

350 Action 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

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About You

Your Name: Andrew Gillum

What office are you running for, and as which party?: Democratic candidate for Governor of Florida

Policy Positions

Do you support a swift transition to 100% renewable energy, like wind and solar?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to bring about a 100% renewable energy economy that works for all of us.

Tallahassee is proud to have a publicly owned utility company, and as Mayor I have worked to expand our city's reliance on clean, renewable energy. Last year we broke ground on a 120-acre solar farm that will triple my City's solar energy capacity. As Governor I will work to expand investment in projects like these and set clear benchmarks for increasing the state's share of renewable energy.

Do you support a moratorium on all new fossil fuel infrastructure, like pipelines and fracked gas power plants?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry and keep fossil fuels in the ground.

I have consistently and vocally opposed big oil pipelines of the past like the Keystone XL Pipeline and the Sabal Trail Pipeline. These pipelines are not only an antiquated relic of an old energy system, but they're a massive threat to communities of color, which are disproportionately affected by oil pipeline plans. As Governor, I would use every lever of power I have to fight these pipelines at the federal and state levels. I believe that Florida needs a massive transformation of its clean energy industry. In Tallahassee, during the same week that Donald Trump was withdrawing us from the Paris Climate Accord I was breaking ground on a 120-acre solar farm that will triple my City's solar energy capacity. I will push for an expansion of these clean energy programs to more areas of our state so we can create good-paying jobs that cannot be outsourced.

Do you support a just and equitable transition to a fossil free economy that works for all of us?

Yes

Please say more about what you'd do if elected to ensure a just and equitable transition. We're interested in climate policies that seek to remedy existing environmental and social injustices.

I have visited some of the areas that would be most affected by a transition to a more environmentally-friendly government. Areas like Belle Glade, a predominantly African-American community that relies heavily on agricultural interests for jobs, need inclusive and community-focused solutions for jobs in a clean energy economy. As Governor, I will fight to undo Florida's "Right to Work" designation so that organized labor can be a part of those solutions in affected communities, and I will continue my record of comprehensive, wrap-around solutions to questions of equity.

Running a Progressive Campaign

Do you pledge not to accept any contributions from the fossil fuel industry, as defined by the "No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge"?

Yes

Do you support fossil fuel divestment campaigns in your state and around the world?

Yes

Have you participated in any major climate mobilizations, marches, direct actions, or sit-ins in the past year?

Not in the last year, though the campaign has highlighted the innovations and investments we have made in clean energy in Tallahassee.

What's your relationship with leading climate activists in your district?

Please share an example of how you like to talk about the intersection of climate and other social justice issues on the campaign trail.

I've talked many times about the need to clean up the Everglades, and how the sugar industry is over reliant on the community known as the Glades. This is a community that is largely African-American and has poor health outcomes, and poor education outcomes. Politicians talk about how to improve the Glades all the time, yet I never see anyone from that community at the table. These are all issues that intersect with one another, and when we talk about improving environmental conditions, we need to also talk about what it means for the people living in the communities most affected by these issues. We need to talk about how communities of color are often disproportionately affected by the environmental impacts of industry, and how the transition to new technologies requires us to make investments in the working people who will be affected by these changes, whether that is job training or education.

Would you be interested in doing a Facebook live event with 350 Action staff and local leaders?

Yes

On September 9th, 2018, the climate movement will come together in California and around the world for a massive day of climate action. Are you willing to mark this date on your calendar and potentially join us at an event?

Yes

Are you willing to join us at climate movement actions to speak out against the fossil fuel industry and/or the Trump Administration once you are in office?

Yes

Demographics and Identity

Race: African American

Gender: Male

If you'd like, tell us more about your identity in your own words: