

Climate Emergency Declarations

HOW CITIES LEAD THE WAY TO A LIVABLE FUTURE

The earth is already dangerously hot. But warming greenhouse gas emissions are only increasing. In the absence of federal leadership, every state, every city and every citizen has a duty to do all they can to combat the threat of runaway global warming.

You can act today by



Declaring a climate emergency in your city



Joining the race to zero emissions and beyond through a just transition

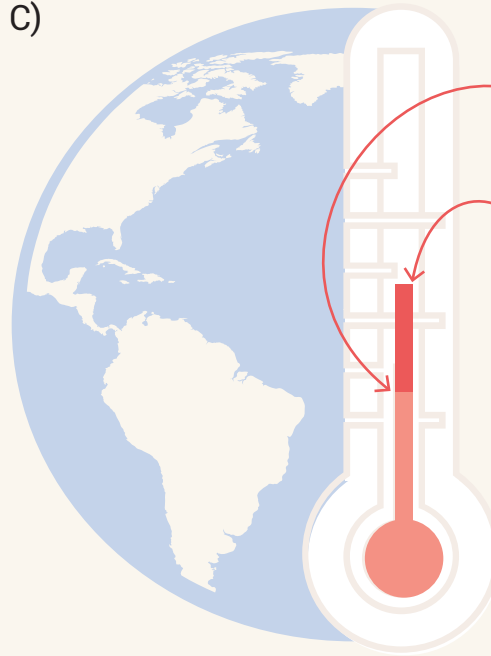


Campaigning for all governments – local, state and national – to declare a climate emergency and to mobilize to rapidly restore a safe climate

● WHY WE MUST DO MORE, *FASTER*

Current warming of about 1.8° F (1° C) has already triggered dangerous disruptions and positive feedback loops:

- Accelerating ice sheet collapse and sea level rise
- Thawing arctic permafrost
- Unprecedented droughts, heat waves, storms and wildfires
- Water shortages, famine, civil unrest, state failure and a rapidly growing global refugee and humanitarian crisis



The Problem with the Paris Goals

- The UNFCCC Paris climate agreement set a goal of keeping warming to “well below” 2°C this century and “to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels.”
- But the voluntary reductions pledged would likely allow global temperatures to rise to 3.5°C.
- The agreement is “gradualist”—aiming to reduce emissions over decades—based on the outdated premise that it is safe to further warm the Earth, even though multiple catastrophic climate tipping points have already been transgressed.

TO AVOID CATASTROPHE, WE MUST ELIMINATE EMISSIONS FROM ALL SOURCES AT EMERGENCY SPEED AND BEGIN REMOVING EXCESS CARBON FROM THE ATMOSPHERE

● THE DUTY TO LEAD LOCALLY

Local elected leaders can play a crucial role in spreading awareness that we are in a climate emergency and that the only appropriate policy response is a mobilization on a scale not seen since World War II. In leading this campaign, cities and their residents can usher in a massive national effort to restore the climate.

By declaring a climate emergency and acting accordingly, local leaders can

1 Protect their city's residents and improve their quality of life.

2 Take on the role of climate emergency advocate, enlisting more and more cities and states in the fight for an emergency climate mobilization.

3 Shift the national narrative by raising the alarm about the climate emergency, and raising expectations of what is possible.

● HOW CITIES CAN ACHIEVE ZERO EMISSIONS in ten years or less using proven, existing technologies

The Climate Mobilization's Engineering Team has created example implementation plans accessible at TheClimateMobilization.org/implementation-plans, and can create plans tailored to individual cities upon request.



Utilizing all qualified rooftop solar capacity



Electric vehicle infrastructure & ridesharing fleets



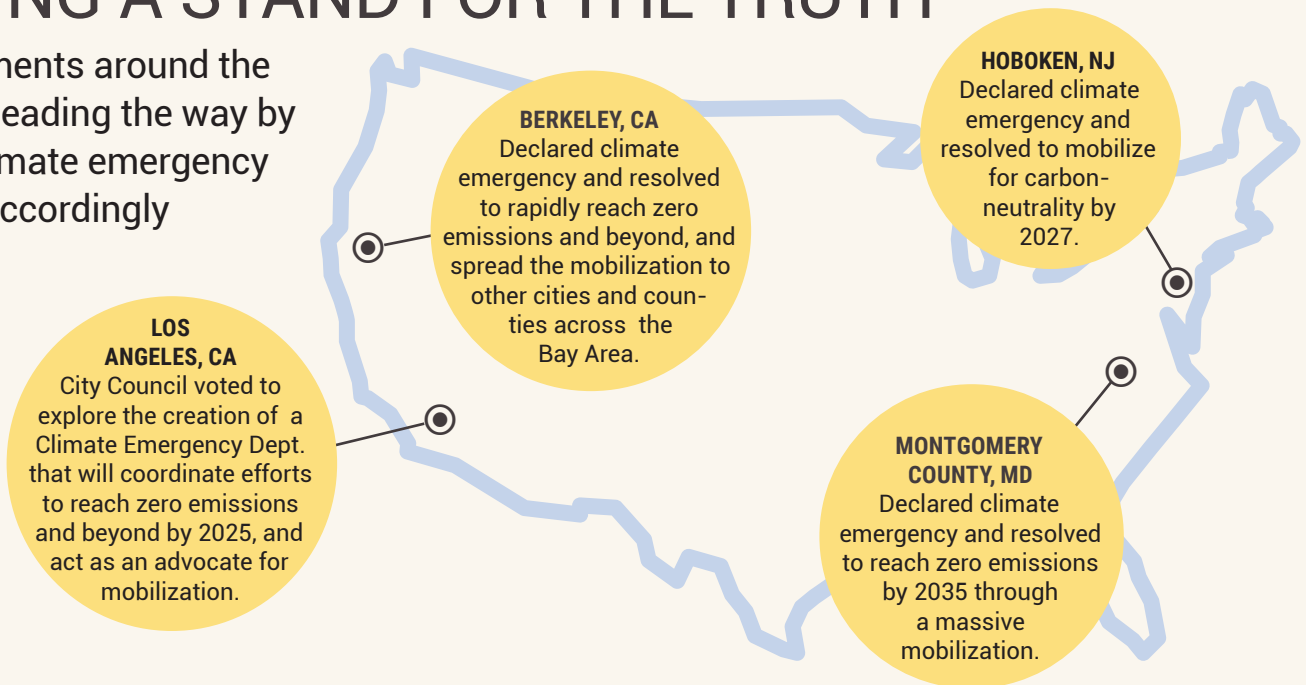
Municipal composting & citywide green gardens program

Benefits for cities adopting such plans will include:

- Job growth & reduced costs associated with poverty and pollution-related illness
- Resilient food, water and transportation systems prepared for climate impacts
- Strengthening the local economy by keeping energy dollars at home

● JOIN THE WAVE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TAKING A STAND FOR THE TRUTH

City governments around the country are leading the way by declaring climate emergency and acting accordingly



● RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE TODAY:

- 1** Declare climate emergency and set a goal of restoring a safe climate.
- 2** Commit to reaching zero emissions community-wide and initiating a large-scale effort to safely remove carbon—in ten years or less—through a just transition.
- 3** Educate the public and other governments on the imminence and scale of the emergency and the need for immediate, whole-society mobilization.