



As California Burns, LA Tackles Green New Deal By Planting Trees

LA Mayor Eric Garcetti's Green New Deal includes a massive tree-planting project to increase the size of the Urban Forest in order to mitigate global warming. This is comparable to Nero playing the fiddle while Rome burned. □ TN Editor

Los Angeles is creating a new [street tree inventory](#) to guide how it grows and manages the city's urban forest. The inventory comes on the heels of the city's launch of tree planting season.

The inventory will allow Los Angeles' Bureau of Street Services to collect better data and identify trends while determining the best practices for tree planting. The inventory is a key step in meeting goals laid out in the city's [Green New Deal](#), which include planting 90,000 trees by 2021 and increasing the tree canopy in areas of greatest need by 50% by 2028.

The planting effort was supported by a state grant that will bring 1,200 trees to Central and South Los Angeles. "In addition to improving neighborhood aesthetics and providing shade, trees help address serious

health concerns like asthma, which disproportionately impacts South L.A. residents,” said Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson in a statement.

Los Angeles has been making headway on tree-related initiatives to mitigate the effects of climate change. Last month [the city launched Cool Streets LA](#), a program designed to reduce temperatures within communities and to diminish a metro area’s urban heat island effect. Planting more trees is one of the main cooling measures, along with installing cool pavements and adding more cool roofs. Mayor Eric Garcetti also appointed the [first City Forest Officer](#) this summer.

The tree planting and canopy inventory efforts join others listed in the Green New Deal to promote a cleaner environment and more resilient city. The Green New Deal accelerated existing climate goals and added new, more aggressive goals to “meet the magnitude of this [climate] crisis,” Mayor Garcetti said in the document.

It also includes the goals of converting the city’s vehicle fleet to zero emissions by 2028, ensuring all new buildings are emissions-free by 2030 and ensuring 57% of new housing units are built within 1,500 feet of transit by 2025.

Other cities are also tuning in their environmental efforts to the urban tree canopy. [Chicago recently committed](#) to developing a tree canopy inventory, while [Washington, DC](#) and [Nashville, TN](#) are making similar efforts. Urban forests are shown to benefit human health by reducing air pollution and diminishing stress levels. Leaders are stepping up their efforts to replenish declining tree supplies in many cities, especially those where the population is booming and development causes the destruction of green areas.

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C40 Summit: Mayors Embrace Global Green New Deal

The Mayors of 80 major global cities declare undying support for Green New Deal ideology. Los Angeles mayor Eric Garcetti was elected Chairman of C40. The green insanity has infected Copenhagen, Sydney, Rio de Janeiro, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Austin, London and Seattle among others.

One chapter in Technocracy: The Hard Road to World Order dealt extensively with the rise of global cities aspiring to be city-states, separate from the nation-states where in they are located. □ TN Editor

Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti, announced as the Chair-Elect of C40 Cities.

C40 mayors, led by Mayor Garcetti and Mayor Hidalgo, announce support for a Global Green New Deal to “drive an urgent, fundamental and irreversible transfer of global resources away from fossil fuels and

into action that averts the climate emergency.”

Mayors of 94 climate leader cities recognise global climate emergency, joined by youth climate activists, representatives from labour, business and civil society.

Unprecedented gathering of 80 mayors and hundreds of climate leaders from all sectors committed to cutting emissions from the sectors most responsible for the climate crisis — transportation, buildings, industry, and waste — to keep global heating below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement at C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen.

Copenhagen, Denmark (09 October 2019) — Newly elected C40 Chair, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, alongside the mayors of cities worldwide including Copenhagen, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney and Tokyo, today announced their support for **a Global Green New Deal and recognized a global climate emergency.**

The broad coalition - including youth climate activists, and representatives from labour, business and civil society - announced their support for the Global Green New Deal vision as mayors of the world's largest cities warned that the planet is in a state of climate emergency. The message was issued by city leaders attending the C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen. Their call came in response to intergovernmental action being blocked by a minority of very powerful, science-denying governments, representing the interests of the fossil-fuel industry.

Through the Global Green New Deal, cities have reaffirmed their commitment to protecting our environment, strengthening our economy, and building a more equitable future by cutting emissions from the sectors most responsible for the climate crisis — transportation, buildings, industry, and waste — to keep global heating below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.

This includes **putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making** to secure a just transition for those working in high-carbon industries and correct long-running environmental injustices for those disproportionately impacted by the climate crisis -

people living in the global south generally, and the poorest communities everywhere.

Avoiding the worst impacts of the climate crisis means cutting global emissions in half by 2030. In practical terms that means improving mobility while replacing polluting fossil fuel powered vehicles with clean alternatives; setting the strictest possible building codes and reducing waste, amongst other actions. Policies already being delivered in cities around the world, thanks to the commitment of mayors to the C40 Net Zero Carbon Buildings, Advancing Towards Zero Waste, and Green & Healthy Streets Declarations.

Keeping temperature rise to within the limits deemed safe by the overwhelming scientific evidence means not only cutting emissions, but also reducing the carbon already released into our planet's atmosphere. Even standing still isn't good enough.

The Global Green New Deal was immediately endorsed by those also committed to the level of action determined by science - including business leaders, investors, the labour movement, civil society, indigenous groups, informal settlement representatives and groups disproportionately impacted by climate change and poverty. Mayors Garcetti, Hidalgo and Jensen issued a clear challenge to national leaders, CEO's and investors that haven't yet matched the level of ambition detailed in the Global Green New Deal.

"As mayors our first priority is to protect the safety of our citizens," said **Mayor of Paris and C40 Chair, Anne Hidalgo**. "It will soon be four years since the Paris Agreement was signed in our city. World leaders met in New York just last month and once again failed to agree anything close to the level of action necessary to stop the climate crisis. Their ineptitude directly threatens all people around the globe as time keeps running against us. There is no other solution but a Global Green New Deal to be the pivotal instrument to win this race against the clock. All decision-makers must take responsibility in making it a reality".

