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Rooted in power!

Annual Report
Got Green in 2019

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INTRODUCTION

Got Green is a force at the intersection of environmental, racial, and economic justice in Seattle since 2008. Got Green is building grassroots power to advance the creation of climate resilient communities. We envision healthy and resilient communities where all people are able to: (1) work meaningful jobs that nourish our earth, our communities, and our souls; (2) eat affordable, healthy food that is grown with dignity for workers and the environment; (3) live in safe and sustainable housing, rooted in climate resilient neighborhoods; (4) and care for our environment in our relationship to the land, the climate, and each other. We fight for this vision by organizing working-class families and communities of color in South Seattle.



VICTORIES of 2019



FOOD SECURITY - Despite recent threats and misinformation from both soda corporations and Seattle's Mayor, Got Green was successful in making sure millions of dollars in revenue from the SBT will go toward food security programming -- deeply needed as food benefits are being slashed by the billions at the federal level.

CLIMATE STRIKE - Got Green mobilizes and serves on the planning team of the historic youth-led global climate strike.

COMMUNITY GARDEN - With support from movement friends, Got Green has started a community garden this past year to grow own food for our people and actively learn about and practice food sovereignty.

HONORING OUR ELDERS - Got Green had a community appreciation party to honor the legacy of our predecessor Community Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ).



GREEN PATHWAYS FELLOWSHIP - Got Green extended our support to Rainier Valley Corps with the launch of the Green Pathways Fellowship program in August 2019. This program provides living-wage jobs in the environmental sector to individuals from climate impacted and economically marginalized communities (ie: communities of color).

MOVEMENT SCHOOL - At the beginning of 2019, Got Green launched our new Movement School - a robust leadership development program for Got Green volunteers. The Movement School serves to sharpen the analysis, develop organizing skills, and deepen the strategic capacities.

JUST TRANSITION STRATEGY LAB - With visiting facilitators from Grassroots Global Justice, Indigenous Environmental Network, Climate Justice Alliance, and Right to the City, Got Green hosted a gathering to discuss local strategy for just transition.

STOPPING FALSE SOLUTIONS - Preventing the advancement of the corporate-backed cap & trade policy in WA state with our friends in Community to Community.

- 15 Media Mentions
- 300 Air Filters Distributed
- 650 Southend Conversations about Seattle's Green New Deal

SEATTLE FOR A GREEN NEW DEAL

THE ROAD TO SEATTLE'S GREEN NEW DEAL



CLIMATE CLOCK - Leading scientists with the United Nations reported that the world must take unprecedented action to curb climate pollution by 2030 to avoid irreparable harm to humanity and the planet. Climate change will continue to exacerbate poverty, displacement, food insecurity, and premature death.

MOVEMENT MOMENT - Immediately following the midterm elections of 2018, the call for a Green New Deal (GND) captured the imagination of the nation. This groundswell moment was made possible due to decades of environmental justice organizing rooted in working-class communities of color.

SEATTLE'S VISION - With a vision of decarbonization by 2030, the creation of thousands of unionized green jobs, as well as major investment in climate resilience (eg: weatherized affordable housing, free public, and more), Got Green worked with 350-Seattle in launching the Seattle for a Green New Deal campaign.

PEOPLE POWER - The Seattle for Green New Deal campaign has received profound support with over 200 organizational endorsements and over seven thousand pledge signers.

EARLY WINS

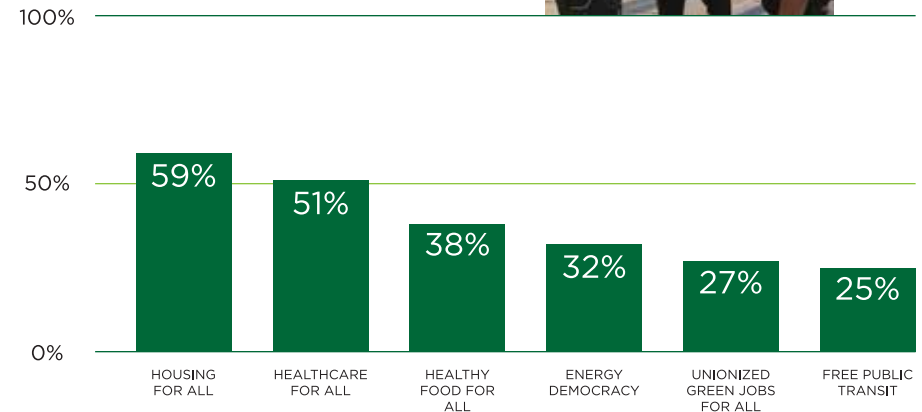
- **City Lawsuit** :: City Attorney Publicly Commits to Sue Fossil Fuel Industry Lawsuit
- **City Council** :: City Council unanimously endorses Green New Deal and pass initial resolution & ordinance
- **City Oversight Board** :: City of Seattle create GND Oversight Board -- with labor, youth, and leaders from communities of color -- determine policy and investment priorities for Seattle's Green New Deal.

THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

- Got Green plans to spend the coming years to build the frontline community power needed to fully win a visionary Green New Deal for Seattle -- not unlike the original New Deal -- this will take unprecedented redistribution of funds, transformative policies, community leadership, and deep alliances.

THE SOUTHEND SPEAKS - Got Green had conversations with hundreds of South Seattle residents at bus stops, public housing, classrooms, and beyond. We talked about how a Green New Deal for Seattle will not only end climate pollution, but can also result in many other transformative benefits. Folks said the following were their top three priorities they'd like to see in Seattle's Green New Deal.

- Housing For All - 59%
- Healthcare for All - 51%
- Healthy Food for All - 38%
- Energy Democracy- 32%
- Unionized Green Jobs for All - 27%
- Free Public Transit - 25%



***Over 15% of respondents explicitly named wanting universal childcare, an end to policing and prisons, clean air and water, as well as the end of fossil fuel development as one of their top priorities.**

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