

Time To Be Bold

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Dear Selena,

People power won this election and we demand a bold, progressive agenda. We want an inclusive multiracial democracy that addresses the interlocking crises of the climate emergency, soaring inequality and white supremacy. We know politicians alone can't get it done. That's why **this moment** calls **our movements** to rise up.

What can we do during the pandemic?

1. Actively support and/or join the grassroots who always usher in big social change and we're not settling for less.
2. Find a way to add your voice. Ever written a letter to the editor and had it published? It's a thrill. Ever phone-banked or sent letters as part of a campaign? It's tough but rewarding. Ever organized a zoom call to explore an idea or plan an action? That's how we're doing it and we want you to join us!

Check out our [Take Action](#) page on our website. Do something everyday to advance the cause. They have the money, but we have the people. It's up to us.

What's New in 350 Eugene?



We are excited to announce that we are a part of a new coalition of grassroots organizations in Eugene working to get the city off of "natural" gas. Our Drawdown campaign laid a lot of the groundwork for this coalition, and now with the NW Natural Franchise Agreement being decided in May, it's time to be bold!

So, how can you help?

1. Show up to the (virtual) City Council and Sustainability Commission meetings and **make a public comment!** The meetings are listed on [our calendar](#) and we have [talking points](#) on our website. The **City Council (December 14th, 7:30pm)** needs to hear your voice on this issue so they start taking it seriously!
2. **Submit Letters to the Editor** to the [Eugene Weekly](#) or [Register Guard](#)! Check out our [Letters to the Editor page](#) for some inspiration. Our [talking points](#) are useful for this as well!
3. **Send an email to your City Councilor!** We've already come up with a basic letter, but adding your own thoughts makes it much more impactful.

Campaign Updates



Get Out the Vote (GOTV)

Right now, 23,000 youth in Georgia who were unable to vote in November will be eligible to vote on January 5th. This important demographic may help determine the outcome of the US Senate runoff election!

Research shows that when voters received a personalized contact encouraging them to vote, it increased their turnout by 3-4%.

Here's three easy ways to help:

1. **Write letters with Vote Forward.**
Vote Forward is asking for 700, 000 more letters to go out by Dec 7th! It is an easy lift, as you fill out a pre printed

Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP)

Oregon Global Warming Commission met on Nov 23rd to discuss proposed final changes to their upcoming report. The most interesting proposed adjustments to the report were:

- 1) Creation of a Green Bank similar to ones in a few other states that can help finance clean energy projects.
- 2) A request that the PUC opens a docket (investigation) into Natural Gas use.
- 3) How transportation is funded in the State.

The final report should be available in the next few weeks.

Coming up:

Senate Interim Committee on Environmental and Natural resources:

Monday, Dec 7th, 1pm: [Join here](#)

Topics of particular interest will be:

- Effects of Wildfire on H2O quality
- Forest Product Harvest Tax!

letter. Go to votefwd.org, and register for a volunteer account using your email address. To plug into this impressive local effort, contact Ben Rain at benrain@peak.org

2. **Phone-banking with Reclaim Our Vote.** Join Cameron & Ben on Saturdays Nov. 21st - Jan. 2nd, 12-2pm! [Zoom link here](#), Passcode: 855448
3. **Phone-banking with 350.org and Environmental Voter Project (EVP)** to help get self-identified “climate voters” to the polls! [Sign up here](#)

Resilience & Regeneration Workgroup

We invite you to check out this recent article by Joanna Macy: [Healing Begins with Gratitude](#)

And this recent piece by Robin Wall Kimmerer: [Why is the world so beautiful? An Indigenous botanist on the spirit of life in everything](#)

Robin Wall Kimmerer is an acclaimed botanist who blends her scientific studies with her Indigenous upbringing. She says there is much to be learned about how to interact respectfully with the earth, from the behavior of plants.

- Recycling. How to make it actually work in Oregon
- Clean Energy presentation by DOE.

Drawdown Eugene

Lane County's “Climate Action Plan Citizen Advisory Committee” has met twice. While meetings thus far are very rules/process focused, we have observed some hopeful signs. The diverse committee includes many perspectives. The initial session showed volunteers with diverse backgrounds and perspectives including indigenous, science, youth, environmental/climate, forest protection, timber industry and social justice organizations.

