



League of Women Voters Eden Area

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## Gail Steele Tribute August 1, 2020 at 10:00am



**We will be remembering and honoring our community champion, Honorable Gail Steele at a Zoom Memorial on August 1st at 10am. All are welcome.**

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## **League of Women Voters Eden Area Membership Event!**

***Do you stay awake at night wondering about the outcome of the 2020 Election, wondering how you can support your League in Making Democracy work?***

***Here is your opportunity to help educate and inform voters of the Eden Area of the importance of this critical election!***

***Please join us for a Zoom membership meeting. Bring your own beverage (BYOB). You will hear from some of our Board Members who are working hard to schedule candidate forums, Pro and Con sessions and voter registration in this challenging environment and learn how you can participate. Invite a friend! Questions: [lwvea57@gmail.com](mailto:lwvea57@gmail.com).***

**Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020  
Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm**

Zoom details and instructions are as follow:

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# President's Report



## Inspired by Television?

Really, does anyone admit that? Well, July was a banner month for television and I'm sharing that I watched!

First, the musical "Hamilton" was released for many more people to enjoy a snapshot of America's history (available on Disney+). An amazing vision from an incredibly talented musician and cast, a gift to many generations to learn about the story of our founding fathers. The best part for me though has been the follow up articles and interesting fact-checking that have occurred since it aired on July 3. Each one brings us more information and insights that fuel our interest in something most of us haven't thought about since government class in high school. I'm delighted by the conversations and investigations taken on after watching "Hamilton." It feels like people are thinking harder about the origins and development of our government, especially in light of the events of 2020.

Second, the documentary "The Vote" by American Experience on PBS revealed the history behind the winning of the vote by women. The show followed the 72-year journey to the enfranchisement of women and the road to full citizenship. You can't help but be inspired by the passion and commitment of the suffragists. They performed astounding acts of bravery and heroism, year after year. It is amazing that they persisted after all of the steps backward experienced by the movement.

It was remarkably interesting how the documentary illustrates the strategies of each generation of the movement and how they built the momentum to win the vote. The split late in the campaign between Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Paul is explained in detail and will intrigue you trying to decide which worked better. Their conclusion is a lesson for all of us in staying the course by looking at the big picture throughout the struggle and not having tunnel vision of our personal definition of right. I find that a reminder that I need often!



Thirty years after she engaged in the fight and the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment is ratified, Carrie Chapman Catt shared these words for women in the future:

"The vote is your emblem of your equality, women

of America, the guarantee of your liberty. Women have suffered agony of the soul which you could never comprehend that you and your daughters might inherit political freedom. That vote has been costly, prize it. The vote is a power, a weapon of offense and defense, a prayer. Use it intelligently, consciously, prayerfully. Progress is calling to you to make no pause. Act!"

The League of Women Voters Eden Area will heed her words and continue our efforts to get all voters to the polls.

*Jo Loss, LWVEA President*

# Schools and Communities First Forum Held

The League of Women Voters Eden Area (LWVEA) and the California Teachers Association (CTA) held an online forum on July 27<sup>th</sup> to explain the Schools and Communities First ballot initiative – Prop 15 on this November’s ballot. This proposition would reform Prop 13 to eliminate the commercial property loophole.



Guest speakers included Penny Peck and Jo Loss from the Eden Area League, Angela Normand, Mercedes Faraj, and Maya Walker from the California Teachers Association, and Jahmese Myres from Schools & Communities First. The host was April Oquenda from the League and a member of the Hayward School Board

It is evident that there is some confusion about what Prop 15 will do, based on newspaper editorials and other information that is being distributed. For example, many have “heard” that small businesses will be assessed at a high rate – that is false. In fact, Prop 15 has special protections for small businesses and an incentive that eliminates the personal property tax on equipment of \$500,000 or less.

The League gathered signatures to place this on the ballot, and it has been endorsed by the California League. For more information on the League’s reasons for endorsing Prop 15, go to:

<https://lwvc.org/take-action/action-alerts/sign-our-pledge-vote-yes-schools-communities-first-2020> .

Approximately 26 people attended this Zoom event. Questions from the group focused on how to assist in the campaign to pass Prop 15. For information on how to help, go to: [www.yes15.org/](http://www.yes15.org/) .