"When it comes to climate action, no one is doing more than cities, but no one is doing enough," said **Mayor of Los Angeles Eric**

Garcetti. “We are entering a make-or-break decade for the preservation of our planet and environmental justice for every community — and I am proud to lead C40 cities at this critical moment. Together we will continue leading the drive to protect the world and promote a better, more equitable life for everyone living in it.”

Lord Mayor of Copenhagen Frank Jensen, said: “Copenhagen recognizes the climate emergency and commits to the Global Green New Deal because climate change is the greatest threat to security, public health and prosperity. We need to act now - and we need to act together. There is no need to hesitate: cities already have many of the green solutions needed.”

“As the need for bold climate action grows more urgent, mayors and cities are leading the way and getting results,” said **Michael R. Bloomberg, C40 Board President, UN Secretary-General’s Special Envoy for Climate Action, and Mayor of New York City 2002-2013.** “Together, C40 cities have taken thousands of successful actions to reduce carbon emissions, and they are proving how fighting climate change helps drive economic growth and improve public health. There is no time to waste.”

Cities are where the climate battle will largely be won or lost,” said **United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.** “At September’s Climate Action Summit at the United Nations, at least 70 countries and 100 cities agreed to enhance their national plans by 2020 - we must build on this momentum. Cities are at the heart of this race, and I congratulate the C40 on its leadership at this critical moment.”

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, U.S. Representative for New York’s 14th Congressional District, said “I am inspired by this coalition and the commitments made for a global Green New Deal. If we work to join forces globally, we will be able to defeat our greatest threat and realize our greatest opportunity.”

New figures released ahead of the C40 World Mayors Summit in Copenhagen reveal that 30 cities have now peaked their emissions and are making rapid progress to bring them down to net-zero. More than

100 cities around the world are now committed to deliver climate action plans consistent with the 1.5°C global heating target.

The defining principles of the Global Green New Deal include:

1. **We recognise the global climate emergency.**
2. **We are committed to keeping global heating below the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement by curbing emissions in the sectors that are the greatest contributors to the climate crisis: transportation, buildings, and waste.** C40 cities are already cutting emissions at a rate consistent with the limits determined by science - which means peaking emissions by 2020, and halving them by 2030. Every business, individual, investor, partner, informal settlement representative and nation that forms part of Global Green New Deal will commit to similar science based targets.
3. **We are committed to putting inclusive climate action at the center of all urban decision-making, to create thriving and equitable communities for everyone.** Our commitment includes protecting livelihoods, helping end poverty, improving lives, building more equitable societies and securing a just transition for those working in high-carbon industries. Climate delay is already having devastating consequences with the impact being felt most severely by those least responsible for the emissions causing the climate emergency. We will drive an urgent, fundamental and irreversible transfer of global resources away from fossil fuels and into action that averts the climate emergency, thereby building a green and fair ecological civilisation.
4. We invite our partners - political leaders, CEOs, trade unions, investors, and civil society - to join us in recognising the global climate emergency and help us deliver on science-based action to overcome it. Business, governments, investors, labour, civil society, citizens, and communities disproportionately impacted by climate change and poverty will form the coalition necessary to tackle the climate crisis. We will work particularly closely with young people in our cities to help shape the sustainable future

they want, providing a route from making their voice heard on the streets into shaping policies and projects in city government.

Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti, was today announced as the Chair-Elect of C40 Cities, following a vote of the C40 Steering Committee of mayors from around the world.

Mayor of Milan, Giuseppe Sala, said:

“As Mayor of Milan, I strongly support the Global Green New Deal, because it corresponds to the aspiration of my city to continue growing based on a development model that combines sustainability and inclusion. In Milan, the motion for the declaration of climate emergency by the City Council has further enhanced the engagement of citizens, students, schoolchildren, business and the third sector. I believe that, similarly, a powerful universal appeal such as the Global Green New Deal will help many city governments to bring together local stakeholders and team up to address the climate crisis jointly.”

Mayor of Stockholm, Anna König Jerlmyr, said:

“The Global Green New Deal sets the framing of how cities meet the urgency of the global climate crisis. Stockholm has reduced its CO2 emission by nearly 60% since 1990. Despite this fact, we are constantly looking for innovative solutions to step up our work together with businesses, civil society and citizens. I’m ready to take on the challenge. Together, cities will define the future we want.”

Mayor of Philadelphia, Jim Kenney, said:

“Philadelphia is proud to join with our peer cities to lead the way in recognizing the global climate emergency. We are not only implementing the important and necessary steps to meet the targets of the Paris Climate Accords, but we are rethinking how we live in the 21st Century,” said Mayor Jim Kenney. “As we all know, and as the effects of climate change have shown, we cannot keep going down the same path. The Global Green New Deal reaffirms our commitment to taking bold climate action towards a healthier and more sustainable future.”

Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore, said:

“Following more than a decade of committed climate action, the City of Sydney declared a climate emergency in June. We are calling on our Federal Government to move urgently to reintroduce a price on carbon so we can meet the emissions reduction targets outlined in the Paris Agreement, and establish a Just Transition Authority to ensure Australians employed in fossil fuel industries find good jobs in a green economy. Sydney is proud to support the Global Green New Deal announced today in Copenhagen and work with C40 Cities toward a future where all citizens can earn a living wage on a living planet. The impacts of the climate emergency will be felt by us all, but especially our most vulnerable, remote and marginalised communities, and those living in poverty. It is incumbent on all governments to rethink the way their economies work and offer greater social support while urgently acting to address the climate emergency.”

