

Green New Deal for Seattle

Urban Forestry Commission Presentation

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Office of Sustainability
& Environment



City of Seattle

Agenda

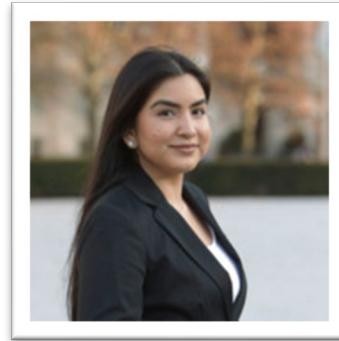
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- Green New Deal Oversight Board Updates
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory Summary
- Coordination Strategies
- Q&A



Climate & Environmental Justice



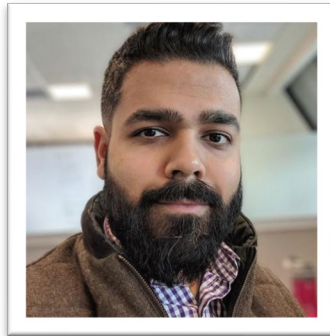
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Equity & Environment Initiative

- First of its kind in the nation
- Partnership between community-based non-profits, local government & foundations
- Inspired similar initiatives at the City, County, and State level locally as well as nationally and still referenced as a model.



Equity and Environment Guiding Principles

- Community driven strategies
- Influencing and decision making by those most affected
- Strong accountability
- Solutions that recognize complexity and interdependence



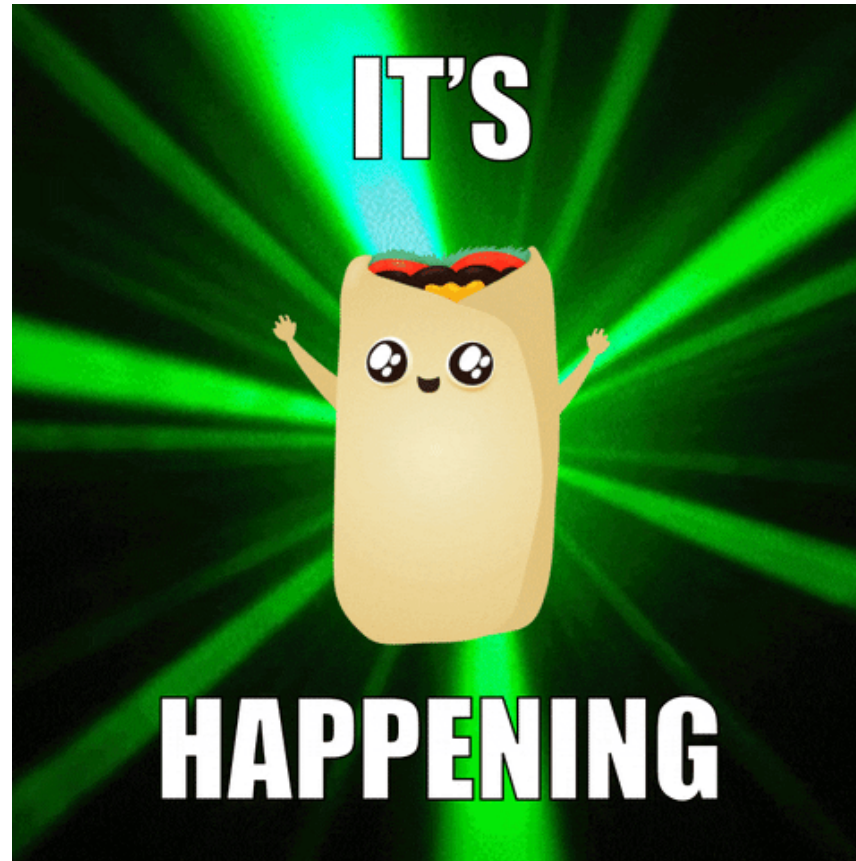


**“The Duwamish
is our river”**

PAULINA LOPEZ AND FAMILY

Equity & Environment Initiative

- Environmental Justice Committee
- Environmental Justice Fund
- Duwamish Valley Program



Green New Deal for Seattle

- Momentum of National organizing
- Climate pollution increasing
- Policy development & implementation with community & labor stakeholders



