

OCA Climate Change Platform 2020



Our position is informed by the reality and emergent severity of climate change, based on the overwhelming scientific evidence and opinions of scientists and organizations performing research and analysis of historic and current data.

Recognizing this severity and the imperative of quick, decisive action, we support the “stretch” goal of the Paris Climate Agreement to limit the earth’s temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels, which would substantially reduce the risks and impacts of climate change. To achieve this goal, we support:

- Net-zero Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 2050 and 50% reductions by 2030.
- Massive public/private investment in clean energy, transportation and building efficiency, grid stability, carbon sequestration, and climate resiliency in all sectors of the economy, sometimes referred to as a Green New Deal.
- Cessation of all new fossil-fuel development.
- A price on carbon emissions that reflects the true social cost of carbon.
- Support of the Paris Agreement’s Green Climate Fund to kick-start the decarbonization of developing countries.
- Funding and research to support innovations that will make clean energy affordable, widespread, and available to all on an accelerated timeframe.
- Commitment to a “just transition” which addresses disproportionate impacts, both past and future, on marginalized communities and workers from the fossil economy and its aftermath.
- A significant role for local and regional communities to drive the direction of this economic and cultural transition.
- Programs to restore and mitigate the environmental degradation caused by fossil fuel extraction.
- Attention to the important role of local permitting codes and regulations in creating the post-carbon world.
- Broad education about the planet’s ecology and interconnectedness, and the individual’s stewardship role and responsibility, including broad engagement of our media.

***Olympic Climate Action** is a grassroots organization of more than 1000 citizens from across the Olympic Peninsula educating and advocating about our climate crisis since 2012. Its mission is to seek a safe, prosperous, sustainable future for residents of the Olympic Peninsula by addressing the threat of climate change. www.olyclimate.org*