

CARL POPE

Carl Pope has a long and distinguished career in the environmental movement. He is the senior climate advisor to Michael Bloomberg, a position he has held for several years.

Previously, Carl worked for more than 30 years with the Sierra Club, as the Club's Executive Director for 18 years and also as Associate Conservation Director, Political Director, and Conservation Director.

During Carl's tenure, the Club conducted a twenty year campaign for improved auto fuel efficiency and emissions standards which culminated in the 2007 Congressional compromise fuel efficiency act and then led to the Obama Administration's ground-breaking requirement that vehicle efficiency and performance double by 2035. Also during his tenure, the Club launched and carried out the "Beyond Coal" campaign which led to the defeat or withdrawal of 150 proposed new coal-fired power plants, and began the process of retirement or replacement of outmoded existing facilities. He was instrumental in helping protect nearly 10 million acres of wilderness, including such highlights as the California Desert, Utah's Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and California's Giant Sequoia National Monument. Carl also led the campaign to collect more than a million comments—the most public comments on a single regulatory issue in history at that time—in support of protecting the remaining roadless areas in America's National Forests.

Carl Pope was founder and Co-convener of both the Apollo Alliance and the Blue-Green Alliance, now merged as America's largest progressive coalition with labor union and environmental organizations with a total of over 11 million members. He was also a Board member of American Rights at Work and President of American Families United.

Carl has served as a board member for many other organizations, including the National Clean Air Coalition, California Common Cause, and Public Interest Economics Inc. He has served as Political Director for Zero Population Growth, was Executive Director for the California League of Conservation Voters, and former Chair of the Green Group.

Carl Pope holds a BA from Harvard College and is the author of several books.