Mayor of Lisbon Fernando Medina, said:

“Lisbon recognized the urgency of climate action more than a decade ago, but the current global climate emergency requires faster and bolder action. Cities can have the most significant impact and that is why C40 cities are leading the Global Green New Deal, not only with our plans, but with our actions. We are the last generation that can accomplish the necessary change. We all need to commit to a low carbon way of life and we all need to commit with ourselves and with the planet.”

Mayor of Heidelberg, Prof. Dr. Eckart Würzner, said:

“As the Mayor of the City of Heidelberg I strongly support the Global Green New Deal of the C40 network. Cities all over the world recognize through movements like FFF, Scientist for Future, Parents for future or climate emergency announcements, that climate protection must be the leading motivation of all political action and dive in a new dimension. We as Mayors have the knowledge how to implement climate projects on local level since many years. We listen to our citizens, we focus on accelerating measures and bring political decisions into action. We think global and act local. We need the support from all governmental levels,

especially concerning legislation, subsidies, taxes and financial support for cities to implement big infrastructure projects for a sustainable future for our children.”

Mayor of Auckland Phil Goff, said:

“I support Mayor Garcetti’s call for a Global Green New Deal and its recognition that the climate emergency we face is global in nature. We must work together—across national and international borders, as individuals, cities and nations—to overcome this challenge and ensure sustainable, just and habitable world for future generations.”

Mayor of Toronto, John Tory, said:

“Toronto recognizes the urgency of the climate crisis and is committed to working with our residents and businesses to dramatically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. It is clear that these changes make common sense and, ultimately, financial sense for cities, other governments, public institutions, and the private sector. The low-carbon transformation of key sectors is well underway and is creating jobs and improving prosperity for Torontonians.”

Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:

“The stark reality is we are running out of time to stop the worst impacts of Climate Change. Cities around the world are united in our frustration over a lack of global government action and I am pleased to join my fellow mayors in calling for a Global Green New Deal. In London we are leading the way in investing in the green economy, decarbonising our buildings and delivering green jobs, with people employed in the low-carbon goods sector in London increasing by 58 per cent over the last 10 years. We now need governments to match this ambition and adopt the Global Green New Deal principles to create more jobs and deliver the changes needed to infrastructure for a zero-carbon world.”

Mayor of Portland Ted Wheeler, said:

“We are convening in Copenhagen on the heels of the Global Climate Strike. The next generation is uniting to tell us that they want more than

just lip service and that we need to act with urgency, and we hear them,” Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said. “I am proud to be part of C40 to connect with other Mayors to address the root causes and symptoms of this global climate emergency. In Portland, we have an example of what that can look like in the community-led Portland Clean Energy Fund, which offers a vision for a “Green New Deal” at the local scale. Created by climate justice leaders, this initiative is a collaborative model between the community and the city that will drive investments towards energy efficiency, renewables, and other climate solutions.”

Mayor of Austin Steve Adler, said:

“Together, cities are leading the way on solutions to our global climate emergency,” said Austin Mayor Steve Adler. “Mayors and other civic leaders represent a powerfully hopeful wave of action where it counts... in municipal planning, resource deployment and other policies that shape how people will live and thrive in a carbon neutral future.”

Mayor of Seattle Jenny Durkan, said:

“The global climate emergency is one of the gravest threats we face. The failure of the current American president to lead on our global climate crisis means that cities must act boldly,” said Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan. “Cities like Seattle will continue to lead the world in our fight against climate change and our fight for solutions that advance equity, health, and prosperity for all. As we advance our own Green New Deal in Seattle, we will continue to create more green buildings, provide free transit to young people and our low-income neighbors, electrify our vehicles and buses, and create a city with fewer cars and more safe routes for walking, biking, and rolling.”

Mayor of Montréal Valérie Plante, said:

“In the climate emergency the only possible response is to act. The intensity and frequency of some climatic various will increase and Montreal is ready to respond with bold action. Alongside other cities, we have committed to the One Planet Charter, Deadline 2020, the Compact of Mayors and the declaration of the Summit of municipal leaders in Paris 2015. By recognizing the climate emergency and by committing to

going carbon neutral by 2050, Montreal has put the fight against climate change at the heart of our commitments.”

Mayor of New York City Bill de Blasio said:

“Mayors know we can’t wait to address the global climate crisis. That’s why we are taking action in New York, where we are meeting the crisis head-on with our own Green New Deal and building a fairer city for all. We are the first city in the world to require energy efficiency retrofits and we’re pledging to reach carbon neutrality by 2050 and divesting our pensions from fossil fuel companies. New York City is where we’ll prove the Green New Deal can be a reality.”

Mayor of Rio de Janeiro Marcelo Crivella, said:

“The city of Rio de Janeiro embraces the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. As a partner of the C40, Rio is fully identified with the Global Green New Deal proposal and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, especially in urban mobility.”

Mayor of São Paulo Bruno Covas, said:

“Climate emergency is an agenda that must be recognized for all and cities have a great role to play in fighting climate change. Assuming our responsibilities is a commitment that we have with the present and future generations”.

Governing Mayor of Berlin Michael Müller, said:

“When it comes to climate protection, the cities play a vital role in shaping a livable future for our planet. The biggest environmental challenges can only be overcome if we keep our focus on social justice and do not lose sight of the economic perspective. As a result, Berlin’s Energy and Climate Protection Program includes creating more affordable and energy-efficient housing, making public transportation even more attractive and inexpensive, and creating jobs by investing in renewable energy.”

Governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike, said:

“Tokyo has been implementing highly advanced climate change measures. Meanwhile, the impacts of climate change, such as downpours of unprecedented intensity, are becoming increasingly severe. To protect the lives and properties of the citizens, and to help decarbonize the world, Tokyo declared that it will seek to achieve the 1.5 degree goal and by 2050, become a ‘Zero Emission Tokyo’ that contributes to the world’s net-zero carbon emissions. While receiving the support and cooperation of the Tokyo citizens, we will work with the cities of the world to engage in global-scale environmental issues. We will continue to grow as an attractive city that draws people and companies, and pave the way to a bright future for all.”

