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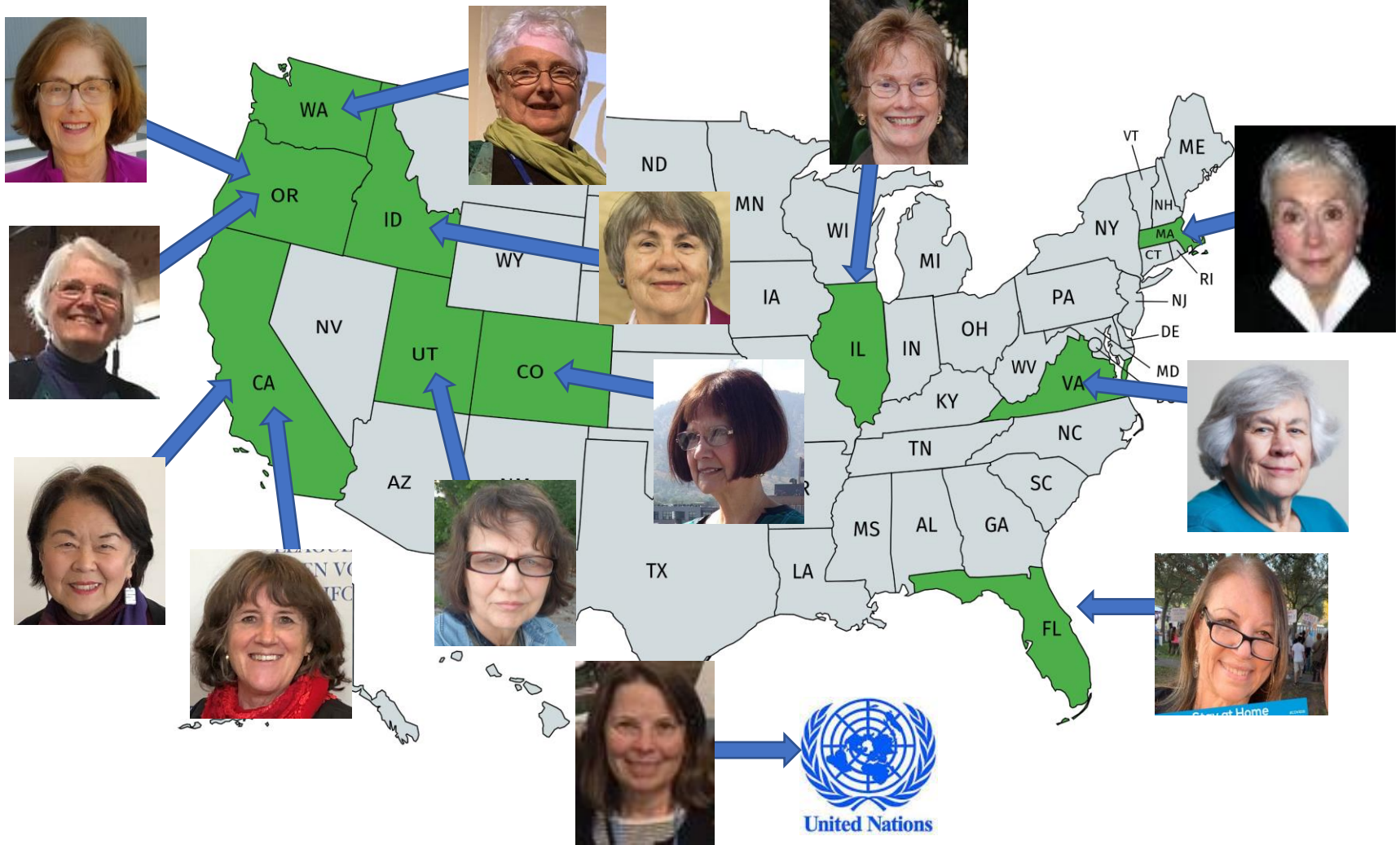
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Climate Emergency Working Group





