



Charlottesville Democratic Committee Environmental Resolutions (approved 4/20/22)

1. We fully support the retirement of fossil-fuel electricity-generating facilities, the increased energy efficiency and renewable energy requirements, and the goal of a fully decarbonized power grid in Virginia by 2050 in 2020's bipartisan [Virginia Clean Economy Act \(VCEA\)](#); we thank Virginia's Democratic state Senators and Delegates who opposed and blocked Governor Youngkin's efforts to repeal the VCEA during the 2022 General Assembly Session; and we urge our Democratic state legislators to continue defending the VCEA against any future attacks.
2. We call on Governor Youngkin to protect and continue Virginia's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI, "Reggie"), which helps limit the production of greenhouse gases and provides revenue for needed local environmental infrastructure. (Background: [Youngkin wants to withdraw from RGGI.](#))
3. We call on Gov. Youngkin and the General Assembly to reinstate the permitting authority recently removed from the State Air Pollution Control Board, the State Water Control Board, and the Virginia Waste Management Board, [re-empowering the independent citizen experts on these Boards](#) that oversee air and water quality.
4. We call on the General Assembly to pass legislation prohibiting public utility companies from making political contributions to candidates for the General Assembly and statewide offices, as well as incumbent legislators and statewide officials.
5. We call on the State Corporation Commission (SCC) to reject the February 2022 recommendation for a minimum bill of \$55/month for participation in the upcoming [Dominion Power Community Solar Program](#), regardless of actual consumption, and we call for the SCC to set the minimum bill fee at a level to make the community solar program fair and workable for interested participants.
6. We urge Gov. Youngkin to rescind his Executive Order 17 in order to reinstate Executive Order 77 (signed by Gov. Northam in March 2021), which required executive-branch state agencies to give up single-use plastics by the end of 2025.
7. We urge the Charlottesville City Council to adopt a meaningful Climate Action Plan and to enact, this year, a zoning code that addresses a wide range of changes that will decrease the carbon footprint of both existing and future city residents.
8. We support the Community Climate Collaborative's (3C) [Accessible, Clean Transportation \(ACT\)](#) initiative for Charlottesville, and we call on Charlottesville City Council and Charlottesville Area Transit to provide robust, efficient and equitable public transit in order to reduce carbon emissions from private vehicles.
9. We support the [DivestUVA](#) campaign, which calls on the UVA Endowment Fund to reallocate the millions of dollars it currently invests in the fossil-fuel industries which perpetuate global climate change.