



Dear Friend,

We live in extraordinary times. Just as the planet is approaching the red zone of 2° warming where dangerous climate change could be locked in for millennia, the US has elected a President who vows to bring back the Keystone pipeline, pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement, overturn the Clean Air Plan, and drill baby drill. **What can you and I do?**

There isn't time to wring our hands or stay on the sidelines. **The future of generations depends on what we do today.** It's no longer enough to change out light bulbs or ride a bicycle. It's time for serious movement building and a speedy transition to a fossil-fuel world.

Six years ago a small group of us started 350 Sacramento. As an all-volunteer organization we've done our best, but **now we have to scale up...BIG TIME.** To do this we need to raise more money than our small local organization has ever done before.

Climate change isn't going to wait 4 years for the right President. We're already seeing unprecedented drought, unprecedented forest fires, unprecedented heat waves, hurricanes, and floods. Coral reefs are dying, arctic ice is melting, sea level rising, species going extinct.... **It's imperative that we quickly transition to a renewable, sustainable future.** And now, given our new political reality, our job is even more challenging. **We need you to pitch in.**

You and I have tremendous power when we come together, and that's where we'll find hope and solutions to the climate crisis. Look at how **we stopped two major oil train projects:**

- On September 21, 2016, the Benicia City Council rejected the Valero oil train project.
- A week later the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission rejected the Phillips 66 project.

These projects would have sent oil trains filled with the most explosive, toxic, extreme oils through Sacramento daily. For 3 years, 350 Sacramento fought to stop these trains by organizing marches and rallies, testifying at hearings, writing letters, and raising awareness of this huge threat to our community.

When we work together, we win.

Your year-end donation will support the work of our volunteer-run teams:

- **Model Sacramento** works to accelerate Sacramento's transition to a carbon-free future.
- **Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground.** Fossil fuel projects currently in production are enough to send us beyond the 2° warming danger point. We can't afford *any* new fossil fuel infrastructure.
- **Transit.** Good affordable transit is necessary for a sustainable community. **Transit 101**

is exploring ways to help develop a first-class regional transit system while **Sacramento Transit Advocates and Riders (STAR)** focuses on advocacy.

- **Transition Streets** has its first cohort of households helping one another reduce their personal carbon footprints.
- **Green & Just Economy** is planning a speaker series in 2017 to explore new economic possibilities.

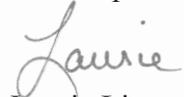
Behind the scenes we've been working on organizational housekeeping, including our first-ever strategic plan. That plan will take us from an all-volunteer organization that works out of homes and coffeeshops to a more effective organization with an office and small staff. We've accomplished a lot, but now we need to scale up to the urgency of the crisis.

And that's where you come in. The first step is to get enough money in the bank to rent an office and hire our first part-time staff person. Your end-of-year donation is the seed money to make that happen.

Thanks to the generosity of a few donors we now have a \$1,500 matching grant! Your money will go even further. Please donate today and be as generous as you possibly can be.

350 Sacramento is an island of hope in this dark time. Working to solve this crisis is bringing people and movements together. The great global climate movement is urgent, it's hopeful, it's powerful, it's happening. 350 Sacramento is our local branch of that movement. **Your donation will make a huge difference.**

With hope for the future,



Laurie Litman,
chair, 350 Sacramento

PS. I know you are getting fundraising letters in your mailbox every day—there are so many good and important causes that need your money. **Why should you give to 350 Sacramento?**

- 1) **We're local**—for the next few years we expect little progress on climate change at the national level; local is where it's at.
- 2) **We're trustworthy**—we've been at this for 6 years, we're not going away, and you can trust us to use your money wisely.
- 3) **We're passionate**—you know that we're driven; that's not going to go away either.
- 4) **We're fun**—the issue is dire, but that doesn't mean we can't enjoy the work of building this movement, whether it's a Cold Beer for a Hot Planet fundraiser, Ode to Earth performances, happy hour gatherings, or simply hugs all around.