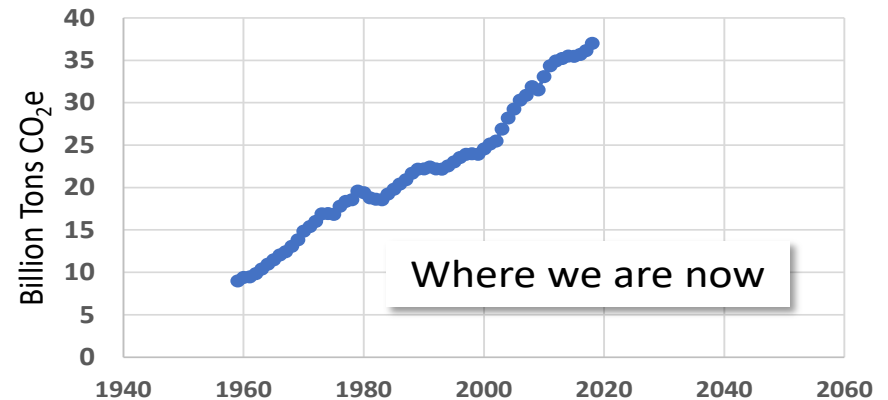
It really is an emergency

We have not slowed our emissions at all, despite frequent warnings, attempts, global meetings and promises.

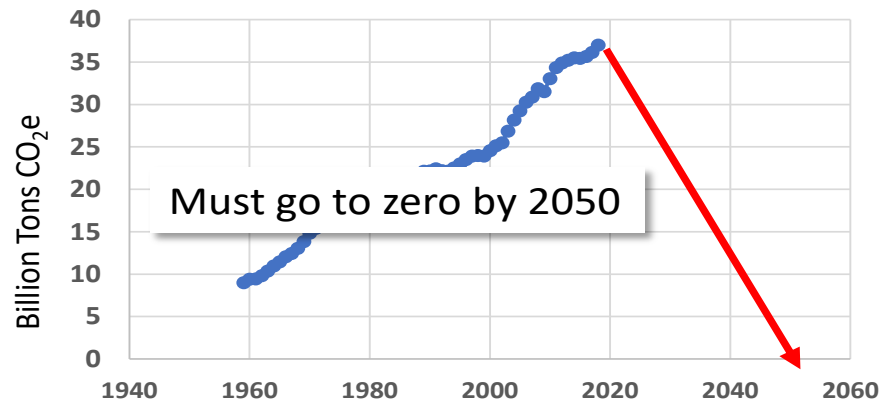
According to the IPCC, to limit warming to just 1.5° C we need to be at ZERO emissions by 2050.

Not likely is it?

Global CO₂e Emissions



Global CO₂e Emissions



Eleanor Revelle



- Communication about Climate
- What the League Brings
- What Leagues Are Doing
- How the Working Group Helps You
- Q&A



Communicating Climate

- It depends on the audience
- Tell stories
- Relate to local issues
- Empower your audience

Individual action

Collective action

Political action

We Need Community Action



LWV Member Tackles Climate Change

Jab



Communicating Climate

RESOURCES in the Handouts

- Engaging Global Warming's Six Americas
- Identifying Climate Messages that Work
- What's wrong with the way we communicate CC
- 12 Tools for Communicating CC more effectively
- Framing discourse around conservative values
- Can we talk climate?
- Principles for effective communication on CC
- Climate change empowerment handbook



What LWV Brings to Climate

Gloria Chun Hoo



- League Community Action
- Nonpartisan voice
- Broader perspective than just climate
- Informing voters
- GOTV for climate efforts
- Holding elected officials accountable



Climate Justice

- Everyone needs to be at the table
- Disadvantaged communities too
- Racial justice is climate justice

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion!

