

350 Action 2018 Candidate Questionnaire

Joe Salazar

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About You

Your Name: Joe Salazar

What office are you running for, and as which party?: Democratic candidate for Colorado Attorney General

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.

It's not just what I will do, it's what I've done. I've been one of strongest supporters of 100% renewable energies not just as a state legislator, but also as a candidate. In 2013, I co-sponsored legislation to raise our state's renewable energy standards. I've co-sponsored legislation for community solar gardens. I worked with environmental and labor stakeholders for the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act that will hopefully be introduced in 2019. As an Attorney General candidate, I've been committed to 100% renewable by AT LEAST 2035, if not sooner. My office will work with renewable energy companies to bring them to Colorado. At the same time, I will hold the fossil fuel industry accountable for the damage caused to our environment and residents. I will use my policy advocacy platform to forward renewable energy policies and for pro-environment legislation.

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 am a state representative whose district is under threat of fracking. I am known throughout Colorado as a legislator who had brought several pieces of legislation to stop the oil and gas industry's march across the state. I brought the Oil and Gas Liability Act in 2016 that would hold the industry responsible for any harm to the environment, public, and property. I stopped the oil and gas pipeline eminent domain bill in 2014. I brought the Martinez bill that would have forced the Colorado Oil and Gas

Conservation Commission to reject fracking permits if it would harm the health, safety, or welfare of the public and environment. As Attorney General, I will continue my strong stances against the industry and start bringing lawsuits for the harm it has caused throughout the state.

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.

See above. It's what I've been doing already. As a note, I am an indigenous Colorado native. My family has seen this state grow. It is my obligation to protect the environment. I am the only Colorado elected official to go to Standing Rock to stand with the Water Protectors. I am unafraid on this industry.

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?

Yes, I've been a speaker at climate marches, Earth Day, against DAPL, and at Standing Rock

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.

Again, being an indigenous male, and someone who understands environmental racism, I've stood against highway projects, DAPL, and other industry programs that result in environmental racism. I've been a speaker and I have stood with low income Latinx residents in Greeley, Colorado against a fracking site that was moved from the borders of an affluent, majority White school, to a low income predominately Hispanic school. In addition to being a legislator, I am a civil rights attorney. I have represented community members against local, state, and federal governments and against big corporations. Again, I am unafraid to fight for people.

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: American Indian/Chicano

Gender: Male

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

