

## **Greenpeace Climate Leadership Scorecard Survey**

Dear 2026 California Gubernatorial Candidate,

Greenpeace USA is conducting a survey of the 2026 candidates to become Governor of California in order to collect detailed information about the policies you will pursue to address the climate crisis. Should you succeed in your campaign, climate change will be one of the defining challenges facing California. The questions below are being sent to every major candidate for Governor, and we hope you will be able to provide detailed answers.

To help Californians make informed decisions we will be releasing a climate leadership “scorecard” on our website and sharing the results with our hundreds of thousands of supporters in California. The scorecard will be based on information taken from this survey, as well as public statements, websites, bill sponsorship, voting records, and other sources. Scores for candidates are not static and, during the course of the campaign, we will update the scorecard to reflect clarifications, additional details, or changes in position. Candidates who do not respond to this scorecard survey will receive a score based on publicly available information. If no information is available to affirm a position, it will be counted as a “No.”

Any responses to this survey may be made public on our website. Greenpeace USA does not endorse any political candidates.

Please return this survey by April 1, 2026. Any questions or clarifications can be addressed to Tim Donaghy ([tim.donaghy@greenpeace.org](mailto:tim.donaghy@greenpeace.org)).

### **Gubernatorial Candidate Name:**

- Tom Steyer

### **Climate Policy Staff Name and Contact Info:**

- Nick Pingitore ([nick.pingitore@tomsteyer.com](mailto:nick.pingitore@tomsteyer.com))

1. Have you signed the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge for this election cycle?

- **Yes**

- No

2. Do you support the Polluters Pay California Climate Superfund Act of 2025 (SB 684) that would make the largest fossil fuel companies pay for the climate damages and adaptation costs that result from their products?

- Yes
- No

3. If elected, will you defend SB 1137, which establishes health protection zones between oil and gas extraction sites and California's communities, and commit to finalizing all elements of the law during your term?

- Yes
- No

4. If elected, will you defend and expand California's ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and trucks in the face of President Trump's climate rollbacks?

- Yes
- No

5. If elected, will you follow through on Governor Newsom's 2021 Executive Order by developing a plan to phase out all oil extraction by 2045?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you support using state budget dollars to provide assistance to fossil fuel workers

and to California communities that are dependent on oil and gas for tax revenue during the transition away from fossil fuels?

- Yes
- No

7. Do you support a moratorium on new data centers until regulations can be put in place that will protect ratepayers and require new renewable energy capacity and sustainable water procurement?

- Yes
- No

8. Do you support ending all government fossil fuel subsidies?

- Yes
- No

9. Do you support prohibiting California's public pension funds from making new investments or renewing existing ones in fossil fuel companies?

- Yes
- No

**10. Is there anything else about your support or opposition for various climate policies that you would like to share with us?**

I have been helping lead, invest in, and build clean energy and climate solutions for over a decade. I have successfully fought to protect California's Cap and Trade system on three separate occasions. First, I co-chaired the "No on 23" campaign with George Shultz and the SEIU, contributing \$5 million to match the spending of the oil companies. This defeated Big Oil's attempt to kill climate policy and protected a system that has

delivered approximately \$28 billion in infrastructure and clean energy funding. I defended Cap and Trade again in 2019, and most recently, I lobbied heavily in support of Cap and Invest reauthorization in 2025.

Via NextGen, I staunchly supported and lobbied for California's SB 253 and 261. These bills establish a climate disclosure framework for large corporations to track and report their greenhouse gas emissions, which has been critical to advancing corporate supply chain sustainability and reporting practices. I will defend these vital disclosure mandates against any attempts to roll them back.

I support working with public employees to advance their climate commitments and working to stop making new investments or renewing existing ones in fossil fuels to best meet the state's climate commitments. We must respect the integrity of the duly elected trustees and their legal responsibilities. I have been a professional investor for over forty years and have spent over a decade exclusively investing in clean energy and climate solutions.

Regarding data centers, I've long made it clear that no new data centers should be built in our state unless they pay their own way so they don't cost ratepayers a dime—and companies must pay for direct energy use as well as broader infrastructure expenses to maintain and upgrade the grid and invest in clean energy supply.

I am absolutely committed to California's climate and emissions targets, and we must immediately fix the state's affordability crisis. These goals are not mutually exclusive; in fact, the only way to solve our energy crisis long-term is by scaling clean energy and decarbonized technology, and by becoming a fully electrified state. Keeping affordability first doesn't mean watering down our commitments, but rather protecting vulnerable households from current economic pressures and wartime price shocks at the pump as we rapidly scale battery and charging infrastructure to get Californians off internal combustion engines. By remaining laser-focused on the practical rollout of clean energy—which is already the cheapest source of new power available—we will make the clean energy revolution the undeniable, affordable choice, ensuring Big Oil can no longer use the threat of high prices to derail our progress.