Dear Elliot,

January 20th, we will celebrate democracy at work as a new President and historic Vice President make an oath of office. Then on January 21st, we will come together virtually and in-person to make our own commitment to do our part in building a nation with liberty and justice for all. We invite you to join us in publicly setting an intention toward improving our democracy and our social contract!

We are hosting the People's Inauguration along with the Historic Mims House (NAACP Office), Springfield-Eugene SURJ, Temple Beth Israel, Interfaith Clergy, and others from 12-4 pm, Jan 21st. All are welcome to briefly drop by during this time to help create a public art installation (outside) with shared commitments to democracy, and we are writing our commitments to #BuildBackFossilFree! The necessary art supplies will be provided. COVID safety protocols will be kept, and masks will be required (and provided if needed).
This event is part of a nationwide People’s Inauguration, convened by Sikh activist Valerie Kaur and the Revolutionary Love Project. It also aligns with the Climate Ribbon Project! The event symbolizes the belief that each of us has a critical role to play in imagining and building a more just and compassionate country.

**How You Can Participate:**

1. Come down to the Mims house (330 High St in Eugene) between 12-4 pm January 21st to help us create an art installation with ribbons. We will write on a 3’ long ribbon our commitment or oath and hang it with others. (Ribbons, sanitizer, and if needed, masks will be provided.)
2. If you use social media, take a photo or video with you by your ribbon and post it on our [local Facebook event page](https://www.facebook.com/events/1892442537939777), the national event [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/People%27sInauguration), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/PeopleInauguration), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/peopleinauguration) page's and your own.

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**Thanks for Joining Us!**

Thanks to everyone who joined us at our meet-up last Friday! We had a great time, with some inspiring presentations from Dylan Plummer, grassroots organizer at Cascadia Wildlands, and Sahara Valentine, leader of EG350 at South Eugene High School.

We’re still working out all the kinks of virtual meet-ups, so if you have feedback, please feel free to respond to this email & let us know! We’ll be having another meet-up sometime in March - stay tuned for details.

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**Racial Justice & 350 Eugene**

As you know, [350.org](https://www.350.org) grounds its work in climate justice, which recognizes that black and brown communities suffer first and worst from climate breakdown, while having done the least to contribute to it. The organization asserts that actions taken to achieve a just transition to clean energy necessarily must repair the deep damage of colonization and white supremacy, make space at the decision-making tables for those most affected, while leaving no families or workers behind.
In 2019, our chapter was invited to participate in 350.org's new training series, A Racial Justice Community of Practice. As a result of that ongoing work, 350 Eugene has integrated specific recommendations. Here are a few:

1) Make dismantling systemic oppressions part of our mission, goals and planning
2) Acknowledge slavery & genocide at every event and meeting
3) Promote the work of frontline communities
4) Promote or hold regular anti-oppression trainings
5) Build more intentional relationships with partner organizations

As we go forward, following the blatant display of white nationalism at our nation's capitol on January 6th, we are even more resolved to confront the hate and violence their actions perpetuate. Our work lifting up our BIPOC and youth-led organizations has never been more important. To that end, 350 Eugene will continue to partner with emerging coalitions which ground their work in these principles, and promote their events, opportunities and training.

Big thanks to Leonard Higgins, Eowyn Soran & Cameron Hubbe for their work informing development of these essential tenets of solidarity and unity.

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**Campaign Updates**

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**Fossil Free Eugene**

Thank you to everyone who has spoken up for a Fossil Free Eugene at the City Council meetings so far! There were so many people signed up at the last meeting that not

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**Electric Transportation Action Group (E-TAG)**

E-TAG has a new [website page](#) and a new [Facebook group](#)! Join our Facebook group to
everyone got to speak - if that was you, or if you haven't joined us yet, please join us this upcoming **Monday, January 25th at 7:30pm**. You can read our demands and talking points [here](#). Zoom link will be posted [here](#) closer to the meeting.

### Upcoming Webinars

**Conversations for a Preferred Future: Permaculture Series**

This is a series of webinars on various permaculture topics starting on January 21st and going through April.

**A Dissenter’s Take: The New Administration’s Appointees, Priorities, & Our Movements**

Thursday, January 21, 3-5pm PT

Register [here](#)

Thursday, Jan 21, 4pm PT - Marisha Auerbach, Portland, Oregon. Topics include permaculture lifestyle, activism, property transformation, healthy livelihood, reduce eco footprint, and rooftop garden.

Join CLDC lawyers and guests for a discussion about what Biden’s top cabinet & staff picks could mean for the environment, human rights, & those who fight to protect them.

Get the link and read more [here](#)

### Good News!

The Pacific Northwest had two amazing victories against fracked gas yesterday!

1. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) upheld the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality’s denial of the key Clean Water Act permit for the proposed **Jordan Cove fracked gas pipeline in Southern Oregon**! The Jordan Cove LNG project cannot move forward without a Clean Water Act approval from the state of Oregon. You can read more [here](#).

2. The Washington Department of Ecology **denied the key Shorelines permit for the massive fracked gas-to-methanol refinery proposed in Kalama, WA**. Ecology’s disapproval of the Shoreline Management Act permits means that Northwest Innovation Works and the Port of Kalama may not construct the methanol refinery, the export dock, or any related infrastructure! You can read more [here](#).
• **Speak up for a fossil free future!**
  
  ○ Join us at the upcoming Eugene City Council meeting on **Monday, January 25th** at 7:30pm and make a public comment about getting Eugene off of natural gas! Check out our website for more info and talking points.

• **Don't let polluters write the rules**
  
  ○ Oregon’s Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) recently appointed a committee composed mostly of corporate lobbyists to help write the rules for the new Cap & Reduce climate protection program.
  
  ○ **Tell the EQC that this is not acceptable.** Scientists, health experts, and people harmed by pollution should be helping write the rules, not polluters!

• **Tell Biden: #BuildBackFossilFree**
  
  ○ It’s time for Joe Biden to keep his promises to us. He has the tools to deliver healthy communities, millions of good-paying jobs, and a better life for people on the frontlines of fossil fuel extraction, toxic pollution, and the climate crisis.

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

- Artivism - artivist@350eugene.org
- Climate Revolution by Bike - climaterevolutions@350eugene.org
- Drawdown Eugene - drawdown@350eugene.org
- Electric Transportation Action Group (E-TAG) - e-tag@350eugene.org
- Forest Defense is Climate Defense - info@350eugene.org
- Fossil Free Eugene - selena@350eugene.org
- Fracked Gas Resistance - frackedgasresistance@350eugene.org
- Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP) - ocap@350eugene.org
- Resilience & Regeneration Work Group - resilience@350eugene.org

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**350 Eugene Calendar**

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**We Can't Thank You Enough!**

Some numbers from our 2020 year-end fundraising appeal... here's what great grassroots support looks like!

- Number of checks received: 53
- Biggest: $3,000
- Smallest: $25
- Average: $280
- Number of donations through the website: 38
- Biggest: $1,000
- Smallest: $20
- Average: $115
• New sustaining donors: 4
• Total number of sustainers: 28
• Goal: 96% of goal ($20,000)

We have what we need! Thanks for your amazing support!

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. 350 Eugene (350EUG) is a non-profit with 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Tax ID is 82-1208614.

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