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Green New Deal for Seattle

- Resolution
- Ordinance
- Executive Order
- Associated: Jump Start Seattle ordinance & Spending Plan resolution



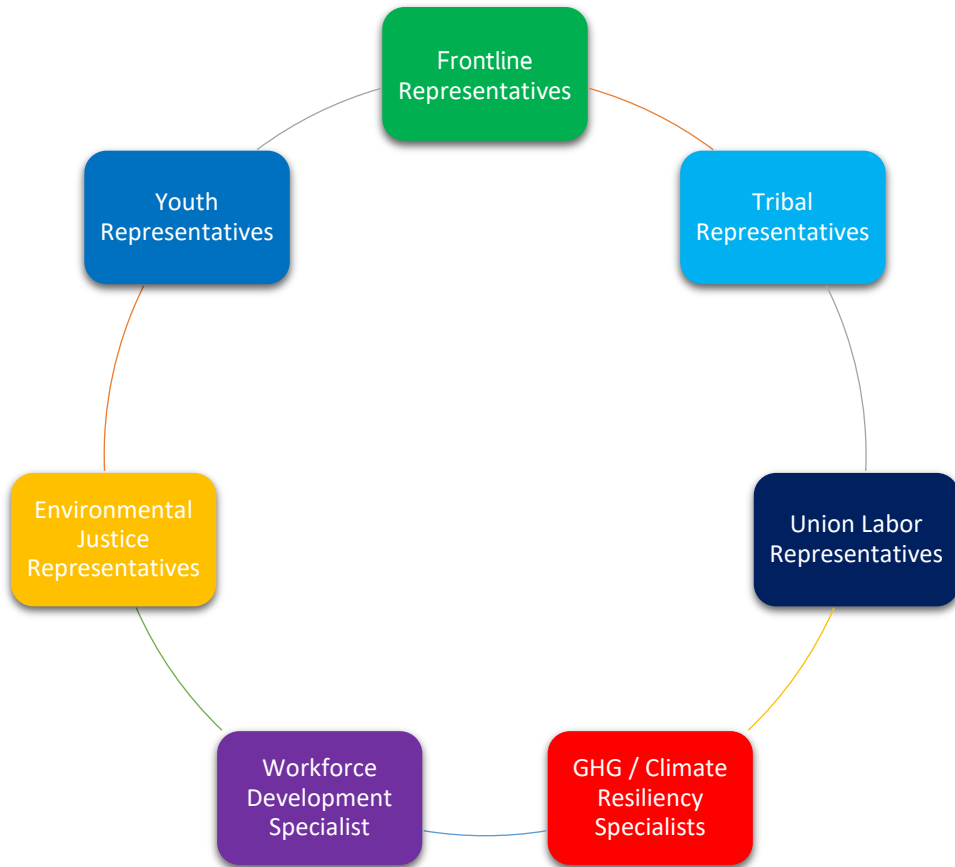
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Jump Start Seattle: GND

“\$20 million annually to energy efficiency retrofits, switching homes away from oil and gas heating to cleaner and safer electric heating and funding weatherization projects that lower energy bills. Phase 1 of the program will prioritize homeowners that make 80% or less of Seattle’s average median income before being opened up to the broader public”

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GND Oversight Board Overview



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Mayoral Appointments

- 2 Frontline
- 1 Tribal
- 1 Youth
- 1 Environmental Justice
- 2 Labor Union
- 1 Workforce Development Specialist

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Council Appointments

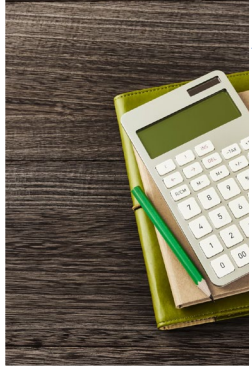
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GND Oversight Board's Focus:



