

Green New Deal Resolution: On February 5, 2019, Congressperson Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez filed legislation to create a Green New Deal, which is available online here: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/5729033/Green-New-Deal-FINAL.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Gyf9KMb611VklsvIS1I0kEqW7iga-XBHWnyjAUEOjxiF7A-ldYwKvpsE>

The Green New Deal Resolution calls for a "national mobilization" to build "resiliency against climate change-related disasters" and achieve "100 percent of the power demand in the United States through **clean, renewable, and zero-emission energy sources**" (page 7), within the next ten years. Of note, the GND Resolution does not use words such as fossil fuel, oil, coal or nuclear, or specify solar, wind, or hydroelectric as solutions. Clearwater and our partners in the Unity for Clean Energy coalition and beyond want to be sure that it is clear to our elected representatives that nuclear is NOT clean energy and should not be included in the GND or subsidized in any way and that nuclear has ongoing emissions of radioactive isotopes and greenhouses gasses, including compound that contain carbon-14, during operation and after decommissioning. (*Click to read more.*)

To ensure environmental justice and a just transition, the Resolution also says that "a Green New Deal must be developed *through transparent and inclusive consultation, collaboration and partnership with frontline and vulnerable communities, labor unions, worker cooperatives, civil society groups, academia and businesses*". (page 10). "Frontline and vulnerable communities" is defined on page 4.

An accompanying FAQ sheet cites the recent IPCC Report's call for urgent action -- that global emissions must be cut by 40-60% by 2030. The US produces 20% of the total emissions and can therefore be a leader in implementing Climate Solutions.

Building on FDR's second Bill of Rights, the Resolution also calls for "providing all people of the US with:

- High-quality health care;
- High-quality education, including higher education and trade schools;
- Safe, affordable, and adequate housing;
- Economic security, including a job with a family-sustaining wage, family and medical leave, vacations, and retirement security; and
- Access to clean water, clean air, healthy and affordable food, and nature." (pages 12 -14)