

RPC 2018-005
Holding Elected Officials Accountable for Climate Mitigation

WHEREAS human caused climate change is demonstrable and is largely a consequence of human use of fossil fuels;

WHEREAS the overwhelming scientific consensus is that the potential impacts of human caused climate change are likely to be dramatic and highly deleterious to current human societies unless we act immediately;

WHEREAS we currently have the technologies to apply adaptive, restorative and regenerative measures to address the overuse of fossil fuels through conservation, alternative energy sources, and sequestration;

WHEREAS the current lack of action to address the threats of climate change is a result of a lack of political will on the part of some decision makers who are unduly influenced by the pseudoscience supported by the fossil fuel industry; and

WHEREAS Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future, Plank 1 of the newly adopted (March 15, 2018) Democratic Central Committee of Washington County Platform states “We believe....climate change is an emergency caused by human activities and we must take immediate actions to reduce and reverse negative impacts”;

THEREFORE the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) of Oregon resolves as follows:

1. We urge the resignation or removal of all elected officials in Washington County who refuse to make actions on reductions in fossil fuel use or greenhouse gas emissions, or on adaptation to climate change, a political and budgetary priority; and
2. We request that all elected officials in Washington County sign a pledge to take the potential impacts of climate change seriously and to take quick and effective actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within Washington County and to develop programs for enhancing climate change adaptability.

Adopted by WCDCC – August 22, 2018