*Penny Peck*

## Empowering Voters Message from LWVUS

With the election less than 100 days away, it is important to make your voice heard. With all of the election changes happening this year, the League is here to help every step of the way.

If you are planning to vote by mail, it is not too early to request your ballot. Check out [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org) for information. Confirm your registration, find your polling place, and learn about deadlines for in-person and absentee voting in every state.

If you are healthy, willing, and able, consider volunteering as a poll worker. It is the most patriotic thing you can do to make sure voting centers have enough support to keep the lines moving and keep everyone safe. But that is not all you can do to ramp up for November 3.



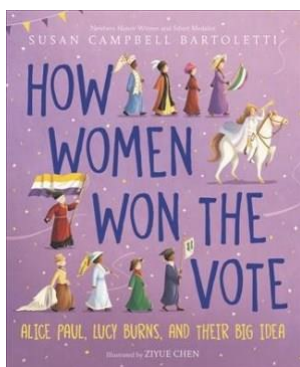


The League has come up with [100 Ways to Take Action Between Now and Election Day](https://www.lwv.org/blog/100-days-and-100-ways-get-ready-election-day?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072620): [www.lwv.org/blog/100-days-and-100-ways-get-ready-election-day?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=072620](https://www.lwv.org/blog/100-days-and-100-ways-get-ready-election-day?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=072620). Check out the list and try to check off something every day between now and when you cast your ballot.

No matter how you vote, or when, make sure you make your voice heard in this election. The future of our democracy is counting on you!

## Children's Books to Celebrate the Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

by Penny Peck



Do you have children or grandchildren in your life who may not know much about elections or the fact women have been voting for only 100 years? There are many newer

children's books on this topic; several were published to celebrate this year's Centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (which allowed women to vote in all U.S. states). Even if children are old enough to read, you can share these books, or read aloud sections as a family. In the Eden Area, only half of all 3<sup>rd</sup> graders can read at grade level, so reading aloud to children can really help them become better readers!

Bartoletti, Susan. *How Women Won the Vote: Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, and Their Big Idea*. Harper, 2020, grades 2-5. This

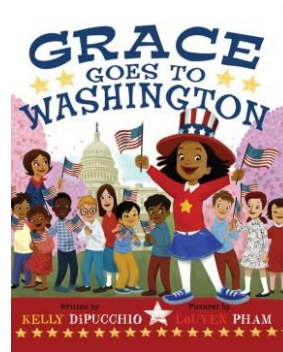
illustrated history book is filled with photos and describes the suffrage work from 1910 until the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed in 1920.

Bausum, Ann. *With Courage and Cloth: Winning the Fight for a Woman's Right to Vote*. National Geographic, 2004, grades 6-12. Focusing on the decade before women won the vote, this will help teens learn about Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt.

Conkling, Winifred. *Votes for Women: American Suffragists and the Battle for the Ballot*. Algonquin, 2018, grades 6-12. A comprehensive history of women earning the vote, beginning in 1848.

Cronin, Doreen. *Duck for President*. Simon & Schuster, 2004, grades Preschool-3. In this hilarious picture book, a duck is tired of farming and runs for President.

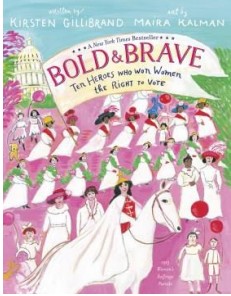
Dionne, Evette. *Lifting as We Climb: Black Women's Battle for the Ballot Box*. Viking, 2020, grades 5-8. This engaging history shows how Black women had to fight both men and white women who tried to exclude them from voting.



DiPucchio, Kelly S. *Grace for President* (2008) and *Grace Goes to Washington*. Disney-Hyperion, 2019, grades K-3.

Grace, who appears to be African American, runs for class president in

*Grace for President*. In the sequel, she learns about the Electoral College. This picture book series will empower girls to be leaders, and help children understand the issue with the Electoral College.



Gillibrand, Kirsten. *Bold & Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote*. Knopf, 2018, grades 2-5. Senator Gillibrand offers two-page biographies of ten women fundamental to the suffrage movement, including Alice Paul, Mary Church Terrell, and Lucy Burns.