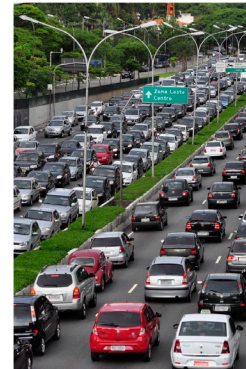
GND Funding



Energy Transition



Workforce
Development

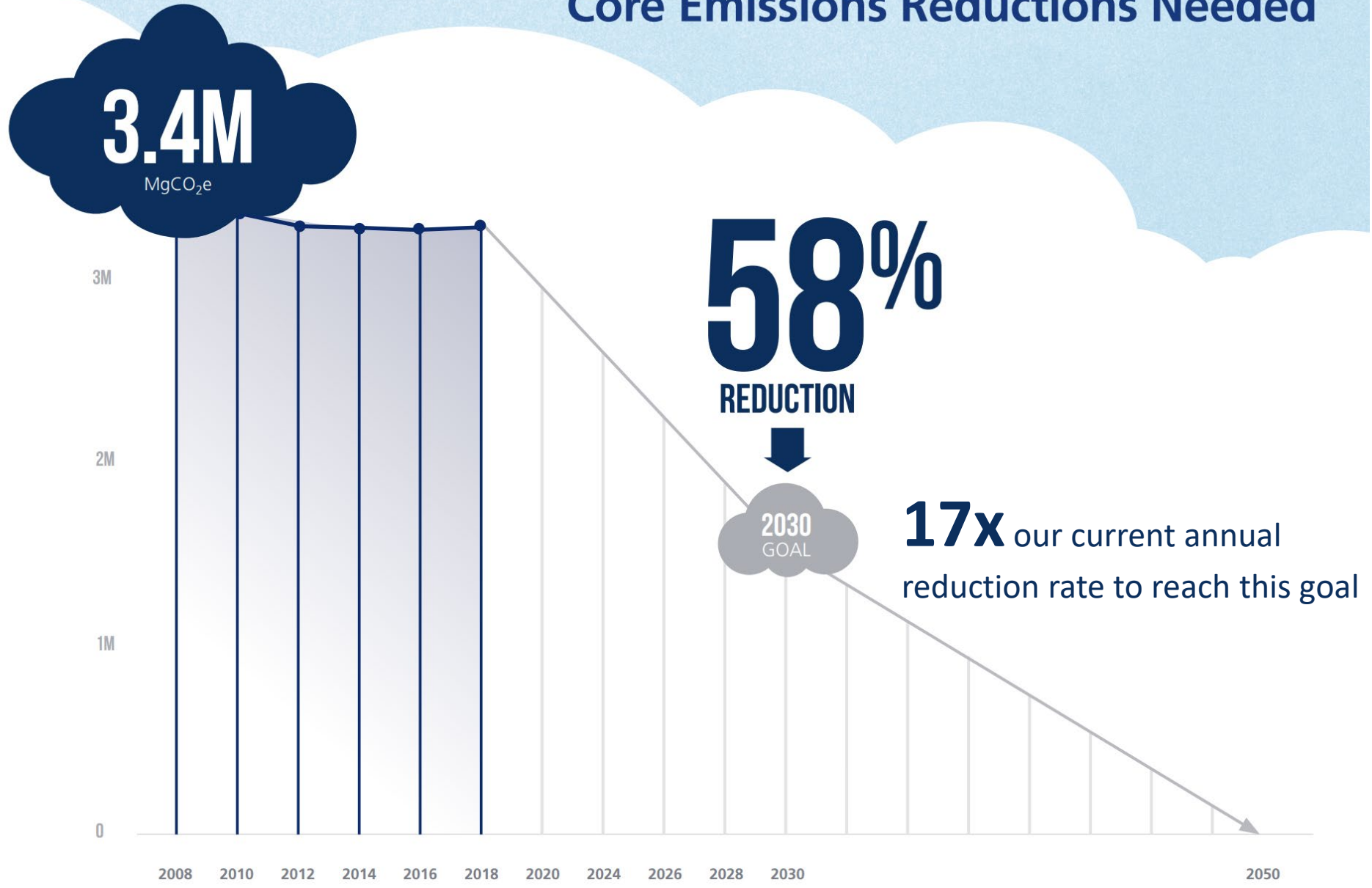


Tracking climate
pollution reductions

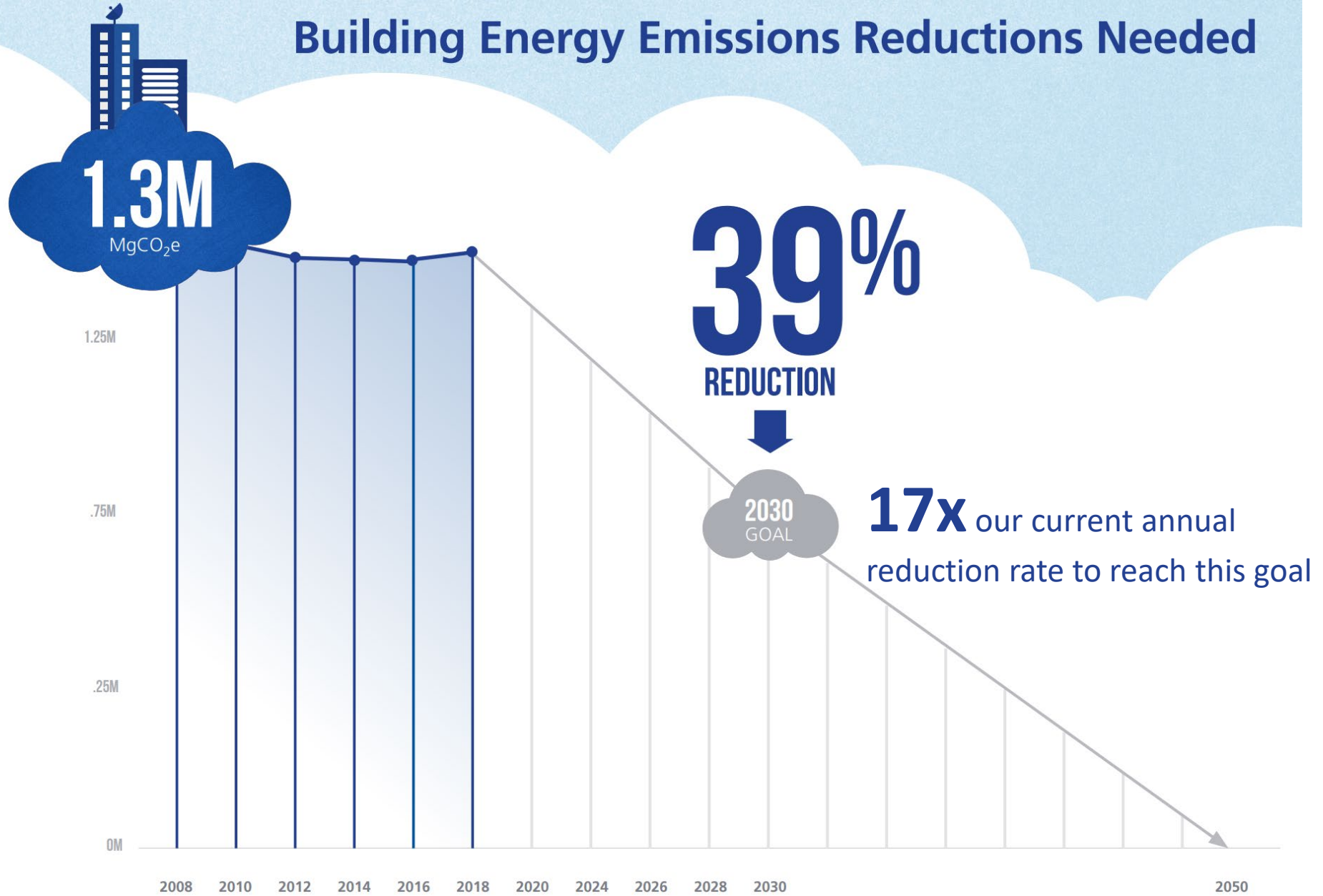
Relevant Climate Actions

- Inclusive land use with access to green space.
- Reducing air pollution that BIPOC communities face and increasing access to trees and nature.
- Heat Island effect.
- Access to clean air and water.

