A Just Transition for Labor: What Will it Take?

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Mission: Speed and scale greenhouse gas reductions

Key role in growing Community Choice Energy: 21 CCAs serving 11 million Californians—¼ of state—with 88% clean energy today!

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California’s climate apocalypse

Fires, heat, air pollution: The calamity is no longer in the future — it’s here, now

Oregon residents standing ground

By Richard Read, Molly Hennessy-Fiske and Melissa Etehad

MOLALLA, Ore. — Christine VanOeveren grab-
The nation and the world are looking to California to lead for a climate-safe future.
Need more aggressive policies and accelerated timelines in CA now!

Climate-Safe California
Campaign for Rapid Decarbonization

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GOAL: By 2025, CA will have enacted the bold policies required by science to dramatically reduce emissions, start drawdown and secure resilient communities by 2030, inspiring global action
CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA
Accelerate existing state goals to achieve by 2030:

• 80% below 1990 GHG levels

• Net-negative emissions (sequestration greater than emissions, CA becomes net carbon sink)

Endorse here: www.climatesafeca.org
Guiding principles for Climate-Safe CA targets, policies and programs

1- Based on the latest science

2- Ensure a just transition for fossil fuel workers

3- Prioritize climate justice and ensure lower-income communities are no longer disproportionately harmed by fossil fuels

Our house is on fire. Ask at every level of government: are we doing enough?
CHALLENGE: 30 ENDORSEMENTS TODAY
CLIMATE-SAFE CALIFORNIA
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- A public pledge of support for California to accelerate aggressive, equitable climate policy
- Inspiring states and countries to greater action for a climate-safe Earth

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