LWW



**League Climate Actions
Across the U.S.**



California

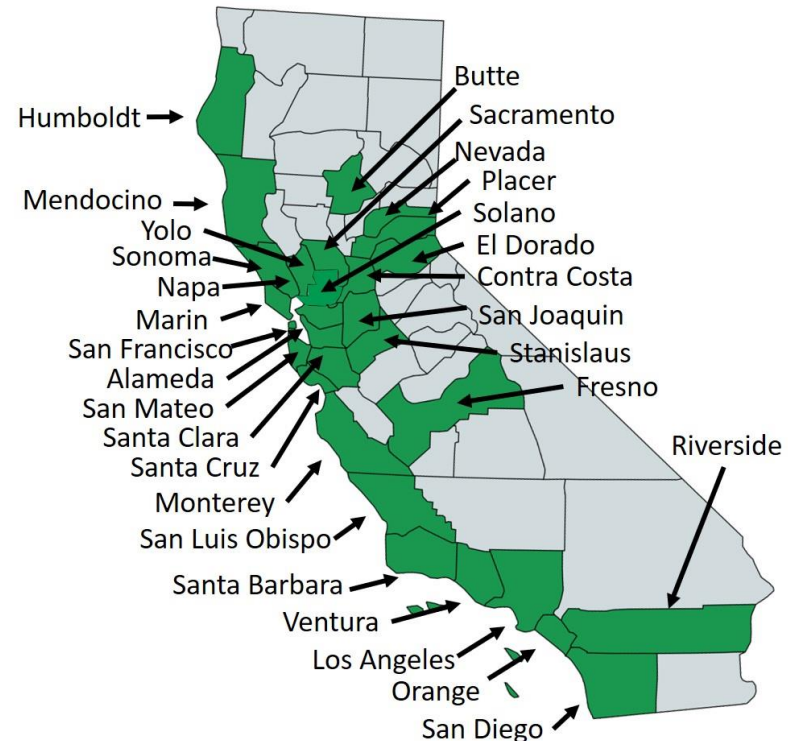
LWVC Climate Change Task Force

Diz Swift



- More than 300 members
- State-wide teams
 - ✓ Building Electrification
 - ✓ Sea Level Rise
 - ✓ Food, Soils and Agriculture
 - ✓ Municipal Climate Action Plans
 - ✓ Transportation
 - ✓ Wildfires
 - ✓ Water

CCTF CA Counties



CCTF Actions

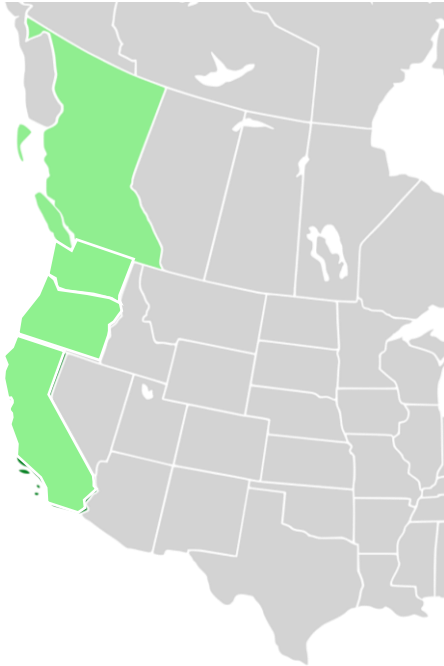
- Legislation and policy advocacy
- Coordinating/sharing
- Regional forums and workshops
- Webinars, publications
- Visits and guidance to local LWVs





Regional Alliances

Pacific Coast Collaborative



California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia allied for climate solutions

Western Climate Initiative



California and Quebec trading partners for cap and trade

Carole Straughn



SEA CHANGE IN THE DESERT

Utah climate conversation has radically changed in the past decade, but there is more to do.

- **2010** – HJR 12 Utah Legislature declares Climate Change a hoax.
- **2018** – HCR 07 Legislature calls for Utah solutions to the changing climate.
- **2020** - Legislature pays \$200K for a Roadmap to Climate and Clean Air Solutions, but does nothing with it.

