

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The science is clear - we can't combat the climate crisis without shifting to a plant-based food system as animal agriculture continues to be a leading contributor to greenhouse gas emissions, habitat loss, species extinction, & more. Los Angeles has the potential to be a leader in taking action to mitigate the climate crisis by endorsing the Plant Based Treaty.

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Name: Kerri Savage
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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider signing the plant based treaty! Please fight for the safety of all animals!

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Comments for Public Posting: A whole food plant based diet is not only the best diet for our health and the diet most ethically congruent with the values most of us hold. A WFPB lifestyle is also the only diet for a sustainable climate and a viable, environment for our grandchildren and beyond. The animal agriculture industry requires a huge amount of land to sustain itself. Forests, particularly in South America, are deliberately slashed and burned every year. (<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-the-amazon-is-burning-whats-the-uk-got-to-do-with-it/>) ...to graze cattle and grow enough crops to feed billions of farmed animals. <https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-the-amazon-is-burning-whats-the-uk-got-to-do-with-it/> Industrial meat is the single biggest cause of deforestation (https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Greenpeace_WingingIt.pdf) globally. https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Greenpeace_WingingIt.pdf In Brazil, farmers are deliberately setting forest fires – like the Amazon rainforest fires (<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-the-amazon-is-burning-whats-the-uk-got-to-do-with-it/>) The climate impact of meat is enormous – roughly equivalent to all the driving and flying of every car, truck and plane in the world (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/sep/13/meat-greenhouses-gases-food-production-study>) . By clearing forests, destroying habitats and using toxic pesticides (<https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2020/02/20/brazil-pesticides-soya-corn-cotton-hazardous-croplife/>) ...to grow animal food, the industrial meat industry is contributing to the extinction of thousands of species, many of which haven't even been discovered yet. <https://unearthed.greenpeace.org/2020/02/20/brazil-pesticides-soya-corn-cotton-hazardous-croplife/> We depend on a healthy environment for our own survival. The huge abundance and variety of the natural world (sometimes called biodiversity) is essential for food, clean water and medicines. The rapid loss of biodiversity, largely driven by industrial farming, could be as big a threat to our existence as climate change (<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2019/may/06/biodiversity-climate-change-mass-extinctions?> Destroying forests and other wild areas for animal agriculture is a major cause of new infectious diseases. (https://www.ecohealthalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/IDEEAL_report_final.pdf) . Three quarters of new diseases affecting humans come from animals (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3367654/pdf/05-0997.pdf>) . Cutting down and burning forests brings wildlife into closer contact with people, enabling deadly viruses to pass from animals to humans. The more forest that is destroyed, the greater the risk of a new pandemic. In western countries like the USA & UK, we need to be eating 70% less meat and dairy. (<https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/how-much-meat-should-i-be-eating/>) by 2030 to prevent climate breakdown. By eating mostly plant-based food, we could feed more people – with all the calories and nutrition needed (<https://www.bda.uk.com/resource/plant-based-diet.html>) for a healthy diet – without destroying forests or our climate. <https://www.bda.uk.com/resource/what-is-a-sustainable-diet.html> <https://www.greenpeace.org.uk/news/why-meat-is-bad-for-the-environment/> References: Nature Paper finds that Global greenhouse gas emissions from animal-based foods are twice (100% greater) those of plant-based foods: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s43016-021-00358-x> The same study in the guardian: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/sep/13/meat-greenhouses-gases-food-production-study> Research from Oxford University demonstrating the huge harm animal agriculture is having on our climate and our health: <https://www.research.ox.ac.uk/article/2019-09-03-planning-for-a-meat-free-future> <https://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/news/201603-plant-based-diets/> Research by the University of Oxford and the University of Minnesota: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2019-10-29-plant-based-foods-are-good-both-health-and-environment> Systemic Review & Meta-Analysis (2022) showing that those following Plant Based Diets have lowest ALL-cause mortality and chronic disease risk: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33951994/>