



## HOW CAN YOU VOTE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

### CLIMATE CHANGE REQUIRES A DIFFERENT WAY OF THINKING!

After centuries of an unjust economy based on fossil fuels, degradation of ecosystems, food/consumer waste, industrial agriculture, & other harmful practices, the global system is failing.

### HOW CAN WE CHANGE ANYTHING AS SDSU STUDENTS?

We have the power to vote for candidates who stand for sustainability! By electing officials who listen to the science, we can protect the future for ourselves & future generations. Don't let your ballot go to waste—it's one of the most important ways to act on our climate crisis.

# GREEN VOTER GUIDE

## BIG QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN YOU CHOOSE A CLIMATE-CONSCIOUS CANDIDATE:



### Does the candidate decline donations from the fossil fuel industry, or have they signed a “no fossil fuel” pledge?

70% of global greenhouse gas emissions are tied to 100 companies (mostly in the fossil fuel industry). (Carbon Majors 2017)

**How to check:** Visit [NoFossilFuelMoney.org/pledge-signers/](https://NoFossilFuelMoney.org/pledge-signers/) to check, but information may not be available for smaller, local candidates.



### Does the candidate make climate change a focal issue in their campaign?

A focus on climate justice is a good indicator of how seriously the candidate understands climate change.

**How to check:** Find if they mention climate change in speeches or the campaign website.



### Does the candidate support a Green New Deal or other comprehensive climate policy?

Climate change affects everything. The Green New Deal is based on the idea that large scale change is needed—encompassing every sector of the U.S. economy.

**How to check:** Does the candidate talk about jobs, public housing, homelessness, immigration, poverty, & indigenous rights as a part of their climate policy?

# IMPORTANT SEATS

A list of positions you may see on your ballot—depending on where you're registered.

## U.S. PRESIDENT

- Can veto bills
- Can make executive orders (ex. establishing a "climate emergency" or banning fossil fuel explorations)
- Represents the U.S. at global summits
- Can lead U.S. to rejoin the Paris Climate Accord

## U.S. CONGRESS

- Can introduce & vote on legislation (ex. restoration acts/ funding for polluted communities)
- Work in their individual communities & help with problems

\*SDSU is in U.S. House of Representatives District 53

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

- Made up of the State Assembly & State Senate
- Can introduce & pass state-level legislation
- Can get local funding for sustainable infrastructure initiatives (ex. public transportation)
- Helps CA to be a leader in climate solutions

\*SDSU is CA State Assembly District 79 & CA State Senate District 39

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Can propose & approve county-wide measures that are key in determining land use (ex. limiting the amount of sprawl & setting priorities for local budgets)

\*SDSU is in SD County Supervisor District 2

## SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

- Responsible for introducing & passing local measures
- The final voice on city land use (ex. the proposed SDSU Mission Valley project)
- Determines its own order of business (ex. passing a climate action policy)

\*SDSU is in Council District 9 & the Mission Valley campus would be in District 7

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Acts as the landlord of school property
- Chooses how to spend budget
- Can make schools more sustainable
- Influences how climate change is talked about

\*SDSU is in Education Board District 3

## SAN DIEGO MAYOR

- Enforces and execute laws approved by City Council
- Key in setting sustainability priorities for the City

**Thanks for voting for the environment! Here's a few more resources:**

- California's politicians environmental voting record: [scorecard.ecovote.org](http://scorecard.ecovote.org)
- Comprehensive information on what's on your ballot: [ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org)
- Track money in politics: [opensecrets.org](http://opensecrets.org)
- Check your voter registration: [vote.gov](http://vote.gov)

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