Mayor of Athens Kostas Bakoyannis, said:

“In Athens, we already feel the impacts of climate change facing extreme heat waves while the number of people affected by energy poverty and insecurity increases. Our decisions and actions are guided by the need to improve our citizens’ quality of life and to create a sustainable, safer and greener city; this is the future we want for our children. To implement effective climate action we need to work with all stakeholders but, most importantly, to have the citizens on our side, explaining that no-one will be excluded and everyone is benefited. This is Athens Green New Deal and we are determined to continue closely working with C40 cities to achieve our common goals.”

Vice Mayor of Madrid Begoña Villacís, said:

“Climate change threatens the way we live, the goods we produce and the environment that protects us. Our citizens and future generations will judge us based on the efforts we make and the actions we are able to implement in time, already now, to fight climate change and mitigate its negative impacts on our cities. We fully support the principles of the Global Green New Deal as they set the required ambitious vision and call for effective action towards our shared aim of a green, sustainable and carbon-free future”.

Mayor of Seoul Park Won-Soon, said:

“Rapid urbanization and economic expansion indifferent to

environmental concerns have exposed Seoul to heat waves, severe air pollution and other serious effects of the climate crisis. What's worse is that those isolated in the rapid economic growth are bearing the brunt of them. In order to make sure that climate action, prosperity and social justice go hand in hand, Seoul is going to pursue our own Green New Deal by fostering green technologies, among others. Most of all, we will ensure that the benefits of the Green New Deal are equally shared with each and every one of our community so that no one is left behind."

Governing Mayor of Oslo, Raymond Johansen, said:

"Our planet is in a state of a climate and nature crisis. People are deprived of their livelihoods because of dangerous climate change. Our planet's biodiversity, which all life depends on, is threatened by human interventions and a warmer climate. Curbing emissions and reducing species loss are the greatest challenges of our time. In Oslo, we have declared a climate and nature crisis, and we aim to transform Oslo into a zero-emitting city by 2030. Now is the right time to act on climate and to protect nature and biodiversity."

Mayor of Barcelona, Ada Colau, said:

"Global climate emergency represents one of the most complex and urgent challenges cities face. It is about what model of growth we want, not for tomorrow, but for the next decades. Barcelona is determined to apply a "New Green Deal", a green revolution to reconstruct the metropolitan city. We do it by placing the lives of children and the most vulnerable people in the centre. With a green plan for the city based on a change of urban and economic model and from the capacity for action of a brave city that confronts the speculative economy that has taken us here. We need an international alliance of cities. The days are over for diagnoses and declarations without commitment: we need to act."

Deputy Mayor of Amsterdam, Marieke van Doorninck, said:

"Amsterdam is the first Dutch municipality to recognise the climate crisis. We are fully committed to the energy transition and the recycling of resources. We are therefore choosing to create gas-free neighbourhoods, eco-friendlier ways of generating electricity and

heating, drastic energy savings and zero-emission traffic. We will prevent waste and the loss of resources by creating closed circuits as much as possible. Several initiatives are undertaken to ensure Amsterdam plays her, such as the development of the Roadmap Amsterdam Climate Neutral 2050, the development of a new Circular Strategy by the end of 2019 and measures for Zero Emission Mobility.”

Jamie Margolin, Zero Hour Founder & Co-Executive Director, said: “This era is for everyone. It is not just for the United States, it is not even about a specific piece of legislation, it is about a global change of values, ideals, and ways of relating to each other and the earth. What we need worldwide is more than sustainability, because we cannot sustain the destruction we are causing to the earth, or the capitalism making our leaders dizzy with fantasies of endless economic growth that is simply not possible on our earth. We need the era of the green new deal, and it’s coming globally.”

Helen Clarkson, CEO of The Climate Group said: “The world has woken up to the climate crisis and we need urgent and immediate action to halve emissions in the next decade. We cannot afford to wait for national governments to act. Greater collaboration between businesses, cities, states and regions is needed. Already, our work with businesses shows that close to 300 multinationals representing a combined revenue of US\$5.5 trillion, are now fueling demand for renewable power, electric transport, and smarter energy use in more than 140 markets worldwide through our initiatives.

“The Under2 Coalition of states and regions, for which we are Secretariat, has also been recognized as an international initiative with one of the highest potentials for emission reductions. Together they are shifting markets, cutting emissions and helping to drive prosperity. It’s great to see C40 mayors driving the Global Green New Deal forward, and we look forward to working together towards a future where warming is limited to 1.5C and with greater prosperity for all.”

Stephen Cotton, General Secretary, International Transport Workers’ Federation, said: “We are in the midst of a climate emergency. Climate change disproportionately affects the poor, the

young and the vulnerable. The threat is impossible to ignore for transport workers around the world. Beyond that, a Just Transition – with people at the centre and workers and their unions at the negotiating table – is now seen as a huge opportunity for creating good jobs, eliminating poverty, enriching employment and cementing decent work in urban transport.

“There are no jobs on a dead planet. If national governments are unwilling or incapable of action, cities must act. The ITF wholeheartedly supports the 4 principles of the Global Green New Deal – we will engage and cooperate with municipal governments and urban employers to deliver a just transition for transport workers and citizens around the world.”

May Boeve, Executive Director of 350.org, said: “Don’t let far-right Presidents get you down. There is leadership on the climate crisis apparent across the world: change is coming and we need a global green new deal that tackles the root causes of both the climate crisis and inequality. A global green new deal is more than phasing out fossil fuels or increasing clean public transport and reducing emissions from the building sector– it’s about fighting for a just and sustainable world that works for all of us. Cities will be instrumental in turning the Green New Deal vision into a reality; which is why it is important that local governments center their actions in principles that protect workers, communities, the rights of nature, and the rights of future generations.”

