

Green New Deal Oversight Board

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Public Comment from Grace Cheong at the Sunrise Project

I am writing to share about [Insure Our Future's 2024 Scorecard on Insurance, Climate Change, and the Energy Transition](#). The key insights and findings include:

- Climate change can account for over one-third of weather-related insured losses this century, totaling \$600 billion
- The climate-attributed portion is outpacing the growth of insured losses, rising from 31% to 38% over the last decade
- For more than half of the companies analyzed, climate losses appear to already exceed premiums earned from fossil fuels
- Generali became the first insurer this year to adopt restrictions across the oil and gas value chain, but overall industry action has stagnated and falls far short as 2024 becomes the first year to exceed the critical threshold of 1.5°C warming with devastating impacts worldwide.
- The vicious cycle of insurers exacerbating climate risks and withdrawing coverage for climate risks poses risks to affordable insurance coverage and financial stability – requiring decisive policy and regulatory action to turn this to a virtuous cycle (reduce risks and expand affordable coverage). Our recommendations are in the report.
- We hope you will review the report's findings and comment on their significance publicly. Please feel free to reach out to discuss these findings.



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Staff Updates



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Upcoming Meetings

- The next public Board meeting will be on February 24, due to the holiday
- The Board will resume its regular public meeting schedule (3rd Monday of the month) in March
- The Lunch and Learn scheduled for tomorrow focused on the WA Legislative Session has been cancelled
- March 25th Lunch and Learn: Focused on the Shape our Water Plan and the intersection between that plan and climate justice and community resiliency
- Connecting the GNDOB to the Outdoors!/: Hosted by Rachel, looking to schedule for April



Communications Updates

- The Board's inaugural newsletter was sent out last week! We're slated to release monthly newsletters on behalf of the Board going forward.
- Please [sign up to receive Board newsletters](#) if you haven't already, and share with your networks.
- The [Board's website](#) and the [GND website](#) has been updated. We'll continue to update these pages over time, but for now, check it out!
- Last, but absolutely not least, Rebecca is on staff through 2025!



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Happy New Year from the Green New Deal Oversight Board!

Seattle's Green New Deal outlines ambitious goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, transition to renewable energy sources, and create climate careers while prioritizing equity and addressing racial and economic injustice.

You are receiving this email because you subscribed to receive updates about Seattle's Green New Deal. One of our goals this year is to stay engaged with Seattle communities by providing monthly newsletters with updates on Green New Deal initiatives and the work of the Oversight Board.

Meet the Green New Deal Oversight Board



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Call for Support: Recruiting for New Board Members!

8 Open Seats

- 1 Tribal Representative (Ken Workman)
- 2 EJ Organization Rep (Debolina Banerjee & Susan Balbas)
- 3 Labor Union Reps (Keith Weir, Andrea Ornelas, and Emily Myers)
- 1 Emissions Reductions Rep (Jess Wallach)
- 1 Workforce Training Rep (Steve Gelb)

3 Seats for Re-Appointment

- 1 EJ Org (Eunice How) – Board appointed
- 1 Labor Union Rep (Peter Hasegawa)
- 1 Emissions Reduction (Nina Olivier) – Board appointed

- Application to apply to the Board will open in February.

Calls for support:

- Please start reaching out to your networks to garner interest
- Share the application, once it's live
- Let staff know if you want to be involved with the application review and/or interview processes

Executive Committee Updates



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GHG Inventory Partner Briefing

When: Wednesday, January 29, 10 AM

Where: Online Teams Meeting (link will be sent after RSVP'ing)

Why: To learn more about the key findings and next steps as the city looks to update its 2013 Climate Action Plan.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 28 if you would like to join. You will be sent the link to the Teams meeting after you RSVP.

This briefing is invite only. Please reach out to Lylianna Allala (Lylianna.Allala@Seattle.gov) or Kristin Brown (Kristin.Brown@Seattle.gov) if you would like to extend the invitation to other colleagues.



