

Rising pro-growth progressive state and local elected officials are focusing on innovative solutions to combat climate change and its effects in their communities, and they bring a broad and robust set of experiences and perspectives on these issues. Below, find a selection of climate policy work in progress from elected officials in the network of our sister organization, The NewDEAL.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM CLIMATE ACTION PLANS

The below efforts recently received American Cities Climate Challenge awards from Bloomberg Philanthropies, including a \$2.5 million grant for implementation.

» **JOHN CRANLEY - MAYOR, CINCINNATI, OH**

Will power the municipal energy load with 100 percent renewable energy through a large-scale renewable energy generation project and will engage corporate partners around sustainability

» **BUDDY DYER - MAYOR, ORLANDO, FL**

Will add 150 electric vehicle charging stations, as well as to rental car fleets and transition municipal fleet, and improve energy efficiency, encourage decarbonization of existing buildings, and promote high-performance green development and community solar programs

» **MICHAEL HANCOCK - MAYOR, DENVER, CO**

Will boost electric vehicle market through education/test-drive campaign and utility incentives to encourage investment in charging infrastructure; other efforts will reduce emissions from transportation

» **TIM KELLER - MAYOR, ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

With solar energy field, will achieve 100% energy use from renewables by 2022; deep energy efficiency retrofits will take place for municipal facilities along with a municipal fleet transition to electric vehicles

» **RICK KRISEMAN - MAYOR, ST. PETERSBURG, FL**

Will implement utility community solar program to bring cost- and energy-efficient power to low-income areas, while scaling up financing for renewables and energy efficiency, as well as expanding a residential solar co-op

» **SAM LICCARDO - MAYOR, SAN JOSE, CA**

Will implement shared electric vehicle strategy along with a walking and biking network and new mobility options like bikeshares and scooters, while eliminating natural gas in residential housing and requiring solar and EV-readiness in new construction

### OTHER CLIMATE POLICIES

» **JON MITCHELL - MAYOR, NEW BEDFORD, MA**

With the Mayor's leadership, **electric cars** now account for more than 25 percent of the city's general-use fleet, giving New Bedford [the largest electric-vehicle fleet of any municipality](#). That is [the nation's third-largest green energy municipal electric aggregation program](#). This program complements a nation-leading solar program, the aggressive pursuit of offshore wind energy opportunities, and leadership in the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Program, which will reduce risk and build resilience to climate impacts.

» MIRO WEINBERGER - MAYOR, BURLINGTON, VT

The Mayor has launched Northeast Mayors for Carbon Pollution Pricing -- a coalition calling on state legislatures to enter a multi-state agreement on pollution pricing. Weinberger aims for Vermont to establish the [first revenue-neutral carbon pollution fee by any state in the nation](#). Meanwhile, Burlington aims to become a “net zero energy city” across electric, thermal, and ground transportation sectors over the next 10 to 15 years. Joining the Northeast Mayors group are other NewDEAL Leaders, including **Mayor Svante Myrick of Ithaca, NY, Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone of Somerville, MA, and Mayor Dan Drew of Middletown, CT**. They are pushing for a carbon fee that is: revenue-neutral, with fees returned to citizens through a progressive system; reflective of the actual cost of carbon pollution, and pro-economic growth, with predictability for businesses, as well as clean energy innovators and investors.

» ANDRIA MCCLELLAN - CITY COUNCIL, NORFOLK, VA

As a leading voice for **resilient infrastructure policies**, Councilmember McClellan was a staunch supporter of [a zoning overhaul](#) to bolster the ability of new development in Norfolk to withstand rising tides and regular flooding. She is also at the forefront of an award-winning effort to [build a Regional Connectivity Ring \(RCR\)](#) -- a dark fiber, open access ring, which will connect the region to the transoceanic cables, accelerate the growth of digitally-empowered communities and serve as the foundation for smart region development. Through Internet of Things (IoT) sensors, Norfolk will transform into a smart, connected, and resilient coastal community of the future, becoming a benchmark for other coastal cities.

» LAUREN MCLEAN - CITY COUNCIL, BOISE, ID

Her work on **open space, clean water, and sustainability programs** has allowed the city to expand its geothermal system, invest in stormwater infrastructure, and establish energy reduction goals. [Her efforts won her plaudits as one of the Grist 50](#), an annual list of top emerging green leaders.

» PETE BUTTIGIEG - MAYOR, SOUTH BEND, IN

Under Mayor Buttigieg, South Bend has become more **energy efficient** from its buildings to its [street lights](#), recognizing that the cleanest energy is energy that doesn't need to be used and that these projects also save taxpayers money. As one example, the innovative contract the city signed with its Century Center, [will save nearly \\$8 million over 15 years](#).

» ROBERT GARCIA - MAYOR, LONG BEACH, CA

In a partnership with Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Mayor Garcia has focused on **emissions from the nation's largest ports**, located off their coast. They have set a goal to [transition to zero emissions in their Clean Air Action Plan](#), and affirmed that it will include new investments in clean technology, reducing emissions from ships using the ports, and a zero emissions drayage truck pilot program.

» LAURA CAPPS - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, SANTA BARBARA, CA

Board Member Capps championed a resolution that was passed unanimously by the full board recognizing climate change's disproportionate impact on youth, people of color, and those living in poverty, and committing to take action where possible, including new curriculum to educate students, solar panels and energy efficiency measures, and climate-friendly food service coupled with food waste reduction.

