

Diane Sussman's Dec. 20 address to the Portland City Council—"Keeping Portland Cool"

My name is Diane Sussman. I'm here to discuss three ways to help the smelly, sweaty masses of Portland—I refer to the 60% of us without air conditioning—cope with the excessive heat and smog emergencies that are becoming more commonplace in this previously temperate city.

No. 1. Protect the grid for everyone.

Few things are more galling to those of us without air conditioning than walking past retailers with their air conditioners cranked to refrigerator temperatures and their doors wide open in 100-plus-degree heat. I'd like to see the city pass an ordinance requiring retailers running air conditioning to keep their doors closed if the temperature is projected to rise to 90 or above.

Or pass a law similar to New York City's, which requires retailers and restaurants to keep their doors closed any time air conditioning is running, independent of temperature.

Give the ordinance teeth by creating an app or call-in number that citizens can use to report scofflaws and initiate fines.

2. Air quality is more than fires.

More needs to be done to combat last summer's air quality emergencies than telling people to stay indoors (with air-conditioning!) and not breathe. It's time for the city to follow California's lead and declare official Spare the Air Days.

Spare the Air Days make air quality a collective, not just individual responsibility. That means you, drivers and coffee roasters and barbequers.

On Spare the Air Days, make public transportation *and* the orange bikes free (to anyone with the app). Make drivers pay for the loss of transit revenue by adding a \$1 surcharge on all parking meters. And with apologies to outasite barbecue places like the People's Pig, prohibit all outdoor fires and barbecues.

And finally, set up a text-based alert system for residents with asthma and other respiratory ailments so they can get to air-conditioned spaces like Anthropologie (kidding!) *before* the smoke hits the fan.

3. Hold a campout!

On select nights in July and August when there is an excessive heat warning and a full moon (or close to it), hold a Hot Poetry Nights at Poet's Beach. Let residents bring their sleeping bags, pup tents, flashlights and poems to the banks of the Willamette for a night of poetry and river breezes. No campfires or smoking of course, just cooler air and hot recitations.

Davis, Meghaan

From: Diane Sussman <diane.sussman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 11:46 AM
To: Davis, Meghaan
Subject: Re: request to address the City Council

Yep.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2017, at 8:12 AM, Davis, Meghaan <Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Hi Diane,

The next date we have available is December 20th. Does that work for you?

Thank you,

Meghaan Davis
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Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:53 AM
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Subject: Re: request to address the City Council

Hi, Meghaan,

I would like to get on the schedule to address the City Council on ways to help residents cope with Xtreme heat. I ran out of time this morning and want to finish up. This time I will time my meanderings.

Thank you.

Diane Sussman
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On Tue, Oct 17, 2017 at 8:32 AM, Davis, Meghaan <Meghaan.Davis@portlandoregon.gov> wrote:

Request of Diane Sussman to address Council regarding ways to help
residents cope with extreme heat (Communication)

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