LWVUT JOINS “ALL HANDS ON DECK”

- **2018** – LWVUS members rate Climate highest priority. We start fighting a polluting project near poor neighborhoods.
- **2019** – Lobbied for state carbon tax with aid to rural economy. Worked for 100% Renewable Energy by 2030. Added Natural Resource Director to Board. Sent observer to COP25.
- **2020** – NR Committee empowered to help amplify constituent dialog with lawmakers.

WE PUNCH ABOVE OUR WEIGHT...

- Members listed by districts – Congress, State Senate and State House
- Extensive advocacy resource
- Constituents in key districts to call, write and/or visit their own lawmakers





Oregon

Claudia Keith



Oregon Climate Action

Historical Framework: Natural Resource Advocacy

Environmental Justice:

Advocacy to Local, State, & Federal Government & all 3 Branches of Government: Executive, Legislative & Judiciary



- 2015-2020 Legislation: Defend Land Use, Clean Fuels, Coal to Clean, Fracking Moratorium, Climate Test, Cap & Trade, Oregon Climate Authority, 100 Year Water Vision, Wild Fire Risks...
- Local Leagues: 4 LL's advocate against Jordan Cove LNG Export Project In Portland: CAP, Clean Energy Tax Initiative & No New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Ordinance & support Municipal Climate Action Plans
- 2020 Leg Session Republican Walk-Out → Governor Brown's **14 Climate Executive Orders**
- LWVOR & LWVUS jointly support state & federal Civil Rights Lawsuits: ***Our Children's Trust 'Juliana v U.S.'***

LWVOR Studies: 1
Water Management and Water Rights

- 1967-1977 League studied state & regional environmental planning agencies and formed a position to support environmental quality.
- 1977 A new water study surveyed water uses, related state and federal water regulations, and examined Washington water rights.

We supported the 1973 Statewide Land Use Law (the strongest US Land Use law) 2

LWVOR Studies: Coastal & Nearshore Oregon 3

- 2012 - Coastal and Nearshore Oregon, 3 Using and protecting our natural resources.
- Our Coastal and Nearshore Study informs legislators and League members alike, helping Oregonians to make the best decisions possible about the health of our coastal waters.

Leagues Act On Climate

Action Committee members lend respected, non-partisan voices to diverse Statewide Coalitions



- ACTION ALERTS, Days at the Capital, 10+ comprehensive Legislative Reports annually
- Engage with decision-makers at all government levels
- Fossil Fuel issues: Climate Emergency & **Natural Resources focus as a Team**
- Climate resolutions & motions pass at Conventions/Councils: Zero GHG Emissions by 2050, Climate Test, Climate Emergency, and Climate Migration/Immigration
- Many Leagues support: Climate Action Plans, Climate Emergency or Crisis Declarations, local Climate & Coalition organizations, including Our Children's Trust #YOUTHGOV & Climate Strike community events and rallies
- Action members attend **2017 UN Cop23/Germany & 2018 UN Cop24/Poland**



Oregon

LWV Oregon & LWV U.S.

IN THE COURT ROOM – CIVIL RIGHTS

US District Court Federal Judge Ann Aiken on a Nov 2016 decision: *"I have no doubt that the right to a climate system capable of sustaining human life is fundamental to a free and ordered society."*

Citing the League's brief, *"..Thus, as amicus the League of Women Voters persuasively argues, the youth plaintiffs' claims are similar to the Baker claims because they are "rooted in a 'debasement of their votes' and an accompanying diminishment of their voice in representational government."*



Amicus Briefs FILED:

- Federal District Court Case *'Juliana v U.S.'* League:
Sept 10, 2016, Sept 5, 2017, March 1, 2019 & March 12, 2020
- State Court Lawsuit Amicus Briefs, Our Children's Trust :
LWV Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Colorado & Florida



Oregon

Our Climate Team is expanding...