Hannigan, Kate. *A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights*. Calkins Creek, 2018, grades K-3. The first woman lawyer to appear before the Supreme Court is celebrated in this picture book biography that also details her run for U.S. President.

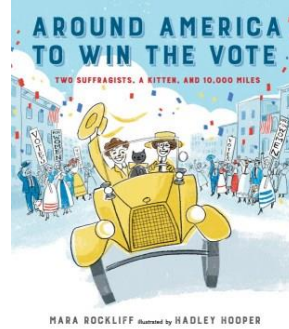


Lewis, John L. *March (Parts 1, 2, 3)*. Top Shelf, 2013-2016, grades 6-12. Great to recommend to middle and high schoolers, John Lewis's three-part graphic novel series describes his work in the U.S. Civil Rights movement and efforts to

register Black voters.

McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*. Dragonfly, 1996, grades K-5. In this picture book based on fact, a young girl is inspired by her neighbor Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

Murphy, Claire Rudolf. *Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage*. Peachtree, 2011, grades 1-5. Bessie helps her mother host a tea for suffrage legend Susan B. Anthony in San Francisco in 1896. Based on a true story.

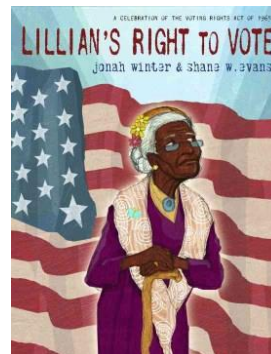


Rockliff, Mara. *Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles*. Candlewick, 2016, grades Preschool-3. In 1916, two women drove across the U.S. to advocate for the

19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in this picture book based on an actual event. Great to read-aloud to a wide age range.

Stone, Tanya Lee. *Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote*. Holt, 2008, grades K-5. A picture book biography of noted suffragist Stanton.

Weiss, Elaine F. *The Woman's Hour: Our Fight for the Right to Vote*. Random House, 2020, grades 4-8. This lively history focuses on the decade before the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed.



Winter, Jonah. *Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965*. Schwartz and Wade, 2015, grades 1-4. Lillian is excited to be able to vote for the first time at age 100; she lives in Alabama where the Voting Rights Act of 1965 finally allows African Americans to vote.

Zimet, Susan. *Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote*. Viking, 2018, grades 5-8. A comprehensive history of the struggle to earn women the right to vote in the U.S.

**A Rebuttal from a Member: Vote YES in November for More Corporate Tax Funding for Schools by Richard Maurer**



During the last weekend in June, the *East Bay Times* newspaper included an article casting doubt on a proposed initiative which will appear on the November ballot. The name of Proposition 15 is the Schools and Communities First Act of 2020. This is the initiative for which the League of Women Voters California collected signatures statewide to get it on the ballot.

You remember, it promises to raise billions of dollars to fund schools and colleges in California by raising the property taxes of corporations and large commercial establishments by creating what some call a “split-roll” assessment structure. In other words, the property tax procedure for homes and rental units would be left as is, but the property tax of property of corporations and large commercial businesses would be raised by re-assessing their current value to reflect their increase in value since they were purchased, mostly many years ago.

Yes, this is a correction to Proposition 13 passed in 1978, but it **would not touch your home’s property taxes**. It would simply correct one aspect of the originally poorly written proposition. Corporate and commercial property greatly increases in value every year because these properties (unlike your home) **earn money daily** by

the fact that they are making and selling products and services. So, Disneyland, shopping malls, banks, and insurance company skyscrapers in the big cities of the state should not have been receiving the same limited annual property tax increases every year like your home has.

That’s right, the same limited 1% annual increase. This benefit to corporations has resulted over the years in shifting the property tax load onto homeowners; when Proposition 13 was passed in 1978, all homeowners in the state paid less than 40% of all property taxes collected. Today, homeowners together pay 72% of all property taxes, but corporations pay only 28%. The system is out of whack.

