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General Membership Meeting
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Progressive Democrats of Benicia

- ▶ **Kathy Dervin, leader of 350 Bay Area Action's Legislative Action**
 - ▶ Climate change issues and the CA Legislature,
 - ▶ The Sept. 20 Climate Strike and 350 Bay Area's work through Youth vs Apocalypse, the youth-led environmental justice program supported by 350 Bay Area.
 - ▶ Climate Emergency Resolutions that various governments are now passing, which Benicia may soon consider.

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Taking Action to Address the Climate Crisis

State-Local

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- ▶ Clean, affordable energy
 - ▶ CCAs and a grid that meets state's needs
 - ▶ Support solar, wind and geothermal
 - ▶ Moving beyond natural gas
 - ▶ Energy efficiency and conservation
- ▶ Stop new fossil fuel infrastructure and extraction/ reduce existing fossil fuel use, (requires a "just transition")
- ▶ Sustainable transportation
- ▶ Land use (housing near transit without displacement)
- ▶ Sustainable Ag, forests and natural lands
- ▶ Reduce waste (plastics, food, everything)
- ▶ Resources to help local govt and communities make changes we need
 - ▶ Resources for vulnerable, frontline and env justice communities
 - ▶ And MUCH more

2 year campaign to PASS SB 100 100% clean electricity by 2045



Transportation (41% of state emissions and growing)

- ▶ Transportation - “electrify everything”
 - ▶ Phase out Internal combustion engines (ICE)
 - ▶ Reduce diesel
 - ▶ Electric trucks, EV school buses, EV public transit
 - ▶ Promote and fund more walking and biking
 - ▶ Need to link transportation to housing, jobs, land use
 - ▶ Need more public investments to make this possible esp to lower income

Huge fight with oil industry and others who want to slow down and stop these changes. WSPA has too much power and money in Sacramento

- ▶ Most transportation bills were weakened or made 2-year bills

Reduce and end reliance on fossil fuel

Protect communities and environment from fossil fuel exposures, reduce extraction, move to **just transition**

AB 936 (Oil Spill prevention and safety in shipping tar sands)

AB 342 (Prohibit state permits for oil and gas to be carried over state lands)

Two year bill

AB 345 Create a 2500 foot set back from new oil and gas. This is a priority bill for Env Justice groups

Political organizing:

No coal exports (local efforts in Oakland, Richmond Vallejo, Stockton

Reduce refinery emissions, stop expansion and new shipments to Bay Area refineries

Last Chance Alliance is aimed at getting Gov. Newsom to move away from fossil fuel extraction, ban fracking, etc.

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Promote clean energy (protect clean energy)

- ▶ Protect our local CCAs (like Marin Clean Energy) from constant attacks
- ▶ Keep building on SB 100 - accelerate our progress
- ▶ Move forward on building electrification - huge fight with Nat Gas
 - ▶ Local governments (Berkeley and others) moving this ahead now
- ▶ PG&E bankruptcy and fire liability is a HUGE issue/challenge

Priority Bills (3 days left.....)

- ▶ TOP BILLS
- ▶ SB 1 (Defend vs Trump rollbacks)
- ▶ SB 54 / AB 1080-single use plastics
- ▶ SB 210 - smog checks for trucks
- ▶ IMPORTANT BILLS
- ▶ SB 936 (Tar sands)
- ▶ AB 857 (Public Banking)
- ▶ SB 127- Complete streets - PASSED
- ▶ Reject attacks on our CCAs



What can you do right now?

- ▶ Call Assembly member Grayson (916) 319-2014
 - ▶ **Vote YES** on
 - ▶ SB 1
 - ▶ SB 54
 - ▶ SB 210
 - ▶ **VOTE NO** on SB 520 (a bill to undercut our CCAs)
- ▶ Call Senator Dodd (916) 651-4003
 - ▶ **Vote yes** on
 - ▶ AB 1080
 - ▶ AB 936
 - ▶ AB 857

What can cities do?

- ▶ Pass and then ACT on Climate Emergency Declarations
 - ▶ Community advocacy groups working with elected officials
 - ▶ Make sure justice and community is informed and involved
 - ▶ Set 2030 goals and work towards them
- ▶ Cities must PUSH harder for actions and faster implementation
- ▶ Cities need to work together on solutions &, bring down barriers
- ▶ Need support from region and state
 - ▶ Need \$\$\$ and more rules change to pass reach codes and stronger actions
 - ▶ Cities cannot solve transportation by themselves
 - ▶ Need to change business as usual governance to make substantial changes FASTER

Bay Area Cities and Counties declaring a climate emergency

- ▶ Berkeley
- ▶ Richmond
- ▶ Hayward
- ▶ Fairfax
- ▶ Alameda
- ▶ San Francisco
- ▶ Petaluma
- ▶ Cupertino
- ▶ Oakland
- ▶ El Cerrito
- ▶ Santa Clara County

Plus: Santa Cruz (city and county), Davis, Chico, Ojai

LA created a Climate Emergency Dept to elevate this focus in city affairs,

Example: Movement to electrify buildings

- ▶ Building electrification:
 - ▶ New buildings should be all electric ready (or have no nat gas lines put in
 - ▶ Berkeley, Santa Rosa, Alameda, Menlo Park, San Luis Obispo and growing)
 - ▶ Retrofitting older buildings will take much longer but need to start now
 - ▶ CPUC just approved allowing Energy Efficiency rebate money to be used for heat pumps and going electric

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKUwU8zBjLA>

**GLOBAL YOUTH
CLIMATE STRIKE
SEPT 20-27**

Bay Area Climate Strikes, Walk Outs, Direct Action Sept 20-27

- ▶ **Sept 20** in San Francisco - Youth organized March and Rally for Youth Climate (10am - 2pm)
 - ▶ Sept 21 - Walnut Creek Civic Park - Climate Rally and Teach In
 - ▶ **Sept 25** - Direct Action in Financial District in SF (7am- 5pm)
 - ▶ **Sept 27** - Rally at Chevron Headquarters in San Ramon (9am- noon)
- ▶ See schedule of events around the Bay Area at
- ▶ <https://www.bayareaclimatestrike.net>
 - ▶ <https://youthvsapocalypse.org>

