

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES – CLIMATE CHANGE

- 1) Climate change is a global problem that requires a global solution. What role do you see for the U.S. in international negotiations to achieve a post-2012 agreement? What is your vision for an international climate agreement and what will you do to achieve it?
- 2) The U.S. has the largest per capita and largest historical carbon emissions. When do you see U.S. emissions levels peaking? What are your emissions reductions goals and how will you achieve them? What will you do to ensure transparency and accountability within a domestic emissions reductions regime?
- 3) Climate change is already impacting some of the poorest and most vulnerable communities both at home and abroad, yet these communities have done least to contribute to the problem. What will you do to support adaptation efforts for vulnerable communities and to ensure that efforts taken to reduce emissions will not disproportionately impact those already living in poverty? What new or existing delivery mechanisms will you utilize to assure that support is received by those who need it most?
- 4) Poor countries have a right to development, yet will need energy resources to achieve it. How will you support sustainable development efforts and access to appropriate clean energy and technology for developing countries?
- 5) Mitigation efforts should be based on what science tells us is necessary to avert catastrophic climate change. What will you do to safeguard scientific integrity and ensure that policy is based on adequate and timely science?