In addition, the newspaper article mentioned above criticized the proposed initiative because of the extra work the county assessor’s offices would have to perform in order to reassess the businesses in question. The article rightly points out that this change to the property tax assessments of businesses would require the hiring of more assessors, and this would require California counties to increase the budgets of their assessor’s office. All right - then increase the budgets and hire more assessors. And pay for this easily by taking a small chunk of the additional billions of dollars raised by the higher corporate assessments. This isn’t rocket science, this is accounting.

Don’t let newspaper articles and TV spots scare you off supporting the Schools and Communities First Act of 2020. This is just one of the first shortsighted or deceptive lobbying efforts you’re going to hear to con you into voting against this initiative. The League of Women Voters California and your local Eden Area chapter urge you to vote YES of this initiative.



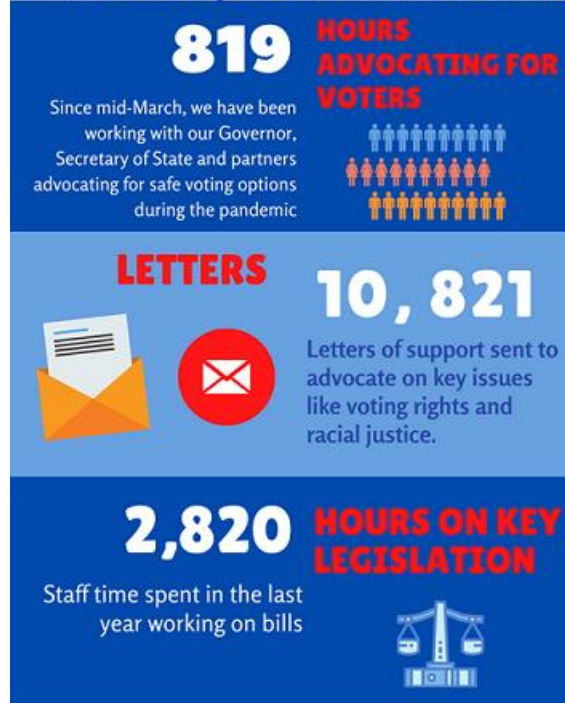
# LWVC Report on the Year So Far from CAE Executive Director Stephanie Doute

We are halfway through our Centennial year. And wow, has it been different from what any of us could have ever imagined. A global health crisis, economic uncertainty, and a deeply needed national reckoning with racism were certainly not the ways we thought we would be spending our Centennial, yet here we are. There's something fitting in the fact that 100 years after women were marching in the streets to demand their rights, we are back in the streets again. This time to demand an end to systemic racism, violence against black lives, and for full human rights and dignity for all people. It should not have taken 100 years. **But as we celebrate 100 years of votes for women, we demand the next 100 years respect the human rights and lives of all people.**

Through it all this year, we have accomplished a lot. In the past year, we have worked hard together to create a more equitable California, and we wanted to take some time to give you an update on some of the legislative work we have done over the past 12 months, as we are now ramping up for the November election. Bear with us, this is a longer article than usual, but it's important. **There are victories worth celebrating that [you've helped make possible](#) and critical work still ahead.**

Together we supported [AB 860](#), an emergency bill to automatically send a vote-by-mail ballot to every registered voter in the state. We simultaneously took legal

## OUR WORK, BY THE NUMBERS:



action to intervene in vote-by-mail related court cases to ensure we were protecting voters on all fronts. **During this pandemic, it is important to have vote-by-mail ballots to ensure safe and accessible voting options.**

Thanks to your efforts over the last year and a half, Californians will vote on important measures in November.

- **[Free the Vote Act](#)**, Proposition 17 (ACA 6) – The League co-sponsored and signed the ballot arguments to restore voting rights to more than 50,000 Californians on parole, a disproportionate number of whom are Black or Brown.
- **[Schools & Communities First](#)**, Proposition 15 – Leaguers across the state stepped up to gather a record-breaking amount of signatures. We are closer than ever



to restoring \$12 BILLION for schools and local services.