At this moment the county appears to appreciate the committee's depth of experience. The question is, will the county ignore their recommendations, like the City of Eugene did with their “advisory” bodies? That's up to us! **To keep the pressure on, don't miss the December meeting on zoom (date TBD).** You can listen or make comments.

www.LaneCountyOR.gov/Calendar

Upcoming Webinars

Tuesday Dec 8th, 10am: "Interdisciplinarity 101: Kelsey Juliana and Tia Hatton from Juliana v. United States"

Kelsey and Tia will discuss the case with updates on where it currently stands and plans for the future. [Register here!](#)

Tuesday, Dec 8th, 5pm: "The Geography of Injustice and the Ecology of Reparations"

As part of the Oregon Humanities Center lecture series on climate justice, Robin Morris Collin will discuss how legacies of colonialism and slavery have deliberately subordinated nature and people in pursuit of profit. [Register here!](#)



CIVIL LIBERTIES DEFENSE CENTER

CLDC has been holding weekly webinars on Thursdays, 3-5pm to inspire and educate activists in issues of climate justice, racial justice, Indigenous rights and more.

Upcoming webinars:

- [Fighting for Justice in a Broken System: CLDC'S Legal Work Over the Years](#) - Thursday, December 10th, 3-5pm
 - [Activism & Security Year-End Tune-up](#) - Thursday, December 17th, 3-5pm
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Take Action Now!

- **Support our coalition against NW Natural**
 - Read more in the "What's New" section at the top of this email and check out our website for [more info and talking points](#).
- **Protect Kalama and our climate!**
 - By the end of December, we expect the Washington Department of Ecology to release the final decision on the shorelines permit for the world's largest fracked gas-to-methanol refinery, proposed in Kalama, Washington.
 - [Send an email](#) to Washington leaders to reject permits for this project.
 - Make a phone call to Governor Inslee's office at 360-902-4111 and Press "2" to leave a comment. Leave a message telling him that you are counting on his administration to deny the Kalama methanol refinery and its feeder pipeline, a project that would use more fracked gas than all of Washington's power plants, combined. (A quick tip - it's important to press "2" after dialing 360-902-4111 for Governor Inslee's office. Otherwise you have to listen to a long phone menu!)
- **Demand bold climate action!**
 - [Sign on to 350's list of 10 Executive Actions](#) that Biden can take on day one to combat the climate crisis!
- **Tell Biden: Stop Line 3**
 - Minnesota just granted some of the final permits needed for the Line 3 tar sands pipeline that would carry heavy Canadian oil across 340 miles in North Dakota, northern Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

- Biden must listen to the vocal majority across the country who oppose this dirty pipeline and reject tar sands altogether!
- **Show your support for a Just Recovery from COVID-19**
 - [350.org](#) is calling for a united global response to this COVID-19 pandemic that ensures a just recovery and transition to a better future for those most in need in the wake of this crisis.
- **Feeling inspired to write?**
 - Check out our new [Letters to the Editor page](#) for some inspiration!

Find your place in the movement. Join a campaign and action team!

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Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP)	capthegases@350eugene.org
Climate Revolutions by Bike (monthly bike rides and activism)	climaterevolutions@350eugene.org
Drawdown Eugene	drawdown@350eugene.org
Electric Transportation Action Group	e-tag@350eugene.org
Fracked Gas Resistance (FGR)	frackedgasresistance@350eugene.org
Resilience and Regeneration Work Group	resilience@350eugene.org

350 Eugene Calendar

Some closing thoughts...

Let's also be bold in our compassion for one another. So many people are doing without in the midst of a raging pandemic and economic distress. Consider donating to a mutual aid organization. [Lane County Mutual Aid](#) advocates for collective liberation through class solidarity, disability justice, anti-racism, abolition, and horizontal mutual aid. You can donate to some really good local efforts [here](#).



Thank you for supporting our work! You can donate at our website 350eugene.org/donate/ or send a check made out to 350 Eugene to [1430 Willamette St., #474, Eugene, OR 97401](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1430+Willamette+St,+Eugene,+OR+97401). 350 Eugene (350EUG) is a non-profit with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Tax ID is 82-1208614.

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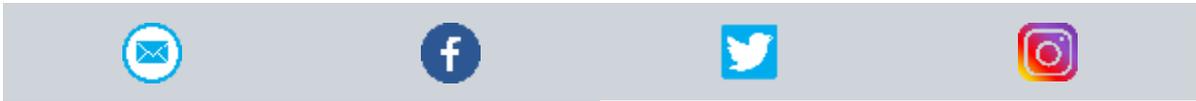
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