



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

How the Biden-Harris Administration can Deliver a Clean, Thriving, and Fair Economy for All

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have inherited a nation in the midst of several intersecting crises. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll and it's nowhere close to done. Months into this pandemic, workers continue to struggle to stay safe and healthy on the job and our economy is ravaged. At the same time, we went into the pandemic with three ongoing and closely related additional crises: economic inequality, racial inequality, and climate change.

The BlueGreen Alliance has set forth a vision for the incoming administration to make strides in addressing these crises by investing to protect and create good jobs, deliver public health and climate benefits, and create a clean, thriving, and fair economy for all.

As the incoming administration looks to the months ahead, several key goals and priorities should be central to any strategy put forth.

GOALS

1. Defeat Covid-19 and ensure the health and safety of frontline workers on the job and do so in a way that prioritizes the most vulnerable, safeguards working peoples' jobs, homes, and livelihoods, shores up essential public services and is guided by the science provided by agencies that have restored their scientific integrity.
2. Prioritize economic recovery with actions that create and retain high-quality, family-sustaining union jobs, tackle the crises of climate change, toxic pollution, and economic and racial inequality, and deliver a clean, thriving, and fair economy.
3. Tackle climate change and environmental challenges at the scale demanded by science and principles of justice and in ways that create and maintain quality union jobs that are accessible to all jobseekers, deliver a clean, thriving, and fair economy, and help address inequality in all its forms, including economic and racial inequality.
4. Transform America's infrastructure and manufacturing base; regain American leadership in clean technology innovation, deployment, manufacturing, and good union job creation; restore natural infrastructure and degraded lands; and advance a new trade model that is enforceable, fair for all workers, and benefits the climate and environment.
5. Expand workers' rights and power, including reinvesting in and rebuilding the public sector and public services, expanding union density across the country, and providing critical long-term support and protections for workers.
6. Strengthen the resilience of workers and their communities in the face of crises. Communities and workers must have the proper training and resources to build

resilience ahead of time so that when a crisis hits, they have the capacity to withstand, recover, adapt, and learn from it.

7. Inject equity and justice into our society and prioritize investments in job creation, pollution reduction, and climate resilience in communities most in need, including low-income communities, communities of color, deindustrialized communities, tribes, and communities and workers impacted by our energy transition. Ensure opportunities for under-served communities and workers impacted by the transition to clean energy.
8. Defend democracy and build and maintain the political coalition necessary to pass ambitious legislation, beat back counter-attacks, and translate policy wins into durable political victories.

DAY 1 ACTIONS

- **Issue an Executive Order on COVID-19 Response** that, among other provisions, directs the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) to issue emergency temporary standards to protect all workers from COVID-19.
- Issue an **Executive Order on Economic Recovery** launching a White House-led cross-agency **Economic Recovery Task Force** to develop and oversee the implementation of an ambitious strategy for channeling federal resources towards economic recovery, including working with Congress to pass a **Pro-Worker, Pro-Climate Economic Recovery Package** that rebuilds and modernizes our infrastructure, supports manufacturing, rebuilds the capacity of our public sector and services, supports long-term protections for workers, and prioritizes frontline and deindustrialized communities.
- Issue an **Executive Order on Climate Action, Equity, and High Quality Union Job Creation** in line with the goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2050 that includes recommitting to **the Paris Agreement**, restoring U.S. international leadership on climate, and putting public purchasing and procurement to work for America through **Buy Clean** and strong targets for electrifying federal fleets and reducing emissions from federal buildings.
- Issue an **Executive Order on Climate Resilience and Adaptation** that makes climate change preparedness, resilience, and adaptation an essential element of federal operations, policy, and implementation and declares the climate crisis a public health emergency, including reestablishing the Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.
- Issue an **Executive Order on Manufacturing and Industrial Transformation** establishing a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy and coordinating across federal resources to reinvest in domestic manufacturing, lead in clean and emerging technology production and supply chain development, and transform industry to make it the cleanest and most competitive in the world.
- Issue an **Executive Order Pausing Trade Negotiations and Establishing High Standard Thresholds for All U.S. Trade Deals**.

- Issue an **Executive Order on Fairness for Workers and Communities and Economic Transition** establishing an Office of Economic Transition at the White House to coordinate an inter-agency initiative to deliver good jobs in the clean economy and ensure that workers and communities impacted by the evolution of national energy systems receive the support they need to thrive in the clean economy.

FIRST 100 DAYS

The following priorities should be initiated in the first 100 days of the next administration and should be developed through a robust stakeholder process to ensure input from workers, impacted communities, and other key voices:

- Enact policies aimed at **reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions**, including: extending and strengthening clean energy tax credits with standards for job quality and domestic content; reinstating methane standards for oil & gas; reinstating and strengthening greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards for cars and trucks; and spurring offshore wind deployment.
- Ensure **high-quality job creation and retention** by protecting the right to organize, growing union density, and ensuring worker health and safety, including ensuring OSHA and MSHA have the regulatory and financial resources to fulfill their missions.
- Prioritize **infrastructure and community resilience** by investing in social infrastructure; reinvigorating the civilian conservation corps; ensuring safe and healthy schools; spurring building retrofits and emissions reductions; securing and strengthening transit; reinvesting in rail; investing in electric vehicle infrastructure; ensuring clean and fair ports, improving freight and commercial transportation; investing in water infrastructure; and investing in transmission and grid modernization.
- Work to **rebuild American manufacturing** and support competitiveness, strength, and innovation through measures including: passing Buy Clean legislation; investing in industrial innovation and transformation; renewing and robustly funding the 48C Manufacturing Tax Credit Program; expanding and utilizing manufacturing loans and conversion grant programs; focusing innovation to transform industry; and taking comprehensive action on electric vehicle manufacturing.
- Prioritize **equity, responsibility, and safe and healthy communities** by preventing chemical disasters and strengthening the Chemical Disaster Rule; reinstating the Clean Water Rule; strengthening the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR); reversing course on the Toxic Substances Control Act; supporting Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS); and strengthening Executive Order 12898, *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*.
- Pass comprehensive **fairness for workers and communities** legislation that invests in quality job creation and retention, economic development, reclamation

and remediation, and supports workers impacted by the nation's evolving energy mix.

- Restore **voting rights** by passing efforts to expand and protect voting rights and access to the ballot.