- [Opportunity for All](#), Proposition 16 (ACA 5) – The League signed the ballot arguments to reestablish equal opportunity programs in California and help level the playing field in public higher education, employment, and contracting.
- [Voting Age](#), Proposition 18 (ACA 4) – Allows 17-year-olds to vote if they will turn 18 by the general election.
- [End Money Bail](#), Proposition 25 – Eradicates the cash bail system, which disproportionately impacts Black and Brown Californians and often causes people who have not been convicted of any crime to spend long periods in county jail and lose jobs, housing, and even their children.

These successes could not have been accomplished without your support. But there is more work to be done. [You can make an impact by donating to the work we are still doing to protect voting rights, redistricting, and racial justice.](#)

### What's Ahead?

COVID-19 and the budget deficit has rocked California's legislature and derailed many bills. Despite that, we're working to pass [SB 423](#) to ensure that voters who want or need to vote in person on November 3 have safe and convenient voting options. **Without safe in-person options, many voters could be excluded from the elections process.** We may call on you to act on this bill in the future - stay tuned!

We're also supporting reforms to California's redistricting process that will promote fair and effective representation ahead of the 2020 census redistricting cycle. Last month the League

sent an amicus letter supporting deadline extensions for new district maps. On July 17th the California Supreme Court granted an extension for the redistricting deadlines which were impacted by the Census data delays caused by COVID-19. The League is also working to pass AB 1276 which clarifies existing law around redistricting commissions in charter cities.

The League is co-sponsoring [The California Racial Justice Act](#), AB 2542, which would prohibit racial discrimination in convictions and sentences and make it possible for a person charged or convicted of a crime to challenge racial bias in their case. **The California Racial Justice Act will take a profound step towards establishing a clear prohibition on the use of race, ethnicity, or national origin in seeking convictions or sentences.**

Your donations help propel this work and we have so much more to do as one of the most important elections of many of our lives approaches. Our work in defending democracy is more important than ever. [Please consider giving as generous a contribution as possible so that, together, we can keep doing the necessary work to ensure a safe November election and advancing policy to build a more equitable California. Together we are making a difference.](#)



# CLIMATE CHANGE and GLOBAL WARMING

by Richard Maurer, LWVEA

## Part 7

And so, here we are: even in sleepy little Eden Area, we are faced with an existential threat to our existence. Well, maybe not our existence, but sure as heck our comfort and our pocketbook. No, I'm not talking about the virus, I'm talking about the consequences of global warming, such as climate change and everything that comes with it

What can you and I do about that? One of the problems about responding in a timely manner to global warming is that it is not so obvious to most of us. We don't notice slow changes. It's like looking in the mirror every day; we don't notice big changes, then one day we look in the mirror and say to ourselves 'where the hell did that come from?' The consequences of global warming are like that. So, slow or not, it's here and it's getting worse.

The other problem is sense of guilt. If we don't feel that we caused a problem, we are not likely to try to fix the problem. In fact, we are good at side-stepping problems all the time because we don't see them as our problem. We think 'I didn't cause global climate change'. We don't individually want to identify with the developed world at large that did cause it, but our actions did contribute to cause it and, whether we like it or not, we inherit the responsibility for it.

We also want to share responsibility if we can. It's true that our country did not alone cause global warming and subsequent climate change. But we know that the

United States quickly became the leader of the industrial revolution and until recent years has been the main emitter of greenhouse gases (GHG). The numbers vary every year, but currently we contribute about 16% of the total GHG emissions annually. Each American contributes 30 times as much GHG emissions as each citizen of Bangladesh. Almost 40 nations (or nearly 20% of the world's nations) essentially contribute no GHG emissions to the world total. Yes, we share responsibility, but our share is the largest. If we want to be a world leader, let's lead in reducing our emissions and encourage other countries to do the same.

Another problem is accepting that our actions are having an impact on innocent others on distant shores and, that the effects there are coming back to affect us. We are not used to that. We think that our actions have consequences only right in front of us, or in our town. Oh, we pay taxes to Washington, and vaguely understand that they could help build a bridge in South Dakota, which we'll never drive over. But now they tell us that even driving our gasoline-powered chariot to the market and back is helping to melt glaciers in faraway Antarctica, and that that is causing our local beach to erode more than normal due to something called sea level rise! Who knew?! We are being prompted to think outside our box, to see a bigger world than just our local surroundings. Our actions can have an effect on the polar regions, and they can have an effect on our community (i.e., beach) or on our pocketbook (i.e., taxes to pay for seawalls). Well, it really is a "small world", after all.