2020 Governor's Climate Executive Orders – OCAP*

** Oregon Climate Action PLAN*

- Transportation
- Health
- Equity
- Clean Energy
- Buildings
- Lands
- Food
- Youth
- Innovation

*Very Similar to Sept 2018 Climate Policy Coalition
Outcomes involving 16 state agencies*



Oregon

Four Local Leagues Advocate Against **Jordan Cove Energy Project**

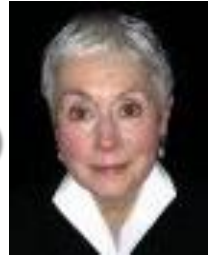
- Proposed 230-mile natural gas pipeline & liquefaction/export facility would span four LL areas, posing serious threats to natural & human environment, including climate
- League positions based on studies **OPPOSE**
- **2017-2020 Joint Advocacy Action**
 - Researched issues & regulatory foundations
 - Wrote & jointly submitted 7 substantive, technical comments to state & federal permitting authorities, plus 4 key issue communications
 - Collaborated with community allies
 - Maintained relationships &/or provided input to: state agency personnel, Governor's Office, and federal entities





Massachusetts

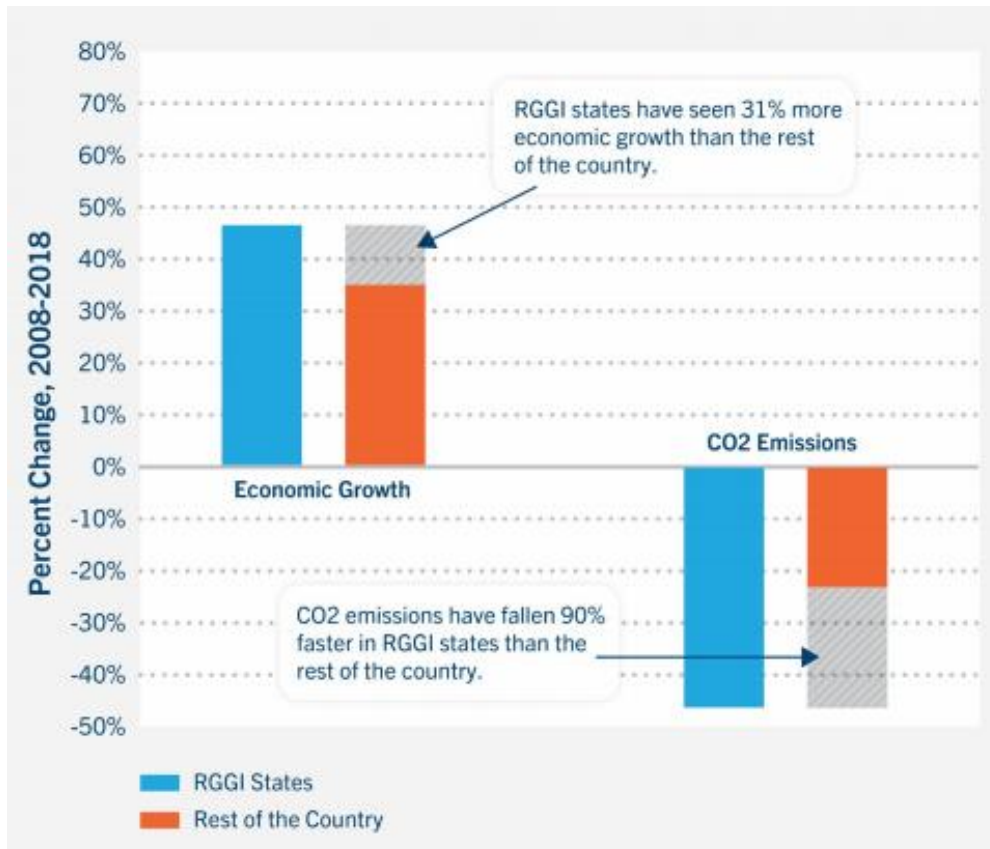
Launa Zimmaro



Building on success of regional efforts

- **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (*RGGI* 2008)**
ELECTRICITY
- **Transportation and Climate Initiative (*TCI* by 2022)**
TRANSPORTATION

