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## **Climate Beacon Conference Returns for 2nd Year with More Programming, Focus on Elevating Real Solutions to Climate Crisis**

*Governor Healey, Lt. Governor Driscoll, Senator Markey, Mayor Wu, and Congresswoman Pressley to serve as Co-Hosts for Fall Conference*

**BOSTON** — [Climate Beacon](#), a local climate focused nonprofit organization, announced today it is growing its portfolio of programming to include a series of conversations with national experts and headliners in the climate change and clean energy space, in the months leading up to its 2nd annual conference that will be held in Boston this October.

“Massachusetts is well positioned to tackle the big challenges climate change has created, but it will take focus, determination, and collaboration to get where we need to go,” said **Governor Maura Healey**, a co-host of the 2024 Climate Beacon Conference. “Climate Beacon is creating the space where leaders from the public and private sectors can compare notes, imagine partnerships, and move forward with urgency.”

The 2nd annual Climate Beacon Conference will kick off in October in Boston and will once again feature global, national, and local leaders who have the strategies and resources to propel real solutions to the climate crisis into reality.

“When elected officials at every level of government work with advocates, scientists, educators, and entrepreneurs to solve the issues we face, we break down the silos that have prevented comprehensive, justice-centered solutions to the climate crisis. Climate Beacon is working to build partnerships, empower stakeholders, and create the community we need to build our livable future.” said **Senator Edward J. Markey**, a co-host of the 2024 conference.



This year's conference will focus on four tracks, all critical to addressing climate change and helping Massachusetts achieve the state's climate goals and continuing to grow its global leadership: **Building Better**, a focus on designing and building the infrastructure and neighborhoods of the future and how to retrofit and modernize the current building stock; **Powering Better**, a focus on how everyone benefits from scaling the clean, renewable energy the region needs, how that energy is used, and how these developments positively impact their surrounding environments; **Moving Better**, a focus on how people get from place to place in cleaner, healthier, more modern ways; and **Adapting Better**, a focus on how communities better adapt to the impacts of climate change through natural solutions, smart community and economic choices, and environmental restoration.

"I'm glad that Climate Beacon is back for a second year of programming because to be successful we will need long-term partnerships and attention on the issues facing our City and our region," said **Boston Mayor Michelle Wu**, a co-host of the 2024 conference. "Last year's conference was a reminder that to truly make progress we will need more spaces to convene, more opportunities to share ideas, and more willingness to open source our plans to protect our communities from the impacts of climate change."

In its inaugural year, in addition to hosting leaders from the private sector, Climate Beacon welcomed many municipal leaders from across the Commonwealth.

"I talk with city and town leaders from across Massachusetts every day, and it is clear that if we are to address climate change in our lifetimes, it will take all of us coming together with a shared vision," said **Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll**, a co-host of the 2024 conference. "As a former mayor of a coastal community, I know first hand that the effects of climate change are most apparent along our shorelines, but the truth is the impacts can be felt in every single community in Massachusetts."

"The greatest wealth of our nation is the health of our people, and that begins with the health of our planet," said **Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)**, a co-host of the 2024 conference. "The Massachusetts 7th is a perfect example of the many ways climate change impacts our lives: the homes and businesses along our shores are at risk, the air we breathe is elevating the asthma rates for young Black and brown children, and our transportation infrastructure is worsening our climate crisis and remains inaccessible and unusable for community members. Now more than ever, we must confront the climate crisis and stand up as an example of what is possible for the



nation. I am proud to serve on the host committee and look forward to the progress we can accomplish together.”

In addition to the programming that will take place at the October conference, Climate Beacon will soon announce a series of “Harborside Chats”, which are a reference to the symbolism of the events happening near the Boston waterfront and the impact climate change is having on the city’s shoreline, featuring experts, practitioners, and leaders discussing obstacles and opportunities in successfully scaling climate solutions. Climate Beacon will also soon announce a slate of field trips throughout the summer of 2024 and in the days leading up to the October conference that will give participants opportunities to see firsthand climate change solutions being implemented around Massachusetts.

“Everyone knows what the problems are; the time for talking in circles and silos is over,” said **Alex Richman, Climate Beacon Executive Director**. “Climate Beacon is a year-round effort to build a community that produces results. There are do-gooders and there are can-doers. We bring can-doers together, to leverage different perspectives, focus on the obstacles and opportunities, and figure out how to scale climate solutions now.”

The Climate Beacon Conference will take place October 16-18, 2024 in Boston.

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### **ABOUT CLIMATE BEACON**

Climate Beacon is building a platform for productive partnerships that challenge inertia and make real progress towards a positive climate future. We’re bringing experts and leaders together to share ideas across sectors, expand our collective knowledge base, and celebrate proven, scalable solutions at home and around the world. Learn more at [www.climatebeacon.org](http://www.climatebeacon.org)