

## WE ACT 4 Change Statement on the Election of Donald Trump as President of the United States

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**NEW YORK** — WE ACT 4 Change Inc., a 501(c)(4) political organization affiliated with <u>WE ACT for Environmental Justice</u>, issued the following statement today as major news outlets declared former President Donald Trump as the duly elected 47th President of the United States along with Senator JD Vance as his Vice President:

"The environmental justice movement endured four years of a Trump presidency, including the elimination of more than 100 federal environmental policies and regulations, and was resilient enough to bounce back stronger than ever. Nearly all of those rollbacks were eventually restored, and the next administration quickly committed to rebuilding more just and equitable protections, with an unprecedented focus on environmental and climate justice.

"While Trump has vowed to do even more harm to the environment in his next administration, including an effort to dismantle the federal government's ability to regulate and protect the environment, we will continue to resist on all fronts, track the changes for future reinstatement, and hold them publicly – and, whenever possible, legally – accountable for the damage they do to our environment and the federal agencies charged with safeguarding it.

"We will also double our efforts to pursue environmental and climate justice legislation in New York State, and continue working with allies around the country to help them pass legislation in their states, to ensure that protections will be in place for our communities. "And we will continue to call attention to the environmental racism inherent in Trump's policies and practices, along with the well-documented harm it causes our communities, so that there will be a growing groundswell of support for environmental and climate justice as an urgent campaign issue by the time the 2028 presidential election cycle begins," said Peggy Shepard, Founder & Executive Director of WE ACT 4 Change.

Issuing its first endorsements of federal candidates, WE ACT 4 Change endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris for President and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her Vice President. WE ACT 4 Change also endorsed Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressmember Adriano Espaillat of New York's 13th Congressional District – both of whom won reelection. These candidates were endorsed because they had the better track record on the environmental and climate justice issues impacting the communities in Northern Manhattan, which WE ACT 4 Change serves.

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**WE ACT 4 Change, Inc.** is a 501(c)(4) political organization affiliated with WE ACT for Environmental Justice. Based in Harlem, WE ACT 4 Change was formed in 2021 to build and leverage political power to achieve environmental and climate justice for communities in Northern Manhattan, and to use that power to engage in voter and civic engagement activities, rank and endorse political candidates, lobby for policies and programs, and hold elected officials accountable. Visit <a href="weact4change.org">weact4change.org</a> and connect with us on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, <a href="Twitter/X">Twitter/X</a>, and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>.