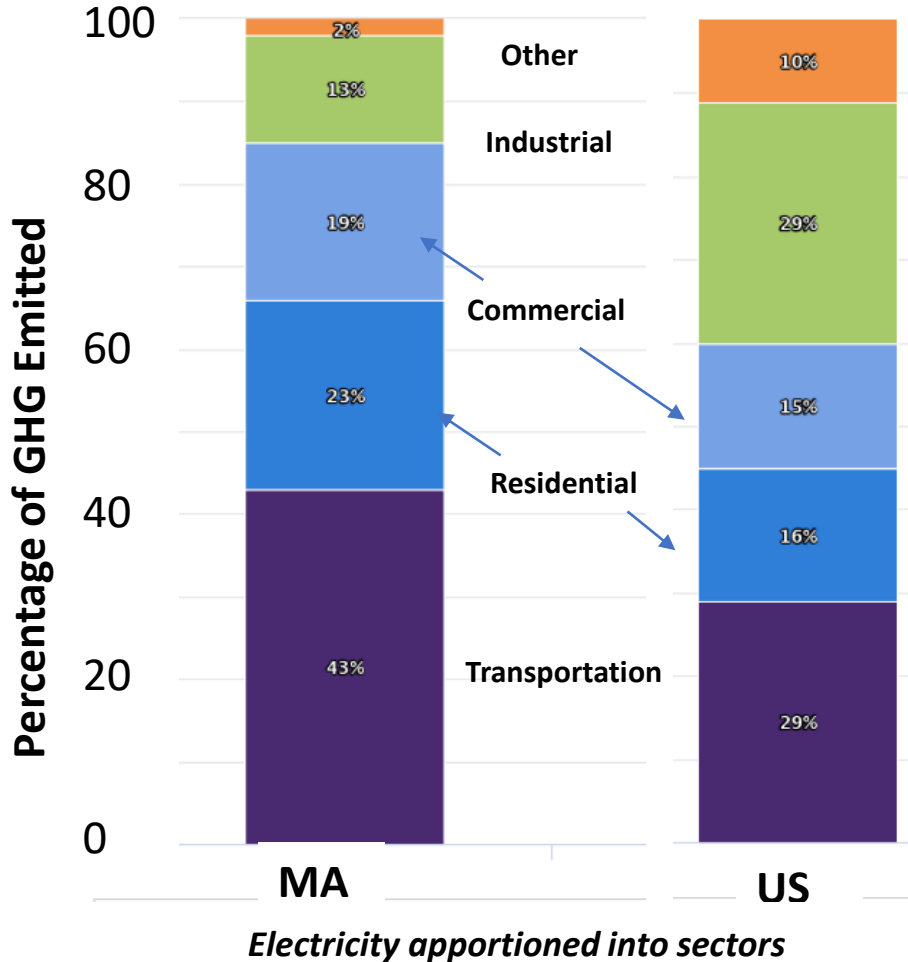
Change in Economic Growth and Emissions 2008-2018



REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE ELECTRIC SECTOR

- Emissions from electricity sector down 50% in MA
- CO₂ emissions down 90% faster in RGGI states than rest of country
- 31% greater economic growth than rest of country at same time
- Almost \$4B in regional revenue generated
- Revenue invested in energy efficiency programs in MA to further reduce emissions

2016 MA and US GHG Emissions



Tackling the Transportation Sector Transportation & Climate Initiative

- Transportation largest emitter: 43%
- Replicate success of RGGI cap and trade in transportation sector



Massachusetts

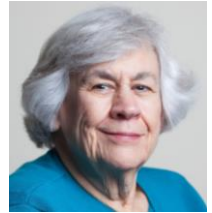
Strategic Advocacy for Systems Change

- **ROADMAP BILL** (pending this session)
- **MA DECARBONIZATION ROADMAP** Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (under development now)
- **F.U.T.U.R.E. Act** to transition gas utilities into renewable energy utilities (pending this session)



Virginia

Carolyn Caywood



Five Years... then Success

League plays critical role in Virginia joining RGGI in 2020

- Laid groundwork over five sessions of Virginia's legislature
- Coordinated constituent meetings with legislators back home in their districts
 - ✓ Partnered with environment organizations to prepare the constituent delegations for their meetings.

