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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Served As The Co-Chair Of The Panel. "Progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will co-chair a panel advising Joe Biden on climate policy as the apparent Democratic nominee takes steps to unify the party, it was announced on Wednesday. Biden said that Ocasio-Cortez is on one of the six policy panels in comments to Las Vegas CBS affiliate KLAS-TV on Tuesday, when the former vice president was asked what he was doing to bring supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders into the fold." (Sahil Kapur, Marianna Sotomayor, and Phil Helsel, "AOC Joins Biden's Climate Policy Panel," [NBC News](#), 5/13/20)

The Biden-Sanders Unity Climate Task Force Called For A "Clean Energy Economy." "All jobs in the clean energy economy should provide an opportunity to join a union. Democrats will restore and protect workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively. We will build a diverse pipeline of talent in the clean energy economy by increasing access to industry-based credentialing programs and registered apprenticeships. The clean energy economy must represent the diversity of America. We will invest in the education and training of underrepresented groups, including people of color, low-income Americans, women, veterans, people with disabilities, and unemployed energy workers for jobs in clean energy-related industries." ("Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations," [POLITICO](#), 7/8/20)

The Green New Deal Also Called For A "Green Energy Economy." "Climate sanity: A Green New Deal would help us swiftly transition to a clean energy economy. By investing in smart grids for renewable energy distribution, encouraging energy-efficient manufacturing, and expanding low-emissions public transit, a Green New Deal would significantly reduce climate pollution." ("What Is A Green New Deal?" [Sierra Club](#), Accessed 8/25/26)

The Biden-Sanders Unity Climate Task Force Called For Net-Zero Emissions "As Rapidly As Possible" And Eliminating Carbon Pollution From Power Plants By 2035. "To reach net-zero emissions as rapidly as possible, Democrats commit to eliminating carbon pollution from power plants by 2035 through technology-neutral standards for clean energy and energy efficiency. We will dramatically expand solar and wind energy deployment through community-based and utility-scale systems. Within five years, we will install 500 million solar panels, including eight million solar roofs and community solar energy systems, and 60,000 made-in-America wind turbines." ("Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations," [POLITICO](#), 7/8/20)

The Green New Deal Also Called For Net Zero Emissions At A Rapid Pace. "The IPCC reports that limiting global mean temperature increase to 1.5 C will require net CO₂ emissions to fall by about 45% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050 [1]. Achieving this target within 10 years necessitates "rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure and industrial systems ...unprecedented in terms of scale" ([1]:17). Attempting to meet this challenge within the US, the Green New Deal (GND) resolution introduced by US Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ed Markey sparked a large global reaction [2]. Co-signed by 111 US Federal legislators, it was endorsed by the majority of the Democratic Party's 2020 Presidential

frontrunners. Its chief aims are to radically decarbonize the US economy while significantly reducing economic inequality, in such a way that these two achievements would be inextricably linked, and the rights of vulnerable communities protected and enhanced. In the words of the resolution, it aims “to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers” and “to create millions of good, high-wage jobs and ensure prosperity for all people of the United States” ([2]:5).” (Ray Galvin and Noel Healy, “The Green New Deal In The United States: What It Is And How To Pay For It,” [Energy Research & Social Science](#), Vol. 67, 9/20)

The Biden-Sanders Unity Climate Task Force Called For A Buy Clean Program. “Lead by Example: Launch a federal Buy Clean program by 2022. Use federal procurement of clean energy and clean industrial products with high labor standards to drive growth in good quality manufacturing jobs in the U.S.” (“Biden-Sanders Unity Task Force Recommendations,” [POLITICO](#), 7/8/20)

The Green New Deal Supports Buy Clean Laws. “Buy Clean in California: In 2017, California enacted a landmark Buy Clean law – the handiwork of a statewide coalition of labor and environmental allies. The law states that when California spends taxpayer dollars on steel, glass, and insulation for infrastructure projects, the state must prioritize companies that limit climate pollution throughout their supply chain. Thanks to the law, California will now leverage its spending to encourage climate-friendly manufacturing and local job creation – a sample of what a much larger, nationwide Buy Clean law could achieve.” (“What Is A Green New Deal?” [Sierra Club](#), Accessed 8/25/26)

The Green New Deal Could Increase Costs For Every American Family By Up To \$65,300 A Year. “The Green New Deal could cost up to \$93 trillion over a decade, according to a new report by the right-leaning American Action Forum (AAF). That comes to an estimated cost of \$36,100 to \$65,300 per American household per year to meet the Green New Deal’s goals, AAF reported Monday. Those goals include ‘net-zero’ emissions, widespread high-speed rail, guaranteed jobs, universal health care and upgrading every building.” (Michael Bastasch, “Report: Green New Deal Could Cost Every US Household \$65,000 A Year,” [Daily Caller](#), 2/25/19)