



# CFT Climate Justice Agenda

*The CFT made history when it became the first statewide labor organization in the United States to adopt a Climate Justice Agenda in 2016. Delegates to the CFT Convention passed a resolution committing the union to pushing for green legislation, moving toward divestment in fossil fuels, and educating members about climate change.*

## CORE TENETS

- Engage our members and the community about labor's role in **advocating for tangible solutions** to the climate crisis that simultaneously strengthen our middle class.
- Let our members know that **good green jobs don't kill construction projects**, but rather can actually increase economic opportunity.
- Work to **ensure a just transition for working people** by insisting that those who might be displaced are retrained for the new economy, and that the green economy must create career union opportunities.
- **Build and sustain real partnerships** with the local environmental movement and community groups committed to economic and environmental justice.
- **Push for bold new political and policy initiatives** that effectively address economic inequality and climate change.
- Ensure that **candidates' positions** on climate justice are part of CFT's evaluation for endorsement in political races.
- Insist that we work towards **ending our retirement systems' investments in fossil fuels** and other commercial enterprises that are contributing to catastrophic climate change.
- **Promote legislation** that moves us toward sustainability and climate justice.

## BOTTOM LINE

**It's real.**

**We need to act now to stop the worst outcomes.**

**We don't have time to wait.**

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