

Kamala Harris: A Climate Champion



“But I will say what everyone here knows: I do believe strongly that this is a very decisive decade that we’re in. And the moment is now to be bold, unapologetic, ambitious and have a sense of optimism, knowing what is possible.”

– Vice President Kamala Harris, LCV’s 2024 Capital Dinner, 3/20/24

- As Vice President, Kamala Harris has been instrumental in this administration’s historic progress on climate and environmental justice.
- Vice President Harris advocated for and cast the deciding vote for the Inflation Reduction Act, the single largest investment ever in climate action, clean energy and environmental justice.
- The Vice President has traveled the country highlighting the administration’s investments and lifting up the benefits for our communities, small businesses, nonprofits and more.
- She has represented the U.S. around the world, negotiating bilateral climate agreements and leading the delegation to COP28.
- In the U.S. Senate, Harris was a leader on many key issues, including introducing the Environmental Justice for All Act and the Climate Equity Act, as well as legislation to help districts obtain clean school buses, expand equitable access to the outdoors, protect public lands and clean water and maintain the ability for states to set higher standards for clean vehicles.
- She was the first candidate for California’s attorney general -- Democrat or Republican -- to publicly oppose the repeal of AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, California’s cap-and-trade system, and made her opposition to Prop 23 a key part of her 2010 campaign. As Attorney General, Harris went on to aggressively defend AB 32.
- As San Francisco District Attorney, Kamala Harris created the first Environmental Justice Unit in the San Francisco District Attorney’s Office and prosecuted several industries and individuals for environmental crimes from illegal dumping to air pollution to illegal poaching, most notably U-Haul, Alameda Publishing Corporation, and the Cosco Busan oil spill.



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