

GREEN NEW DEAL OVERSIGHT BOARD (GNDOB)

VISION

Seattle will be climate-pollution free by 2030¹

VALUES THAT DRIVE OUR VISION

- a. We **serve** the land; *frontline communities* (Black people, Indigenous people, sovereign tribal nations, communities of color, immigrants, refugees, youths, elders, houseless people, disabled people, LGBTQ+ people, people with low and no income, and people who work in outdoor occupations); and people who live, work, play and pray in Seattle.
- b. We are **stewards** of our local and global **environment, health, and climate**.
- c. We exist to correct historic and current inequities that accelerate and cause more severe impacts on frontline communities towards **racial and social equity**.
- d. We respect and approach **intersectionality and cultural preservation as assets** to bring about unity and creativity from various perspectives and differences to our work.
- e. We **build on the legacy** of our ancestors, our communities, and our forerunners from racial, social, economic and environmental justice movements.
- f. We **listen and are guided** by frontline communities.
- g. We **collaborate** with communities, the Seattle government, sovereign tribal nations (whose treaty rights are connected to the lands and waterways of Seattle or whose usual and accustomed places are in Seattle), and other entities such as non-profit, private, public and other governmental agencies to accomplish our vision and mission.
- h. We hold ourselves, Seattle departments and others **accountable** to accomplish our vision and mission.
- i. We **uphold the human and workers' rights** set out in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights² and the 1991 Declaration of Environmental Justice Principles by the People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit³.

¹[Green New Deal Resolution 31895](#) PDF p. 9 (Section 4)

²United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/universal-declaration-of-human-rights>

³Environmental Justice Principles: <https://www.ejnet.org/ej/principles.html>

MISSION

GNDOB connects frontline community-led voices and the Seattle city government to eliminate Seattle's climate pollution by 2030, while resolving racial, social, and economic inequities. We do this by 1) recommending systemic changes and budget priorities to the Mayor, City Council, City departments and advisory boards, 2) supporting departmental planning and implementation, and 3) coordinating efforts with City departments and related advisory groups pursuant to [Ordinance 125926](#).

VALUES ON HOW WE ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

- a. We act with **mindful urgency** to accomplish our vision and mission.
- b. We **listen and are guided** by frontline communities.
- c. We **engage, consult and obtain consent** from impacted tribal nations.
- d. We practice having an **open mind and cultural humility** to recognize we do not know everyone's cultural ways.
- e. We seek to build **trust and reliability** with **respectful, honest, caring, and transparent** interactions within and outside the GNDOB.
- f. We are guided by **accurate information, science, and community experience and insight**.
- g. We seek to **creatively solve problems and conflict** by addressing the root causes and will not accept *false solutions* that continue extractive practices and/or prioritizes profits over communities⁴.

⁴ Hoodwinked in the Hothouse Third Edition- Glossary, <https://climatefalsesolutions.org/glossary/>