Virginia is the first southern state with carbon cap & trade



Constituent Briefing



Florida

CLIMATE IMPACT ON HEALTH AND ECONOMY

SCIENCE • ENVIRONMENT
Red Tide Is Spreading to Florida's East Coast. Here's What to Know About It



Adrienne Kaltman



SCIENCE

Miles of Algae and a Multitude of Hazards

By LES NEUHAUS JULY 18, 2016



HEALTH

What We Know and What We Don't Know About the Zika Cases in South Florida

By DONALD G. McNEIL Jr. AUG. 19, 2016

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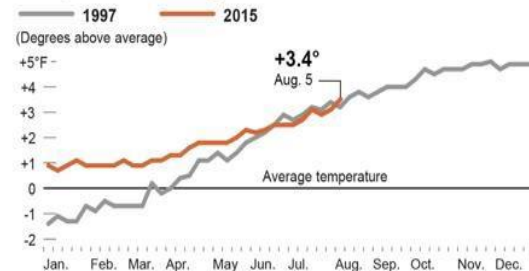
Matthew devastates Florida sands key to protection, tourism

Comments 6 Share

Air quality warning issued for Broward County



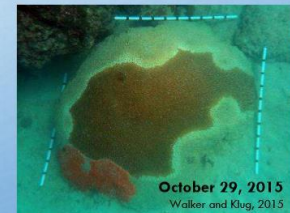
How recent increases in ocean temperatures compare to strongest El Niño on record



Source: NOAA Climate Prediction Center

@latimesgraphics

THE STATUS OF CORAL HEALTH IN SOUTHEAST FLORIDA





FLORIDA LWV MEMBERS TAKE ACTION

Local Leagues Increase League's Nonpartisan Voice for Climate Action

- Declaration of Climate Emergency
- Mobilization for Collective Action
- Action Motion
 - An Action Motion is a motion that **requires** action by the League to a government official agency or body.
- Resolution calling for Political Action
 - “. . . Climate change has a disproportionate effect on communities who typically have fewer resources for adapting to climate change and so consequently are the most vulnerable to displacement, adverse health effects, job loss, property damage and other effects of climate change. . . .”



Nine Local Leagues are Signatories

IMPLEMENTATION IN ACTION

“We as delegates of Florida local Leagues assembled at the 2019 LWVFL Convention call upon the LWVFL Board for action which shall include sending the Climate Emergency Resolution to the Governor, all members of the Florida Cabinet, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House, as well as encouraging local Leagues to advocate for the Climate Emergency Declaration and relevant action by county and local governments. ”

- **Letter sent to Governor DeSantis, August 27, 2019 and copied to:**
 - Senate President Bill Galvano, Speaker of the House Jose Oliva
 - Attorney General Ashley Moody, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis
 - Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services Nicole “Nikki” Fried
 - Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee
 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee
- **No response to date.**



United Nations

Robin Tokmakian LWV UN Observer



Opportunity for participation – **COP26 Nov. 1-12, 2021**

(look for announcement in 2021 via Climate or UN google groups)

COP – Conference of the Parties – negotiations on:

Convention: 1997 agreement allowing UN to work on climate

Kyoto Agreement: Commits countries to set binding emission targets

Paris Agreement: Builds upon the Convention asking parties to undertake ambitious efforts related to climate change

