



League of United Latin American Citizens

LULAC SUPPORTS THE GREEN NEW DEAL

The Green New Deal is a congressional resolution presented by Congressmember Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) proposing a program to address the drastic climate change and high levels of economic and racial inequality across the country. The proposal calls on the federal government to divest from fossil fuels, prevent further greenhouse gas emissions, and shift towards 100% renewable energy.

WHEREAS, the name is in reference to the New Deal presented by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to address the Great Depression with a similar approach to tackle the climate change issue at a national and global scale;

WHEREAS, climate change is a racial, social, economic justice issue primarily affecting communities of color, rural communities, and developing countries throughout the world;

WHEREAS, climate change is affecting the Latinx community and the large migration from the Southern border has been partly due to the effect of climate change creating economic challenges for many Latinx families;

WHEREAS, climate change created the devastating hurricane damage in Puerto Rico, forest fires across California, and droughts in farms throughout Latin America, primarily affecting working class families;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report addressing the urgent need to address the drastic changes on climate, including an increase in droughts, floods, forest fires, and extreme heat;

WHEREAS, the report concluded that these drastic changes are caused by human activity over the past century, primarily by the abundant use of oil and gas throughout our economy, causing an increase in greenhouse gases;

WHEREAS, in 2016, the United States signed on to the landmark Paris Agreement established at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to accelerate the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon future, with the aim to strengthen alliances at a global level to maintaining global temperatures below 2 degree Celsius;

WHEREAS, young activists, including the Sunrise Movement, are calling for the need to address climate change and pass the Green New Deal, which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by half by the year 2030;

WHEREAS, the Green New Deal calls for a jobs creation program, guaranteeing high-paying jobs within the clean energy sector as renewable energy is becoming more affordable and accessible,

including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and hydropower;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LULAC Council 11125 calls on LULAC and its membership to support the Green New Deal.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2019 LULAC National Convention on July 13, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Domingo Garcia". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Domingo Garcia
LULAC National President