"Show me what democracy looks like! This is what democracy looks like!" Are you still celebrating all those powerful election victories, here and across the nation? In spite, or because of, all the vicious threats and blatant lies, voters overwhelmingly turned out to say no to Trumpism and yes to progressive values, including energy affordability.

According to The New Republic, "On Tuesday, <u>Democratic candidates who presented a vision of climate policy promising to make energy more affordable to ordinary Americans did spectacularly well</u>. Assessing the Democrats' victory this week, <u>some key Republicans told Politico</u> that the Democrats had dominated them on the energy affordability issue—an issue for which they have no solutions. Strangely enough, <u>blocking offshore wind</u> and <u>spreading misinformation</u> about green energy isn't helping a single voter pay her utility bill."

So **what's next?** Clearly, we face the challenge of our lifetime: to protect our constitutional rights, our social safety net, our democratic institutions, as well as our planet and all people's health and welfare. We must keep our momentum growing between these big, national rally events by building on local and state policy campaigns. How can we to contribute to this growing movement? How can we to protect and promote Green New Deal (GND) funding and policies, while we resist authoritarian, environmental and economic destruction?

At our October meeting, we discussed the new, hot topic of AI and data center regulation to prevent electricity rate hikes and other harms. We agreed to support the resolution of **Third Act of Washington's Power Up Team**, to advocate to prevent harms from AI-driven expansion of data centers and other utilities. See the PSARA Sept. Advocate, Anne Shield's article for details.

If you are curious or ready to act, plan to attend the "People's Forum on AI" Wed. Nov. 19th 6 pm at Prospect UCC, 1919 E. Prospect (on Broadway) sponsored by 350 Seattle DSA Ecosocialists, and Troublemakers for presentations, table discussion, and potluck in person!

Our Next Meeting

What else can we do support your **local**, **state and federal GND** priorities? What is your plan for bills to prioritize in Olympia in 2026? Please bring your reports, requests, and questions to our next meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>November 18th at noon</u> on Zoom. In these challenging times, let's exchange our front burner ideas, goals, and plans so that we can take action together as well as to support each other's state legislative and other proposals. Solidarity now. Solidarity forever.

<u>Please reply with any questions, suggestions to: admin@southseattleclimate.org</u>. If you cannot make it, please send us your updates, questions, and your recommendations for action. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth at admin@southseattleclimate.org.

About The Coalition

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

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 to transform for a sustainable, just future.

In Solidarity,

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