Transition** leaves no one behind as we seek to achieve an environmentally sustainable economy.

A Just Transition protects workers as they transition away from the fossil fuel economy to a clean sustainable economy called the living economy. A Just Transition also ensures that communities of color, Indigenous communities, and frontline communities are not left behind in any way. A Just Transition should also protect the youth as they enter into an economy that is already fundamentally damaged by the fossil fuel corporations. A Just Transition means that all have an inalienable right to food, water, air, and land. Zero Hour believes that workers of all ages should be able to sustain their families, their health, their pensions, and their housing for now and future generations.

Therefore, we make these demands for a **Just Transition**:

Coal, Oil, Gas Corporations and Communities

- Respect the contributions of the **fossil fuel workers**.
- Donate to local impacted communities so that they may invest in local clean renewable energy, community based industries, and local living wage jobs for transitioning fossil fuel workers.
- Donate into climate justice education for youth as reparations for the damage caused to their health and future.
- Donate to local communities so they may clean up the lands and waters polluted and damaged by fossil fuel extraction/infrastructure/shipping/export.

Industries

- Switch to clean renewable energy and clean industrial processes.
- **Reskilling of their employees** for new clean, local energy industries.
- **Provide fully paid quality healthcare** for their workers and families who have been made unhealthy by working for extractive and toxic industries.
- Provide full pensions for workers in extractive and toxic industries.

State and Local Governments

- Respect and follow the Treaty Rights of the **Indigenous Nations** of that land and protect their **food sovereignty** and **intellectual property**.
- State governments must pass a state constitutional amendment to include rights to healthy living wage jobs, clean and safe sustainable **affordable housing**, and affordable quality healthcare.
- Invest in **zero emissions mass transit** that is affordable for low income people.

- Invest in clean renewable energy as the way forward and make it accessible to low income people.
- **Divest pensions** from fossil fuels and banks that support fossil fuels and shift to publicly owned state and local banks instead.
- Invest in grassroots transformative justice to move away from the **unjust prison system** and the **school-to-prison**-pipeline.
- Switch to 100% local clean renewable energy to **power government owned buildings** such as schools, community centers, City Halls, and etc.
- Reskilling and redeployment of workers for locally based sustainable industries such as **radically sustainable building, permaculture, reforestation, hemp production** etc. with educational opportunities and training also provided to youth.
- **Legalize hemp production** for local industry, medicine, and food.
- Refuse all new permits to extractive industries.
- Implement climate justice education in schools according to recommendation from climate justice groups and frontline communities.
- **Invest in local permaculture** food growth particularly in low income communities, and include this in climate justice education.
- **Plant indigenous trees** and native species in local areas, and include this in climate justice education.
- Support the state **youth climate lawsuits** and follow the climate recovery plan outlined in their lawsuit.

Federal Government

- Respect and follow all treaties with First Nation communities and protect the food sovereignty and intellectual property of First Nations.
- Respect Indigenous women, Indigenous queer and trans, women of color, and **queer and trans people of color** and protect them from **assault, sexual violence, and trafficking** caused by the fossil fuel industries.
- Provide adequate funding to local communities for Just Transition.
- **Pass constitutional amendment** to include rights to healthy **living wage** jobs, clean and safe **sustainable affordable housing**, affordable quality **healthcare**.
- Outlaw **private prisons and the forced labor of prison** inmates.
- Acknowledge the term "**climate refugee**" and welcome all climate refugees including; war refugees, **communal/gang violence refugees**, and **natural disaster refugees**.
- Work together with other wealthy nations to be prepared to welcome climate refugees and provide safety and accommodation for them in international solidarity.

- End the **extractive based economy** and start the living economy that will create local jobs and local sustainable economies:
 - By stopping the extraction and **pollution of all water bodies**
 - By investing in **water cleaning measures** to restore ecosystems
 - By investing in **innovation that enables clean renewable energy** and local green economies
 - By supporting **structural change** at the national, state, and local level
 - By stopping the **exploitation of labor including labor in prisons**
 - By reskilling and redeployment of workers for **local sustainable jobs**
 - By providing **sustainable job and business opportunities** to youth with access to training and **affordable education** for those jobs
 - By providing quality **affordable universal healthcare**
 - By investing into research for **natural healing** methods and making these methods accessible and affordable for all
 - By providing affordable **radically sustainable housing** and making it accessible for all, particularly low income communities
 - By banning any extractive industries from operating in wilderness areas and nature sanctuaries
 - By taxing extractive industries and put that money into the Just Transition practices listed here.

Climate Justice Alliance tells us:

- A Just Transition moves us towards a livable future.
- A Just Transition upholds Self Determination.
- A Just Transition equitably redistributes Resources and Power.
- A Just Transition creates Meaningful Work / Right Livelihood / Human Development.
- A Just Transition requires Regenerative Ecological Economics.
- A Just Transition retains Culture and Tradition.
- A Just Transition embodies Local, Regional, National and International Solidarity.

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