

2023 GOALS



IMPLEMENTING SUCCESS & PUSHING FOR MORE PROGRESS

Our nation has an unprecedented opportunity to capitalize on historic federal climate legislation, the Inflation Reduction Act (**IRA**), which our movement helped win in 2022 to help put the U.S. on the path to curb climate pollution by 50% by 2030.

In 2023, equitable and just implementation of the IRA is a priority for LCV and our 30+ Conservation Voters Movement (**CVM**) affiliates, as are bold executive action from the Biden-Harris administration and more state and local clean energy progress to advance a healthier, safer, and more just climate future.

Our movement will also continue to advocate for a strong representative democracy for all, because we cannot have a healthy environment without a healthy democracy, and threats to our democracy are most detrimental to the same communities who face the greatest threats from the climate crisis and pollution. **We will work to:**

SECURE EQUITABLE & JUST CLIMATE PROGRESS

- ✓ **Reduce pollution, help secure Justice40 goals, and create good, family-sustaining jobs** by advocating for federal agencies to swiftly and equitably implement the IRA's transformative investments in climate, clean energy, and environmental justice.
- ✓ **Maintain and build support for bold climate action and clean energy adoption** by elevating the IRA's real-world benefits with the media, the public, and policymakers.
- ✓ **Cut greenhouse gas emissions** through executive actions and regulations that lower pollution from power plants and set limits on methane emissions from the oil and gas industry.
- ✓ **Curb vehicle pollution** by advocating for federal standards for all new vehicles that will reduce emissions by roughly 75% by 2030 and align with all new cars, trucks, and buses being zero-emission by 2035.
- ✓ **Speed the transition to 100% clean energy** by organizing to accelerate commitments to 100% clean energy in 12 states, retire coal plants in at least four states, and decarbonize regional electric grids.
- ✓ **Advance zero-emission modes of transportation**, including cars, school buses, and trucks, by pushing state and local decision-makers to use federal funds to transition away from fossil-fuel powered vehicles.
- ✓ **Grow economic opportunities in communities most impacted by fossil fuel transition** by partnering with low-income and environmental justice groups in six states to direct IRA funds to frontline communities.

DEFEND & STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY

- ✓ **Advance pro-democracy reforms and defend against voter suppression efforts** by achieving 10 victories via state and local legislation, ballot initiatives, and local election administration policies.
- ✓ **Secure pro-democracy administrative actions** from the Biden-Harris administration through executive orders, implementation, rules, guidance, and appointments.
- ✓ **Protect the freedom to vote in all communities** by advocating for legislation to strengthen voting rights, reduce the influence of money in politics, provide funds for state and local election offices, and expand and rebalance the U.S. Supreme Court to include four additional seats.
- ✓ **Increase the number of qualified pro-environment, pro-democracy judges** on state and federal courts by advocating for personally and professionally diverse nominees with records of working for the interests of people and communities.
- ✓ **Ensure access to justice** by advocating for the creation of additional seats on federal Courts of Appeals and District Courts.
- ✓ **Grow the pool of diverse, pro-climate, pro-democracy candidates who run for office** through recruitment and training programs, including those held in partnership with BIPOC-led organizations, that are welcoming and inclusive to candidates of color, young people, LGBTQ+ people, and women.



FOSTER HEALTHY COMMUNITIES & PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS

- ✓ **Ensure at least 40% of federal investments benefit environmental justice communities** by working with our partners in the Equitable & Just National Climate Platform to shape implementation.
- ✓ **Protect public health** through advocacy efforts to defend and strengthen the Biden administration's proposed and finalized rules to reduce methane and other air pollutants, curb emissions from power plants, eliminate lead in drinking water, reduce exposure to dangerous PFAS chemicals, and more.
- ✓ **Advance strong environmental health policies** by educating and engaging the public, media, and decision-makers on the need to address legacy pollution and move away from fossil fuels.
- ✓ **Help reach the goal of preserving 30% of our nation's lands and waters by 2030** by campaigning to persuade President Biden to use his authority to protect more public lands and waters, such as Avi Kwa Ame in Nevada, Castner Range in Texas, Berryessa Snow Mountain in California, and other majestic landscapes across the country.
- ✓ **Stop new fossil fuel drilling on public lands and waters** by demonstrating strong opposition to proposed offshore leasing, projects like ConocoPhillips' Willow, and new liquefied natural gas export infrastructure.
- ✓ **Make access to nature more equitable** by building stronger coalitions with Tribes, Tribal-serving entities, and people of color-led organizations.



Photo of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Social Dancers, Courtesy of Castner Range Forever



Photo of Berryessa Snow Mountain by Bob Wick, BLM



Photo of Avi Kwa Ame by Alan O'Neill

ELECT CLIMATE & DEMOCRACY CHAMPIONS



LCV Victory Fund will support our state affiliates' 2023 electoral efforts to:

- ✓ **Defend pro-climate, pro-democracy control of the New Jersey Senate and gain pro-climate control of the state Assembly** by investing in priority district races.
- ✓ **Flip Virginia's House of Delegates and maintain the state Senate's pro-climate, pro-democracy control** by investing in priority district races.
- ✓ **Reverse the Wisconsin Senate's anti-environment, anti-democracy supermajority** by investing in Senate District 8's special election.
- ✓ **Elect pro-environment, pro-democracy judges to key seats**, including state Supreme Court seats, by investing in priority judicial races in the Pennsylvania and Wisconsin general elections.
- ✓ **Elect pro-environment, pro-democracy mayors and city council members** in cities such as Akron, Cincinnati, and Columbus, OH; Boise, ID; Lincoln, NE; and Salem, MA.

LCV Victory Fund will also prepare for federal elections in 2024 by working to:

- ✓ **Hold and expand pro-climate leadership in the U.S. Senate** by planning for engagement in key races, with a focus on re-electing champions in states that are trending more conservative, such as Sens. Jon Tester (MT) and Sherrod Brown (OH).
- ✓ **Return control of the U.S. House to pro-climate, pro-democracy leadership** by planning for engagement in districts that voted for President Biden but are held by anti-climate, anti-democracy representatives.
- ✓ **Maintain pro-climate, pro-democracy leadership in the White House** by planning for engagement in targeted presidential swing states.



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