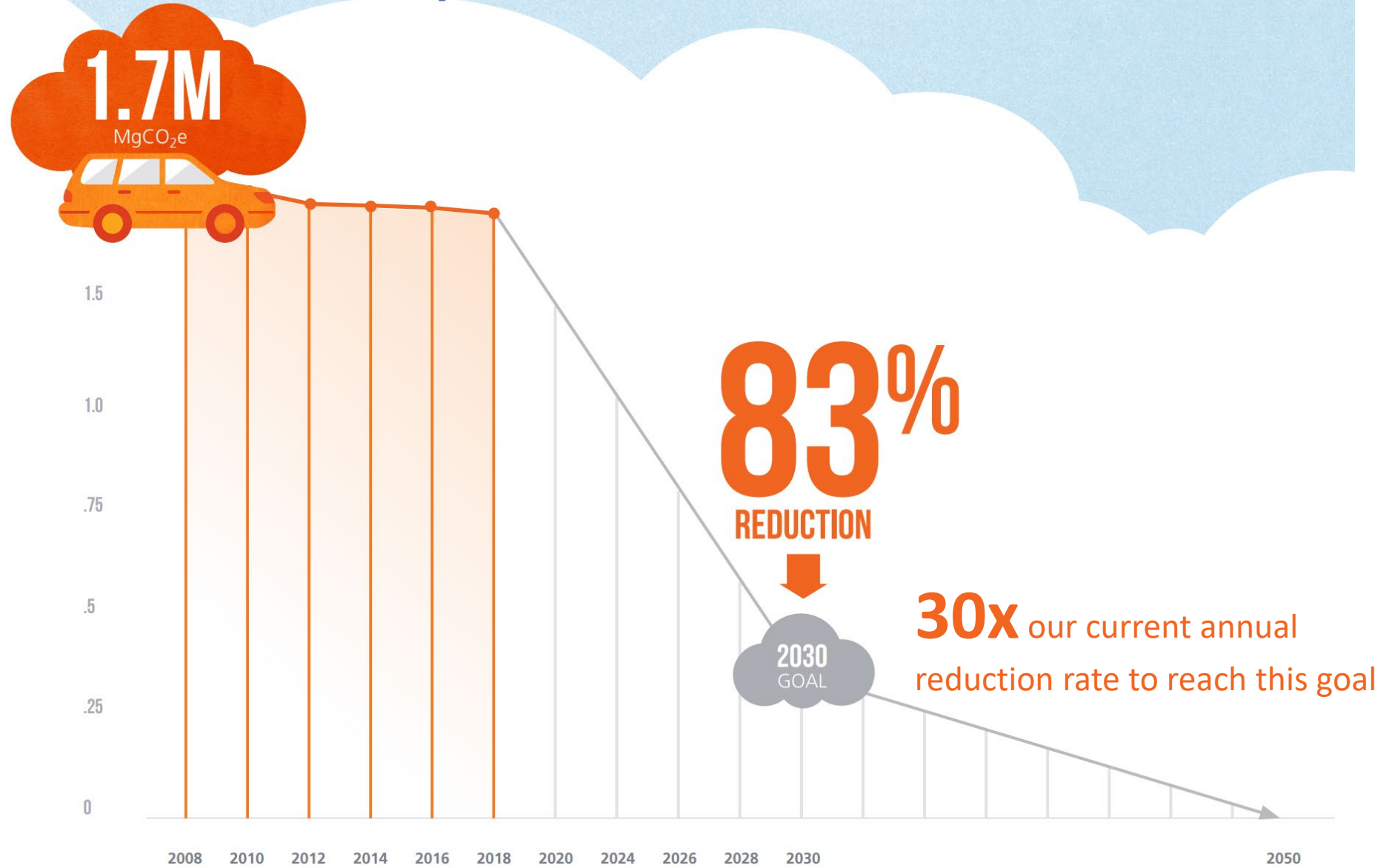
Core Emissions Reductions Needed



Building Energy Emissions Reductions Needed



Transportation Emissions Reductions Needed



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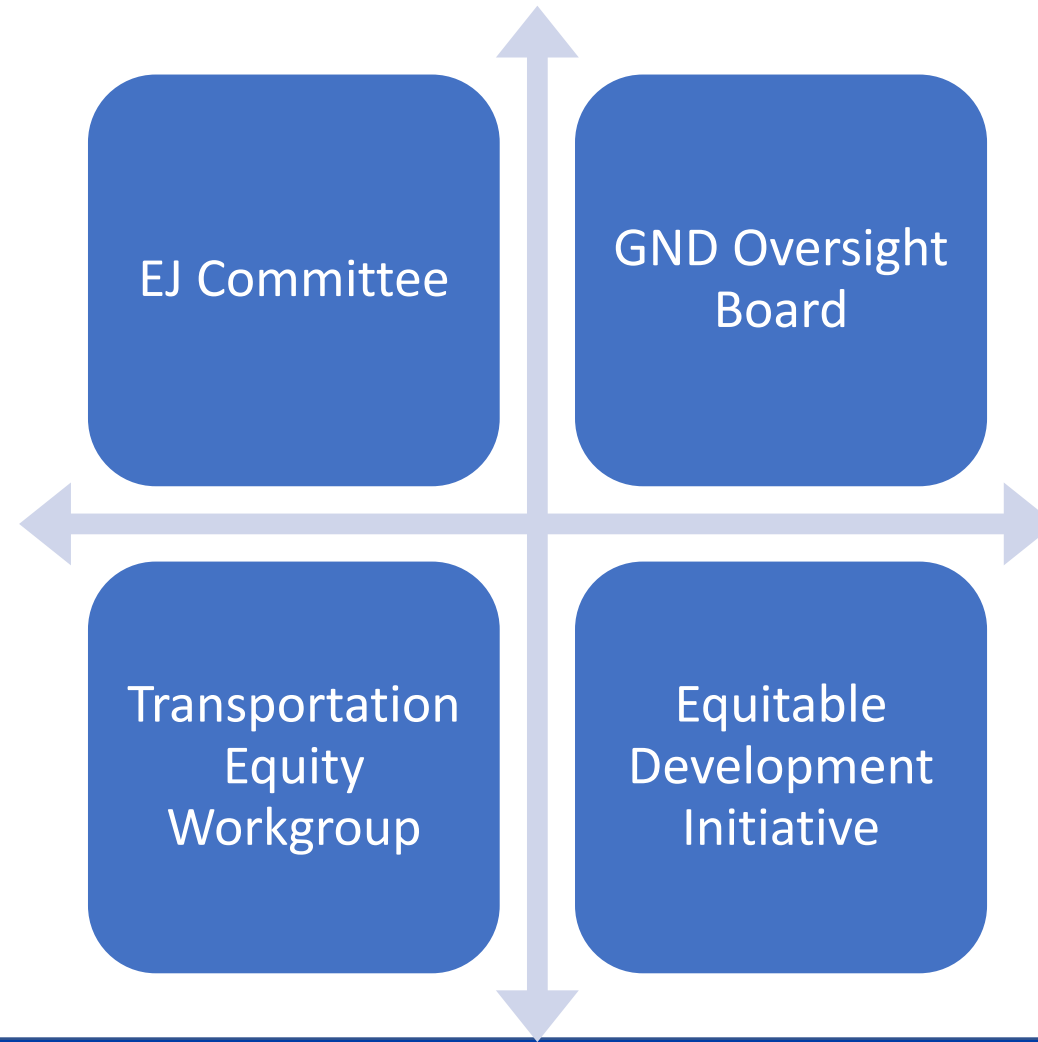
- **Key Climate Indicators**
Collect more frequent and granular climate data
- **Indicators Dashboard**
Contextualize data for public consumption with equity metrics and constituent stories



STAND WITH FRONTLINE COMMUNITIES IN OUR FIGHT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF TOXIC CHEMICALS AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

