

ACTION CRITERIA FOR BEING PART OF THE ECONOMY FOR THE COMMON GOOD

If we can all agree on the problems, causes and the solutions, then we can start identifying criteria that entities should embrace to be part of the Economy for the Common Good. Here are some ideas about the types of economic, political, environmental, and social actions that entities may undertake to be part of the Economy for the Common Good:

Economic Actions that Build an Economy for the Common Good

- Promotes people power over money power and the power of violence
- Denies the validity of market –based public policies that give power to money
- Promotes public control of the money supply
- Promotes economic equality
- Recognizes the failures of the market to consider the true cost of market externalities
- Places people and the planet over profits
- Provides a living wage and fair compensation for workers
- Promotes worker participation in business decisions
- Workers share ownership
- Customers are the owners
- Refutes the assumption that humans are inherently lazy, greedy and selfish
- Provide healthy products and services
- Challenges marketplace determination of our healthcare
- Refutes the assumption that resources go on forever
- Refutes the assumption that nature is inert and without value
- Promotes fair trade not free trade
- Promotes universal worker rights
- Builds alternative local economies as counterpoint to global corporatization

Political Actions that build an economy for the Common Good

- Works to end corporate contributions to political campaigns
- Works to end voter Suppression
- Promotes hand counted paper ballots
- Promotes public ownership of digital software used in the voting process
- Denies corporations human rights
- Promotes separation of corporations and State
- Denies corporations human rights
- Promotes an ethical public service
- Supports We the People Amendment to the US Constitution
- Denies corporate participation in judicial elections
- Gives governments authority over corporations
- Builds community rights to protect the health and safety of their community
- Does not try to shape public policy for economic gain
- Promotes local over global - subsidiarity
- Thinks globally, Acts locally
- Promotes democratic global governance
- Challenges corporate global governance
- Challenges military global governance

Environmental Actions that Build an Economy for the Common Good

- Promotes the importance of natural systems & natural capital in our economy
- Promotes environmental responsibility
- Practices pro-human and pro-environmental morals rather than greed and selfishness
- Promotes the rights of nature
- Has a positive environmental footprint
- Reverses the impacts of global warming
- Restores the health of the environment
- Protects natural systems and resources of the community
- Promotes pro-environmental public policy
- Endorses the precautionary principle
- Protects our natural commons
- Promotes public ownership of energy and water resources
- Is proactive towards our vitality and health
- Promotes diverse avenues for the care of our bodies
- Promotes the Rights of Mother Earth

Social Actions that Build an Economy for the Common Good

- Works to end gender, racial, and ethnic discrimination and inequality
- Promotes the importance social capital
- Promotes cooperation rather than competition
- Opposes violence as a determination of public policy
- Builds community
- Protects our cultural commons
- Recognizes all humans as deserving basic human rights
- Promotes Human Rights
- Promotes an earth consciousness and spirituality
- Promotes values challenging racism, extreme materialism and militarism