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Report Out on GND Community Assemblies

Jan 27, 2025

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People's Economy Lab (PEL)



In 2016, the founding Lab cohort convened leaders already working on the ground in innovative ways to localize the economy to create a shared vision and roadmap for a community-centered economy that works for everyone. From these original core set of ideas and leaders, the Lab has evolved into an independent project for community economy leaders, particularly leaders in BIPOC communities, to convene.

The People's Economy Lab builds networks of leaders and advances projects that reshape our local economy towards one that is just, sustainable, and regenerative.

We envision a multitude of local, community-centered economies, rooted in democracy and collective self-determination, that are sustainable and equitable, and that create shared well-being.

PEL Partnership with OSE

Objective

- To guide city staff, the Green New Deal Oversight Board (GNDOB), and anchor organizations (MLK Labor, ULMS) in using Community Assemblies as a engagement strategy to gather frontline community input for shaping Seattle's climate-focused policies and actions.

Goals

- Train stakeholders to design and facilitate assemblies that center marginalized voices
- Translate outcomes into actionable recommendations for equitable climate and economic justice strategies

What are Community Assemblies?



Assemblies are participatory spaces where participants come together to learn, deliberate, navigate trade-offs, and collectively make decisions or public recommendations to influence the actions of either government or member-based community organizations.

Types of Assemblies:

- Citizen's Assemblies
- Movement Assemblies
- Community Assemblies (hybrid model)

Utility

- Structured deliberation
- Shared power in decision-making processes
- Co-created solutions towards a just and equitable future for all

Partnership Roles and Responsibilities

Gov't Partner (OSE)	Movement Partner (PEL)	Anchor Partners (ULMS & MLK Labor)
Public agency resourcing assemblies and institutionalizing outcomes.	Advocates for equity-centered strategies and bridges community priorities to policy.	CBOs with deep community ties leading assembly design and facilitation.
<i>Responsibilities</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
Coordinate funding/logistics	Provide resources and training	Design agenda/content and recruit participants
Provide alignment with city priorities	Support planning and synthesize outcomes	Facilitate deliberations
Engage decision-makers and adopt policies	FINAL Report	Translate outcomes to action

Topics: Climate & Environmental Justice

Community Climate Resilience

- How do we best support community-scale interventions and provide resources to cope and adapt to climate-related hazards and impacts?

Climate Workforce

- How do we build an equitable clean energy economy, which includes building generational wealth among people who do not currently have ample access to wealth?
- How do we support workers whose work environments, health, and/or incomes are being negatively affected by climate-related hazards?

Where are we now?

Current stage:

- Analysis of assembly outcomes
- Drafting preliminary anchor reports
- Gather feedback from the board

Next steps:

- Prepare final report
- Identify board's role in aligning outcomes with broader GND goals

Update: Martin Luther King, Jr. County Labor Council

Title: Impact of Extreme Weather Events on Workers

- Three sessions held on Sept 26th, Oct 3rd, and Oct 10th
- 50 workers and union staff from construction, K-12, homecare, hospitals, restaurants, human services, local government, postal service, grocery and more
- Workers want local governments to protect workers and the public from extreme weather



Update: Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle

Title: Climate Resilience Community Assembly

- Two sessions held on October 10th & 11th
- 22 participants
- Agenda/Content
 - Phase 1: Exploration/Introduction
 - Phase 2: Dream
 - Phase 3: Policy Design



Board Discussion & Questions

PEL is seeking guidance from the GNDOB regarding these areas:

1. Assembly outcomes: should we include **all** recommendations or prioritize actionable ones?
 - Prioritization criteria: alignment with existing city policies/priorities, feasibility given city resources, authority, and timelines, and advancement of GND goals
2. Final report: how would the board like to engage in the report drafting process?
 - Options: small group draft reviews (Community Engagement Committee will be involved), input on messaging/tone, intro/concluding statements from the board
3. Communications: what support does the board need from PEL in terms of tailored communication materials related to this work?
 - Options: Slide deck presentation on final report, executive summary, **tailored messaging for city leadership, including elected officials, and community stakeholders.**

Thank you!

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