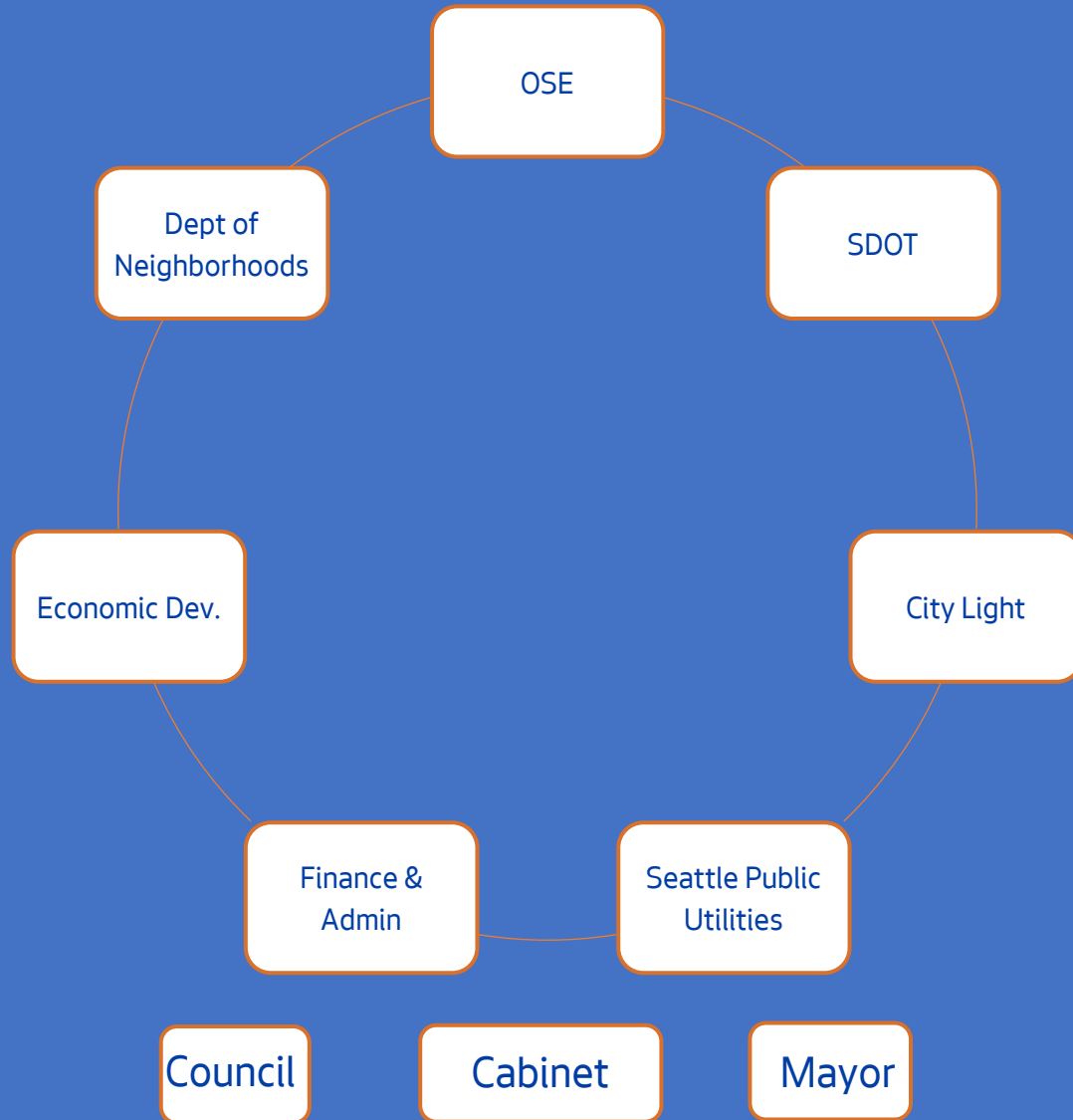
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Green New Deal Coordination:



Green New Deal City Team

- Departments called in the Executive Order:
- Sustain momentum to achieve GND objectives
- Set agendas for City implementation
- Bring policy, program, and capital project perspectives
- Bring a complete picture of capital and programmatic investments
- Engage in near term actions to maximize alignment with objectives
- Contribute to Annual Workplan Development
- Identify resource needs



GND City Team's Scope of Work:

1. Providing proposals for design of new policies, programs and projects and/or for modifications to existing policies, programs, and projects to advance a Green New Deal for Seattle
2. Coordinate efforts with the Green New Deal Oversight Board and other City Boards and Commissions as needed
3. Submit a workplan of annual climate actions for all City departments that will collectively result in the elimination of climate pollutants by 2030 and measure progress towards that goal. Priority actions should align with community wide, regional, state, and federal actions to transition from fossil fuels.

This workplan will include:

- a. Actions and timelines for implementation with an emphasis on actions that can be done immediately
 - b. Consult with Oversight Board semiannually on development and implementation of City dept. climate actions and progress towards each goal as well as policies, programs, and projects to advance a GND
 - c. Produce an annual budget memo for consideration by the City Budget Office each year.
 - d. Present to council and provide an annual report each year on the City's progress
4. Review a biennial report (instead of a semiannual report) of outcomes and indicators for the previous year related to City policies, programs and projects related to the Green New Deal for Seattle

Questions?