Sheela Patel, Founder Director, Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), and Chair, Shack/Slum Dwellers International (SDI) said:

“Climate change and informality of habitat and livelihoods are a reality of the 21st century which cannot be wished away, but are constantly denied by leadership nationally and of cities. Addressing them urgently with this new mindset and transformative vision is the only way forward.”

Kate Raworth, Doughnut Economics, said: “The Global Green New Deal is proof of the momentum that the world’s most influential cities

can create when they raise their collective ambition. I am delighted to be working with some of the most pioneering cities among them to explore what it means to be a Thriving City - one that respects the wellbeing of all people and the whole planet. It's no easy challenge, but C40 cities know that now is the time to take it on."

Connie Hedegaard, Former European Commissioner for Climate, said:

"The cities are closest to the citizens when it comes to delivering climate solutions - and showing that although the transition is challenging, we have a huge opportunity for creating a smarter kind of growth, a way of living that people want to be part of. If we were better at learning from each other, we could get to the scaled solutions we need faster. That is what C40 is all about."

Nigel Topping, CEO, We Mean Business, said: "The science is clear, climate action must be at the heart of any strategic plan for creating good jobs and prosperous healthy communities. Not acting on climate is not an option, businesses and whole economies are already feeling the impacts, and those who are retooling for a zero carbon future now are the ones who will be best poised to be the economic engines and employers of the future - cities and governments who do the same will be where they choose to locate."

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About C40 Cities

Around the world, C40 Cities connects 94 of the world's greatest cities to take bold climate action, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future. Representing 700+ million citizens and one quarter of the global economy, mayors of the C40 cities are committed to delivering on the most ambitious goals of the Paris Agreement at the local level, as well as to cleaning the air we breathe. The current chair of

C40 is Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo; and three-term Mayor of New York City Michael R. Bloomberg serves as President of the Board. C40's work is made possible by our three strategic funders: Bloomberg Philanthropies, Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and Realdania.

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Los Angeles Is Going Solar To Fulfill Green New Deal Pledge

If history is a guide, Los Angeles' alternative energy program will be far from 'low cost' and will end up with irate customers, higher rates and energy outages that harm businesses. □ TN Editor

Los Angeles regulators [on Tuesday approved](#) a "historically low cost" solar + storage project, which includes 400 MW of solar generation and a 300 MW / 1,200 MWh battery.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Board of Commission says its approval of the power purchase agreements for the Eland Solar and Storage Center, will help the city reach 100% renewable power by 2045. City officials say the Eland project was selected from a pool of 130 proposals due to its scale and price, which includes a fixed cost of less than \$0.02/kWh.

The project will be developed in two phases by 8Minutenergy, and is expected online by the end of 2023. According to the city, it will be the largest similar project in the United States.

Los Angeles utility regulators have signed off on two PPAs they say will cost consumers less than \$5 annually — a sign of how far solar prices have fallen.

“The Eland project is historically low cost,” Evan Gillespie, western director for Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign, said in a statement. “This is what a Green New Deal looks like in practice,” he added, pointing to added job creation and lower carbon emissions.

The project will be LADWP’s first utility-scale, integrated solar and battery project, though the PPAs are subject to City Council approval. Los Angeles is making the investment jointly with Glendale Water and Power, which will receive 12.5% of the total solar and battery storage.

The Eland project will be located 70 miles north of Los Angeles. Operations are expected to begin in 2022 with full operational capabilities coming online in 2023.

8Minutenergy says it has finalized and signed a project labor agreement with local unions, and expects development of the facility to create 700 jobs over the 14 month construction period.

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Mugged By Reality: Green Energy Turns Into Nightmare In Georgetown, Texas

Georgetown, Texas was pitched by Green New Deal ideologues on becoming a totally green city by running on 100% renewable energy. As energy prices quickly went through the roof, the city is in full retreat and left with a huge bill that it cannot pay. □ TN Editor

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Georgetown, Texas - population 75,000 - was to be the new poster child of the [green movement](#).

[Environmental interest](#) in Georgetown's big push to generate all of its electricity from wind and solar power was amplified by three factors: the town and its mayor were nominally Republican; Georgetown is in an oil- and natural gas-rich state; and that state is deep-red Texas.

Former Vice President Al Gore and other climate change luminaries feted Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross, and Ross was featured prominently at renewable [energy](#) conventions.

Last October, while the green dream was still in full flower, the city applied for a [\\$1 million grant](#) from former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's nonprofit, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and won it.

Ostensibly to be used for energy storage innovation in batteries, the grant's only real requirement was that the city serve as a public relations platform in Bloomberg's push to convince Americas to abandon affordable fossil fuels and switch to more costly renewable energy.

Trouble started when politicians' promise of cheaper renewable energy was mugged by reality.

Georgetown's electric bills went up as more wind and solar power displaced cheaper natural gas in the power portfolio of the Georgetown's municipal utility. Politicians scrambled for cover. And the bloom came off Georgetown's renewable rose.

Now, largely embarrassed members of the City Council are trying to figure out how to unwind the renewable mess they and their predecessors voted themselves into.

With their municipal utility facing a \$7 million shortfall - money that has to be made up by the city residents through higher electricity costs - the [City Council voted 5-1](#) in July to instruct the staff to figure out how to wriggle out of the Bloomberg PR deal.

On Aug. 13 the [Council voted 5-0 to officially kill the deal](#). The city is also raising property taxes.

The Council member who asked for the vote said he wasn't opposed to renewable energy, but that in light of the city utility's deficit, the city should focus on the basics, rather than "[doing experiments](#)."

Indeed, there's not a single city in the contiguous 48 states that runs solely on wind and solar power. The reason is simple: electricity gets to cities via a grid, and that grid draws its energy from a variety of sources - mostly natural gas.

