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**November 27, 2009**

*Various Seattle community groups to host events with music, presenters and other activities at Westlake Park, Monday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, noon till 6pm, for the ten year anniversary of the WTO Demonstrations and in anticipation of the upcoming UN Climate Talks in Copenhagen beginning on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**Who:** A broad and diverse coalition of organizations working for social, ecological, economic and racial justice have come together to call for urgent action on the global climate crises based on equitable, democratic and science-based solutions. These groups include SEEDS (Social Ecology Education and Demonstration School), Backbone Campaign, Climate SOS, Mobilization for Climate Justice, CCEJ (Community Coalition for Environmental Justice), Seattle+10, Washington Fair Trade Coalition, WA-IRAC (WA Immigrant Rights Action Coalition) and Seattle CISPES (Committee In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador).

**Where/When:** Monday, November 30, 2009 from 12noon to 6pm at Westlake Park (401 Pine St.) in downtown Seattle. For a full listing of related events, go to [www.seattleplus10.org](http://www.seattleplus10.org)

**What:** On the 10th anniversary of the nonviolent shut-down of the WTO Ministerial in Seattle and one week before the UN climate negotiations begin in Copenhagen, Denmark, communities across the country are taking part in an international day of action for climate justice. In Seattle the events will begin at noon at Westlake Park with Theatrical Demonstrations about climate policy and the corporations involved in holding back real solutions. We will demonstrate to the world that Seattle has a voice about our climate and our planet. After the performance, there will be live presenters and music as well as other demonstrations including a parade to the office of Congressman Jim McDermott to demand trade and climate justice.

Nationwide protests in cities across the U.S. will also take place on Monday. The world's major corporations have been dominating international and domestic climate policy - as they did with the international trade policy arena. Activists in cities around the U.S. are preparing for non-violent direct action against these major climate polluters and their financiers, stating: "Our Climate is Not Their Business!"

World leaders will convene December 6, 2009 for a United Nations "Climate Change" conference. While this is not the first global meeting on climate issues, with the world's precarious and stark environmental and social condition, this conference promises to be historic. When the member UN bodies come together this December, whose best interest will they represent? Will this be another predictable outcome of financial interests tweaking the treaty to extend, trade, and buy off climate solutions as in previous years? The very same forces that are heading us toward climate catastrophe have created ongoing misery among the peoples of the global south. When will we have genuine "climate justice?"

**We invite you to come to the plaza and help perform our Assembly's Declaration for Climate Justice.**

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