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- Is aligned with the Just Transition principles developed by the Council's Just Transitions Subcommittee
- Counts all greenhouse gas emissions accurately to ensure our actions are impactful and proportional to the scale of the crisis (including out of state emissions and methane from Hydro-Quebec)
- Establishes a 10-year mass weatherization program for Vermont's housing stock, and prioritizes the needs of low-income and BIPOC communities
- Develops public transportation systems in urban center and along major transportation corridors that meet the needs of rural and low-income populations
- Provides access and resources to farmers who want to practice regenerative agriculture, prioritizing BIPOC farmers first
- Takes "Renewable" Natural Gas off the table as a potential solution and incentivizes Just Transition renewable energy solutions like net-metering, community solar, and solar incentives, heat pumps and geothermal technology prioritizing low-income and BIPOC communities
- Keeps and puts carbon back in the ground by protecting ecosystems, preventing Vermont State Lands and the Green Mountain National Forest from large-scale logging, and stops rural sprawl
- Creates a fair and bold funding mechanism for this People's Climate Action Plan that doesn't pass on the costs of this transition to future generations
- Advises the Legislature to pass Senator Ram's Environmental Justice bill (S.148) and the VT Renews initiatives addressing food justice, low-income weatherization (S.109), and green justice zones (H.440), including the Land Access and Opportunity Act (H.273).

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