Excluding large-scale dams, which fell out of favor with the environmental movement 50 years ago, [renewables powered about 10](#)

[percent of the U.S. grid last year.](#)

This means that cities like Georgetown, which have contracted to take power from wind and solar farms hundreds of miles away, don't risk blackouts on windless nights, because reliable power is delivered from a grid getting power from fossil fuels.

As part of the Bloomberg agreement, Georgetown was going to hire a new bureaucrat to oversee the installation of solar panels on homes, while creating a battery storage farm to keep the grid energized when the sun wasn't shining and the wind wasn't blowing.

But such arrangements are hardly cutting edge. In fact, the physics and economics of battery storage are well known. And here's where Georgetown's 100 percent renewable push merely looks like expensive virtue signaling.

Moore's Law governs the world of computing - the speed and capability of computers doubles every two years. But computers only manipulate 1s and 0s.

In contrast, we use energy to manipulate the physical world - to cool and heat homes, to move ourselves and commerce faster and farther than we could using our feet (or horses or bicycles), and to bring light to the darkness. Efficiency improvements in the natural world move more slowly and yield to diminishing returns as they reach physical limits.

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“This idea of equating climate deniers with scientific experts is a dangerous practice which frames the threat to our planet, our existence as an ongoing debate,” Klein Salamon added. “I don’t think sacrificing the future of our planet in exchange for a look of ‘objectivity’ is an even exchange. It’s one the coming generation will judge us on, if we don’t move with the urgency necessary to fight back against global warming and win.”

In other words, climate alarmists aren’t just calling for radical changes to America to stave off some hypothetical climate disaster — they’re also calling for opposing voices to be silenced. “Science” can only have one voice, and that voice must be Chicken Little.

The Climate Mobilization seized on a [Newsweek article](#) about a study from [Nature Communications](#). The study’s authors claimed that the U.S. news media gives “climate change deniers too much prominence by placing people with little understanding of the complexities involved in the same league as top scientists.”

“It’s time to stop giving these people visibility, which can be easily spun into false authority,” University of California Merced Professor Alex Petersen said in a statement. Petersen and his team traced the digital footprints of voices for and against climate alarmism across 100,000 media articles. They found that about half of mainstream outlets seek out “climate denying” experts.

Many outlets will present both sides of the issue, including one scientist echoing the climate alarmist mantra and another expert who disagrees — and who therefore must not be a real scientist, the article suggested.

“It’s not just false balance; the numbers show that the media are ‘balancing’ experts—who represent the overwhelming majority of reputable scientists—with the views of a relative handful of non-experts,” Professor LeRoy Westerling, the study’s author, said in a statement. “Most of the contrarians are not scientists, and the ones who are have very thin credentials. They are not in the same league with top scientists. They aren’t even in the league of the average career climate scientist.”

Yet the *Nature Communications* study notes that 224 of the 386 “climate change contrarians” quoted by the media have at least one publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals. The study did not mention how many of the “climate change scientists” quoted by the media had published articles, but the authors selected 224 of their papers and showed how their papers were more heavily cited.

If the professional world of climate science is dominated by the ideology of climate alarmism, it would make sense that climate alarmists are more heavily cited than climate skeptics. In January 2017, Judith Curry, former chair of the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Georgia Tech, resigned, [calling out](#) the alarmist ideology that increasingly dominates her field.

“I no longer know what to say to students and postdocs regarding how to navigate the CRAZINESS in the field of climate science,” Curry wrote. “Research and other professional activities are professionally rewarded only if they are channeled in certain directions approved by a politicized academic establishment — funding, ease of getting your papers published, getting hired in prestigious positions, appointments to prestigious committees and boards, professional recognition, etc.”

“How young scientists are to navigate all this is beyond me, and it often becomes a battle of scientific integrity versus career suicide (I have worked through these issues with a number of skeptical young scientists),” Curry wondered.

In other words, climate science is becoming an ideological echo chamber that rewards alarmism and silences dissenting voices, even when the dissenters are good scientists like Curry.

The study also parroted the blatantly false claim that there is a scientific consensus on the issue — citing the Cook study from 2013. The Cook study [notoriously misrepresented](#) the scientific literature to claim a 97 percent consensus, and activists continue to cite it as if it were gospel truth.

The study analyzed all published peer-reviewed academic research papers from 1991 to 2011 that use the terms “global warming” or

“global climate change.” Of the nearly 12,000 papers analyzed, the study discounted 7,930 — 66.4 percent — because they allegedly did not state a position. Then the study added up the papers it claimed endorsed man-made climate change and the papers it claimed opposed man-made climate change, and found that 97 percent of the papers *that stated a position* favored global warming.

But here’s the kicker: many scientists whose papers were included in the study complained that the papers were misinterpreted as supporting man-made global warming when they did not.

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Seattle Resolves To Launch Green New Deal

Seattle follows the lead from Los Angeles and New York to jump

headlong into Green New Deal mania to replace Capitalism and Free Enterprise with Sustainable Development, aka Technocracy. □ TN Editor Councilmember [Mike O'Brien](#) (District 6, Northwest Seattle) and his Council colleagues unanimously passed in an 8-0 vote [Resolution 31895](#) relating to a Green New Deal for Seattle.

The resolution calls for the passage of a federal Green New Deal, and affirms Seattle's commitments to "...ensuring that our City can effectively respond to the climate crisis, transition away from its dependency on fossil fuels, and protect our most vulnerable residents while building Seattle's climate resiliency."

"We have 10 years to radically transform our city and our economy to eliminate fossil fuels," said O'Brien. "If you don't think the climate crisis is on our front step, remember the reality that people are developing asthma because of our air quality. Our tribal communities are having to move due to rising sea levels. All of us have to deal with summers filled with smoke due to forest fires. This Green New Deal resolution alone won't solve the crisis, but I believe it is possible for Seattle to lead in solving the climate crisis by eliminating fossil fuel use in our city over the next decade and creating a clean economy."

