## January 2024

This new year, let's decide to sustain and find new ways to win the Green New Deal. We need to keep our focus on solutions to this natural and human environmental crisis. This year, we can make new connections to create a just transition to protect and restore our climate and each other.

So this year, let's keep doing our essential tactics such as writing, calling , and meeting with our Senators, Congress members, and their staffs to speak out and vote greener. We can find new ways, with new folks to join us. While we keep the pressure on our electeds, let's try new different tactics to get their attention and action. For example, if our Senators refuse to commit and speak out to declare a climate emergency, stop fossil fuels, and regenerate our food system, what else can we do?

Please join us at our next meeting, **next Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at noon** to propose, consider and choose our options for 2024. As usual we will start with your group reports of recent and future actions, as well as our Coalition outreach and steering team reports.

At our meeting, we will also reflect and celebrate our inspiring, in-person, December event at the Washington State Labor Council. We were delighted to meet new folks and hear exciting new plans and "Hope for/hope not headlines" from Third Act of Washington, Climate Action Families, 350 Seattle, Puget Sound Advocates for Retirement Action, South Seattle Climate Action Network and more.

Again, <u>please join us on Tuesday</u>, <u>January 16th at noon on Zoom</u> to share ways to maintain and build green new deal policies in 2024.

Please feel free to reply with questions, suggestions to: <u>admin@southseattleclimate.org</u>. If you cannot make it, please send us your updates, questions, and recommendations for 2024.

**To find out more** about our Coalition's past, plans, and priorities, go to <u>our website</u>. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth at <u>admin@southseattleclimate.org</u>.

**Thank you** for reading, speaking up, and persisting in our movements for a green new deal, climate justice and beyond, please keep it up. Please forward this message to your other groups, family and friends who are looking for ways to learn and act.

In Solidarity,

Beth, Bill, Cortney - the Pass the Federal Green New Deal Outreach Team

P.S. On Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, join us at the annual MLK Jr. workshops, rally, and march at Garfield High School. Bring your signs, wear your shirts, connect, learn, and show solidarity for expanding King's dream of racial justice, equity and peace for all. <u>More info here</u>.

The first step to solving a crisis is not evaluating the full situation or taking immediate action. That comes later.

*The first step is to realize that you are in one. And we are not there yet.* Greta Thunberg, <u>The Climate Book</u>, p. 278