

# YOUTH CLIMATE FUTURE FORUM 2023 LEGISLATIVE CLIMATE PRIORITIES



## REGENERATIVE FOOD SYSTEM

**Food Security:** Increase funding for education, healthcare, childcare for local farmers, scale farmer capacity and infrastructure to meet local food purchasing needs, support for compost programs.

**Farm to School:** designate local food consumption goal for 2025 (instead of 2030); creation of agricultural electives in schools, increase Farm 2 School networks, and convert open spaces to food forests.



## CLIMATE JUSTICE

**Community-Central Decisions:** Steer power towards and financially compensate communities to determine appropriate zoning codes, land use, etc.; utilize regional participation to ensure racial equity, teach civic advocacy in local schools.



## CLIMATE AND THE ECONOMY

**Carbon Cashback:** Increase the barrel tax on fossil fuels and return money to people; Reduce carbon emissions by increasing the price of fossil fuels; Protect low- and middle-income households by returning money to people in equal shares.



## SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

**Investment in transportation** with fast charging EV stations, support public transit (bus routes, public biking, in accordance with the rail), create centralized payment system for all public transit. Prioritize walkability over cars.

**Adapting liveable communities:** ensure sustainable growth through mixed use zoning and multi-family housing. Mandating photovoltaic technologies for residential developments. Funding for wastewater treatment and cesspool removal to increase sewage capacities of neighborhoods.

## About Climate Future Forum

This document represents the views of over 80 youth who gathered with their legislators and community leaders on December 3rd to identify priorities for climate policy for the 2023 legislative session.

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