O'Brien reiterated the dire need to take bold action during the August 5 [Council Briefing](#) and reminded his colleagues of the grave consequences of inaction during a [news conference](#) August 6.

"We cannot continue to fight climate change with soft action. We have to be bold," said Nancy Huizar, Climate Justice Organizer for Got Green. "Through canvassing efforts by Got Green, we heard our community's demands for fair green jobs, transit, healthcare and childcare, healthy food, and renewable energy. This resolution establishes these goals, and ensures our community's needs are being heard."

The Sierra Club [defines](#) the Green New Deal as mobilizing "vast public resources to help us transition from an economy built on exploitation and fossil fuels to one driven by dignified work and clean energy."

"Seattle is positioned to be a national leader in addressing climate change by setting the goal of being climate pollution-free by 2030," said

Matt Remle, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and co-founder of Mazaska Talks. “Seattle is also setting a strong example by ensuring in its legislation its intent to work with local and regional indigenous tribes on assessing the impacts of climate change, and centering native voices when addressing those impacts.”

Selected highlights of the Resolution include making Seattle climate pollution-free by 2030; prioritizing public investments in neighborhoods that have historically been underinvested in and disproportionately burdened by environmental hazards and other injustices; exploring the creation of Free, Prior, and Informed consent policies with federally recognized tribal nations; and, creating a fund and establish dedicated revenue sources for achieving the Green New Deal that will be used to make investments in communities, along with an associated accountability body.

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Green New Deal Would Cost At Least \$250K Per Household In First Five Years

The Green New Deal is economic insanity except that it would fulfill the United Nation's long-held goal of completely destroying Capitalism and Free Enterprise. Out of the ashes, Technocracy will rise triumphant. □
TN Editor

According to a new study, the Green New Deal's implementation would cost the average American family a quarter of a million dollars during the first five years. The costs are even higher for Americans living in Alaska. The study did not even take into account significant parts of the Green New Deal, since they are impossible to calculate. After all, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) hasn't even introduced an actual bill, but only a [resolution calling for future bills](#). It's less a concrete plan and more a worldview statement justifying hundreds of future laws.

The study, jointly co-authored by the Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) and Power the Future (PTF), analyzed the additional electricity demanded for various projects like decarbonizing the economy; the costs associated with shipping and logistics; the costs of new carbon-free vehicles; and the costs to retrofit every building in America. Just these four types of costs would add up to more than \$250,000 per household in the first five years, a conservative estimate.

"The Green New Deal is a radical blueprint to de-carbonize the American economy by refashioning how we grow food, move people and goods, source and distribute electricity, and build the structures where we live, work, and play. Our analysis shows that, if implemented, the Green New Deal would cost for American households at least tens of thousands of dollars annually on a permanent basis," CEI President and CEO Kent Lassman said in a statement.

"Perhaps that's why exactly zero Senate Democrats, including the resolution's 12 co-sponsors, voted for the Green New Deal when they

had the chance,” he quipped.

“Economists and experts have been warning us for months about the devastating effects of the Green New Deal, and now we have the numbers to prove it,” PTF Executive Director Daniel Turner said in a statement. “This study only calculates a fraction of the cost of Alexandria-Ocasio Cortez’s radical plan, which amounts to a socialist free-for-all with no regard for the American taxpayer.”

“No family should be forced to pay tens of thousands of dollars in the first year alone to fund AOC’s ideological wishlist. Thankfully, Americans see through the Green New Deal and are beginning to fight back,” he added.

CEI and PTF analyzed the estimated costs for households in five states — Alaska, Florida, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania. In every state except Alaska, the Green New Deal would cost a typical household more than \$70,000 in the first year of implementation, approximately \$45,000 for each of the next four years (adding up to \$250,000 for the first five years), and more than \$37,000 each year after that. In Alaska, the average family would pay more than \$100,000 in the first year, \$73,000 for the next four years, and more than \$67,000 each year afterward.

“Most provisions of the GND are so broad and open-ended that the list of potential programs necessary to implement the program is limited by the capacity of legislators to imagine a new government program,” the study notes. “Therefore, it is impossible to calculate the whole or maximum cost of the GND. However, other parts of the GND are more precise, sufficiently so that an approximate minimum cost estimate is available.”

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Democrats Apply Hegelian Dialectic To Green New Deal

Thesis, anti-thesis, synthesis. AOC scores a big victory by forcing the Democrat leadership to adopt any form of her Green New Deal, even if watered down from the original version. □ TN Editor

Leading Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives announced a plan Tuesday to introduce a new, more conservative alternative to the “Green New Deal,” the plan introduced earlier this year to great fanfare by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY).

The original [bill](#), proposed by Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) in February, calls for “meeting 100 percent of the power demand in the United States through clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy source” through a “10-year national mobilization” — i.e. roughly by the year 2030. Ocasio-Cortez has also [suggested](#) the world only has 12 years before reaching a point of no return before the problem climate change becomes impossible to solve.

The new proposal to be backed by Democrat leadership, however, will set the goal as 2050 — twenty years later, according to [The Hill](#). It also assumes that 2050 is the point of no return — not sometime in the next

12 years.

The new proposal echoes early criticisms of the Green New Deal, such as those offered by former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, who said the party needed a plan that was more practical. “I’m a little bit tired of listening to things that are pie in the sky, that we never are going to pass or never are going to afford,” he said at the time, as [quoted](#) by the *Washington Examiner*.

The Hill quotes Democratic members of the Energy and Commerce Committee not-so-subtly criticizing Ocasio-Cortez’s plan. Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY), for example, said: “We can do any kind of whimsical thing but we have to do this in a way that includes conversations with stakeholders, their buy-in and their involvement in a consensus bill.”