Side Events – 100s of panels on science, adaptation, and mitigation efforts



How the Working Group Helps You

- Federal legislation and policy evaluation and advocacy
- Share local and state League actions across U.S. Leagues
- Climate Emergency Website
- Climate Emergency Google Group
- Online discussions
- Resources
- Personal contacts for advice/discussion/support
- **Webinars**
- **U.S.-wide teams – e.g. Price on Carbon**



LWV-California

- It's Happening. It's Now: The Climate Reports of 2018
- Effective Action in Advocating for Price on Carbon
- You Can Make a Difference! Five Simple Actions to Reduce Emissions
- Soil Health for Carbon Sequestration in the Face of Climate Change
- California Cap and Trade - An Introduction
- Utility Users Tax, or How to Bring Carbon Pricing to Your City
- Food Production and Greenhouse Gases: Counting Carb Emissions

LWV-Massachusetts

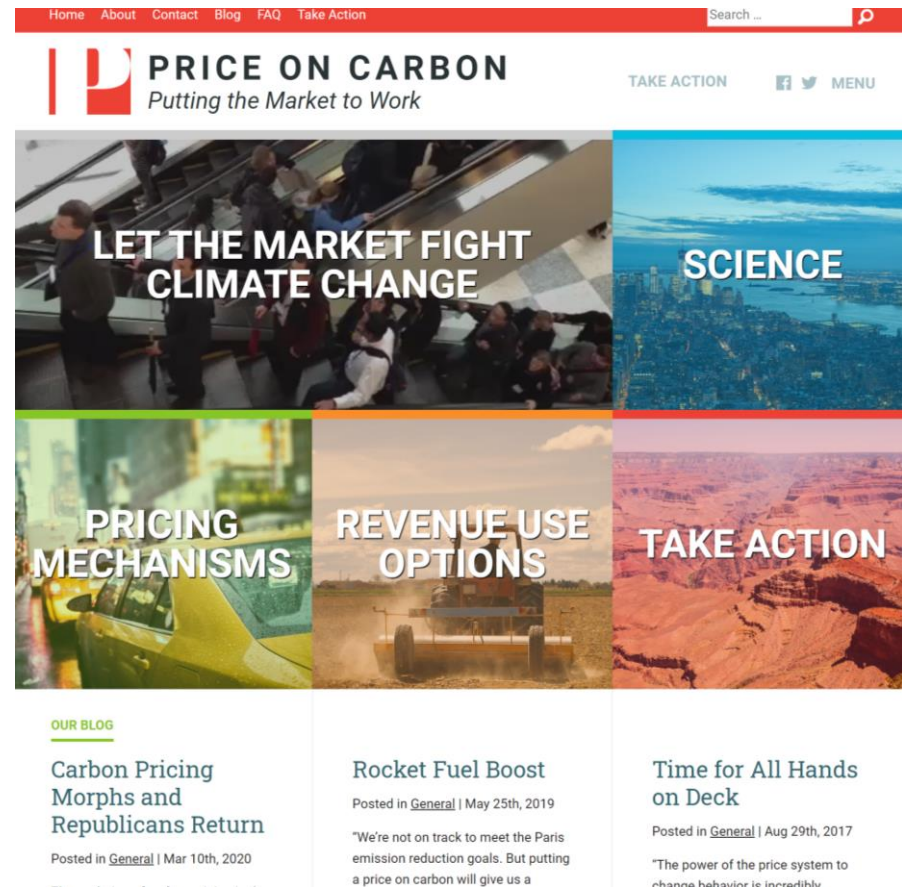
- Pipeline to the FUTURE, Delivering Safe, Renewable Geothermal Energy to Massachusetts
- Driving Down Emissions: Massachusetts and the Regional Transportation and Climate Initiative
- It's Happening. It's Now: The Climate Reports of 2018
- The Clean Energy Roadmap: Pathways to a Clean Energy Future
- Get Cooler Smarter



Price on Carbon Team

LWVUS Endorsed Website

- Review of Federal legislation for LWVUS
- Monitoring state and regional actions
- Webinars
- Resources



Q&A

<https://lwvc.org/lwvus-climate-emergency>