Letter: Apollo moon landing proves we can face climate change

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We have much to celebrate at the 50th anniversary of the Apollo landing on the moon.

The challenge, issued by President Kennedy in 1961 to put a person on the moon in 10 years, seemed fantastic at the time. But we did it with vision, determination, investments, collaboration across nations, great scientists and evolving technology.

We were able to harness this capacity even as the nation was embroiled in the Cold War and about to explode with division over our role in Vietnam.

Much of the Apollo 50th discussion has been either nostalgic or aspirational as in, let's go back to the moon.

But all of this misses the most important lesson of the Apollo Mission: This country has and can achieve an almost impossible task, even something as daunting as going to the moon – or addressing the climate crisis.

Within 10 years we must eliminate our dependency on fossil fuels, draw down carbon and think through and address the consequences. Our parents and grandparents did something monumental with Apollo; they accomplished an urgent and amazing scientific feat with the Manhattan project; all Americans willingly mobilized for World War II.

It's time for our generation to step up.

We have the pragmatism, intelligence, creativity, power, financial resources, technologies and vision to take action immediately to reshape a more healthy world. Apollo reminds us that we are the people with the vision and know-how to lead the global community into the future to protect our children, future generations and life on this precious Earth.

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