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Green New Deal Activists Glue Themselves To Capitol

They chanted, “What do we want? Green New Deal! When do we want it? Now!” This radical global group, Extinction Rebellion, now has chapters in 45 countries, all calling for the Green New Deal. □ TN Editor On Tuesday evening, members of the Washington, D.C., chapter of Extinction Rebellion superglued themselves to each other and to the passages connecting the Capitol to the Rayburn and Cannon office buildings, where House members have their offices. The protesters, who are part of an international group that uses nonviolent civil disobedience tactics to advocate for action on climate change, aimed to confront House members on their way to floor votes.

Many of the protesters, who did not expect the protest to last longer than 15 minutes, remained glued for more than two hours, alongside

dozens of demonstrators who rallied as a distraction. They wore signs over their shirts that said “Declare Climate Emergency” and chanted: “What do we want? Green New Deal! When do we want it? Now!” Capitol police asked bystanders and reporters to move back and, after three warnings, kicked everyone out — except, of course, those who were glued. They arrested 13 activists, [according](#) to Extinction Rebellion, around 8:30 p.m.

Members of Congress, for the most part, ignored the protesters. Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind., former vice chair of the House Subcommittee on Environment, mocked the group on Twitter, posting a video of himself appearing to duck under a protester’s arm to get through with the note, “...Supergluing yourself to a door is a very dumb way to protest.”

The climate activism group, which was formally launched in the United Kingdom last October and has iterations in 45 countries, uses disruptive acts of civil disobedience to call on lawmakers around the world to treat the climate crisis with the urgency it deserves. They’ve blocked traffic, stood on trains, staged “die-ins,” climbed buildings, and [gotten half-naked](#). Because the group has no single leader, there’s no good estimate of how big the movement is in the United States, but the demonstrations it’s held in New York City have attracted hundreds.

Extinction Rebellion U.S. has [four demands](#), which include the reduction of carbon emissions to net zero by 2025 and the creation of a citizens’ assembly to oversee the “bold, swift and long-term changes necessary” to tackle the crisis. On Tuesday, protesters were specifically calling for the immediate passage of the joint resolution for the U.S. to declare the climate crisis an official emergency.

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Green New Deal Scam Destroyed By New Scientific Study On Global Warming

AOC, Justice Democrats, New Green Deal zealots and Technocrats everywhere will grind their teeth over this new research. The scientists concluded, ***“anthropogenic climate change does not exist in practice.”*** □ TN Editor

A new scientific study could bust wide open deeply flawed fundamental assumptions underlying controversial climate legislation and initiatives such as the Green New Deal, namely, the degree to which ‘climate change’ is driven by natural phenomena vs. man-made issues measured as carbon footprint. **Scientists in Finland found “practically no anthropogenic [man-made]climate change” after a series of studies.**

*“During the last hundred years the temperature increased about 0.1°C because of carbon dioxide. **The human contribution was about 0.01°C**”, the Finnish researchers bluntly state in [one among a series](#) of papers.*

This has been **collaborated by a team at Kobe University in Japan**, which has furthered the Finnish researchers' theory: *"New evidence suggests that high-energy particles from space known as galactic cosmic rays affect the Earth's climate by increasing cloud cover, causing an 'umbrella effect',"* the just published study has found, a summary of which has been released in the journal [Science Daily](#). The findings are hugely significant given this 'umbrella effect' — an entirely natural occurrence — could be **the prime driver of climate warming, and not man-made factors**.

The scientists involved in the study are most concerned with the fact that current climate models driving the political side of debate, most notably the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) climate sensitivity scale, fail to incorporate this crucial and potentially central variable of increased cloud cover.

"The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has discussed the impact of cloud cover on climate in their evaluations, but this phenomenon has never been considered in climate predictions due to the insufficient physical understanding of it," comments Professor Hyodo in [Science Daily](#). "This study provides an opportunity to rethink the impact of clouds on climate. When galactic cosmic rays increase, so do low clouds, and when cosmic rays decrease clouds do as well, **so climate warming may be caused by an opposite-umbrella effect.**"

In their related paper, [aptly titled](#), "No experimental evidence for the significant anthropogenic [man-made] climate change", the Finnish scientists find that low cloud cover **"practically" controls global temperatures** but that **"only a small part"** of the increased carbon dioxide concentration is anthropogenic, or caused by human activity.

The following is a key bombshell section in one of the studies conducted by Finland's [Turku University team](#):

We have proven that the GCM-models used in IPCC report AR5 cannot compute correctly the natural component included in the observed global temperature. The reason is that the models fail to derive the influences of low cloud cover fraction on the global

*temperature. A too small natural component results in a too large portion for the contribution of the greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide. That is why 6 J. KAUPPINEN AND P. MALMI IPCC represents the climate sensitivity more than one order of magnitude larger than our sensitivity 0.24°C. **Because the anthropogenic portion in the increased CO2 is less than 10 %, we have practically no anthropogenic climate change. The low clouds control mainly the global temperature.***

This raises urgent questions and central contradictions regarding current models which politicians and environmental groups across the globe are using to push radical economic changes on their countries' populations.

Conclusions from both the Japanese and Finnish studies strongly suggest, for example, that Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's "drastic measures to cut carbon emissions" which would ultimately require [radical legislation changes to "remake the U.S. economy"](#) would not only potentially bankrupt everyone but simply wouldn't even work, at least according to the new Finnish research team findings.

To put AOC's "drastic measures" in perspective — based entirely on the fundamental assumption of the monumental and disastrous impact of human activity on the climate — consider the following [conclusions from the Finnish studies](#):

*"During the last hundred years the temperature increased about 0.1°C because of carbon dioxide. **The human contribution was about 0.01°C.**"*

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