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Zip Code: 97203

I support the following recommendations for the 2015 Climate Action Plan draft offered by the Climate Action Coalition, made up of 350PDX, Portland Rising Tide, Our Children's Trust, Portland Raging Grannies, PDX Bike Swarm, First Unitarian Church of Portland: Community for Earth, NoKXL PDX, and Sustainable Energy & Economy Network.

1. A provision **banning all new fossil fuel export, storage, and transfer infrastructure**, including coal, oil and gas (such as natural gas and propane).
2. Commitment to act as a climate leader and work with other municipalities to **pass binding commitments** to reduce local carbon emissions, emissions from pass-through of fossil fuels and ban fossil fuel extraction & export in their jurisdictions until atmospheric concentrations of CO2 are back down to 350ppm.
3. **Full greenhouse gas accounting** to include emissions from pass-through fossil fuels in our local carbon emissions reporting including source emissions and consideration of environmental degradation at the source of extraction. When setting carbon footprint goals for the City, the **carbon footprint created by the consumption** of goods and services must be included in all such targets. All carbon accounting must include emissions created by extraction, processing, manufacturing and transportation wherever these activities take place.
4. Develop a plan for the transition to sustainable energy in conjunction with **dismantling existing fossil fuel infrastructure**, including a commitment to work with workers at existing utilities and large fossil fuel facilities in Portland—such as PGE, PPL, NWN, and Arc Logistics—to create an **immediate transition plan away from fossil fuels to a sustainable economy** that is just, equitable and beneficial to all. The city should explore the impact and feasibility of specific policies like municipalization, community choice aggregation, feed-in tariffs, and rooftop solar mandates.
5. City shall **refrain from entering into contracts, subsidizing or permitting companies and facilities whose primary business is extracting, refining or transporting fossil fuels, including those that manufacture equipment for extracting, refining and transporting fossil fuels**. The city should not be facilitating unsustainable and dangerous business models.
6. City shall be **100% divested from all fossil fuel companies by 2020**, starting the process now.
7. The CAP should include mention of the merits and necessity of non-violent, climate related direct action, including descriptions of successful campaigns to raise awareness of and/or defeat polluting projects (i.e. Keystone XL). Acknowledging the successes of and continuing need for climate activism in the CAP is important for recruiting community energy into CAP implementation.
8. The CAP should develop plans for a **robust citizen engagement plan** and begin to explore opportunities for low-cost implementation through **accessible, grassroots adaptation strategies**. Full-fledged citizen engagement and inclusion will increase the legitimacy of necessary policy adjustments and decrease the likelihood of opposition.

☒ I am also submitting my own additional recommendations for the plan, including:

I am very concerned about the climate crisis  
AND the lack of good jobs. If we were realistic we  
would find ways to employ millions of people addressing  
all aspects of the climate crisis.

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We will need to install water catchment and canals to mitigate the loss of snowpack and glaciers. We need to replace air travel with high speed rail. Forests are our best real carbon storage system, Replacing pest based fiber with hemp fiber which needs little input & can grow on marginal land.

These are just a few projects that need to start NOW,

Climate activists need to consider jobs.

Workers need to consider the future,