



TO: Governor Brown, Incoming California Governor, other California Public Officials & GCAS Participants

RE: An Immediate Just Transition and Emergency Mobilization Effort to Restore a Safe Climate

Welcome to the Bay Area! We, the undersigned elected officials, stand in support of the goals of GCAS and look forward to working together.

The world is already experiencing profound climate change: heat waves, floods, fires, storms, droughts and other extreme weather, with devastating impacts. California, including the Bay Area, is experiencing unprecedented wildfires, and our coast is threatened by sea level rise. Scientists are raising increasing alarms. Without meaningful and immediate global action, we may soon pass irreversible climate tipping points.

We believe that protecting our communities, restoring a safe and stable climate and establishing a fair and resilient green economy will require mobilization on a scale and timeline similar to that in World War II. This level of mobilization is necessary to eliminate fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions across all sectors, drawdown excess carbon and to protect all people and species from the consequences of abrupt climate change. And, in an age of increasing inequality, we must ensure a “just transition,” with leadership from communities most vulnerable to and impacted by environmental harms, and detailed, technical climate justice implementation plans which have been prepared in partnership with, and thoroughly vetted by, these communities.

GCAS presents an unparalleled opportunity to inspire global leaders to do all that is necessary to restore a safe climate and shift the course of human history towards a united, equitable and just future.

We urge you to take decisive action at GCAS by committing to declare a climate emergency within your jurisdiction and at all levels of government, including the State of California, and by committing to immediately initiate a rapid just climate mobilization effort to:

- Halt the development of new fossil fuel projects or expansion of existing infrastructure, and the managed decline of existing fossil fuel production on an aggressive and specific timeline, including the establishment of health and safety buffer zones from oil, gas operations and coal that protects the health of people where they live, learn, work and worship; and
- Enact immediate steps to draw-down excess carbon from the atmosphere; and
- Implement a just transition to a resilient green economy, moving more rapidly to zero emissions and 100% renewable energy, with the right to unionize, protections for displaced workers and investments in communities impacted by the loss of fossil fuel jobs; and,
- Invest in just and equitable resiliency, disaster preparedness and recovery efforts led in partnership with indigenous and frontline communities.

Thank you for taking action.



Signers:

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