

# OUR DEMANDS

## TELL THE TRUTH

We demand that Cornell University publicly acknowledge its role in fossil fuel extraction, animal agriculture, and geopolitical conflicts created and exacerbated by climate change. We demand that the University take the following actions:

- Declare a climate emergency that prioritizes Cornell's current and future investments, policies, and projects.
- Mandate University media platforms share Cornell's global CO<sub>2</sub> parts per million on a monthly basis, recognizing the University's role in a global crisis.
- Publicly release the University's endowment investment portfolio.
- Establish a mandatory orientation workshop that educates students about indigenous and colonial history of the land upon which Cornell lies.

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## ACT NOW

We demand that Cornell University address the climate emergency by taking action now through the following measures:

- Divest from fossil fuels and expand socially- and environmentally-responsible investments such as green energy and the local Ithaca community.
- Continue decarbonization of University energy sources.
- Invest more significantly in powering Cornell's campus on solar electricity and heating, especially since geothermal is not a guaranteed resource.

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- Ensure all areas of campus have at least one affordable, accessible plant-based protein source for every meal, everyday and implement Meatless Monday.

## CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

We demand direct participation in University decision-making by those impacted by Cornell's investments:

- Realize shared governance through the formation of forums of students, professors, indigenous peoples, staff, Ithaca residents, and Ithaca workers managed by the Student Federation.
- Establish an Ethics committee for all current and future investments made by the University.

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## JUST TRANSITION

We demand that Cornell University establish itself as a leader in the transition to a just climate and society. The University should acknowledge community members who are most vulnerable to climate impacts:

- Ensure all new infrastructure projects are carbon neutral upon completion.
- Extend the terms of labor agreed upon in the Tompkins-Cortland Counties Building Trades Agreement to all development projects that Cornell participates in through funding, leasing, contracting, or otherwise facilitating building.
- Invest in local development projects that assist vulnerable members of Ithaca and surrounding communities, paying special attention to the peoples of the Cayuga Nation.