And we don't like things "sprung on us", particularly if it requires our action or expenditure in response. Global warming has been "known", at least by scientists, for

over a hundred and fifty years. Why are we “now just hearing about it,” and being pressured to act? If you lived through the dangers of the cigarette smoking debacle, you know why; the tobacco companies (and their captured politicians) resisted the science. Maybe the partisan politics over the last forty years in this country had something to do with the suppression of inconvenient climate science and our need to reduce GHG emissions.

We must, of course, always beware of “solutions” which do not address the fundamental problem at hand. A band aid put on a sore caused by cancer does not cure the cancer. There is no easy pill for cancer. The cure is slow, inconvenient and costly – if you’re lucky. The key is to face the music and do what’s right. Accepting the “cure” for global warming and climate change is going to require some change in behavior and some expense.

We have to remember that the laws of nature don’t care whether we believe in them or not. As we have carefully pointed out in earlier parts of this blog, global warming, and its consequent global climate change, are primarily the predictable result of our modern era addiction to using fossil fuels to produce heat and to move that heat into other forms of energy to power our civilization. Burning coal, oil, natural gas, gasoline, diesel, and firewood fuels produce “greenhouse gas”, specifically and primarily, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). (Yes, I know I haven’t talked about methane and other greenhouse gases, but they are currently less important than CO<sub>2</sub>.) Those of us who live in developed societies have to greatly reduce our use of natural gas, coal, oil, gasoline and diesel fuels. That’s right, we have to embrace a “green energy” future, not because it is idealistic or “progressive” but because it is the right

thing to do for our own good and the good of our fellow nations.

Ok, ok, you didn’t know what you were doing when you innocently drove your gas-powered chariot all over creation. Well, ignorance of the laws of nature, just like ignorance of the traffic laws, is no excuse. Mother Nature will do what Mother Nature does (which man calls physics, chemistry and biology). Our civilization, evolved to accommodate Mother Nature on the earth, not the other way around. So, although you and I will be gone before the worst consequences of global warming lock in later this century, our generation now knows where this is going (just do a few Google searches), so we have an obligation to our grandkids to start the solution, which their parents and they will have to continue. Hopefully, the children of our grandkids can then live their lives as guilt-free and free of a sense of “inconvenience” as did our grandparents and parents who mostly unwittingly caused this global warming problem. We don’t have the luxury of unwittinglyness. Our scientists have now told us ‘we have a problem here’ and what caused it, and have even pointed us in the direction out of the woods.

As I’ve pointed out before, global warming is not going to stop on its own. And we’re even beyond the point where stopping to emit greenhouse gases will quickly stop the warming and avoid consequences of climate change this century. By now, the atmosphere and ocean has absorbed too much heat for that. The polar ice sheets have started some melting (if you consider hundreds of billions of tons of ice melting each year as “some”). Stopping the melting of the ice sheets is a little like trying to cool your oven instantly after baking a cake. It doesn’t cool immediately after you turn it off. It takes a while to cool down and, in

fact, would continue to melt a block of ice if you placed it into the oven even after turning it off. So, even if we stopped emitting carbon dioxide completely today, sea level rise will still reach a few to several feet by the year 2100 and continue to rise for some decades into the next century before starting to fall.

In recent years many government agencies have studied in detail the science and consequences of global warming and climate change. Agencies are trying to determine exactly what will happen, how much will happen, how fast, what it will cost to accommodate and where the money is going to come from. In Part 5 of this Blog I gave you a short outline of some of the major reports. These studies are important because it means that appropriate agencies are starting, even though late, to identify the serious consequences of unchecked global warming, and the range of costs forthcoming. This knowledge will inform the politicians who will have to make the hard decisions, with your support, about which policies get adopted and funded, and when.

This is one place where you and I come in. We need to be sure that we are electing politicians who believe in science and know how to listen to scientists, can interpret what they are telling them, and have the courage to act. This is not trivial. Few current politicians can do this, for a variety of reasons: Too few have science training to appreciate what scientists are telling them; too many are beholden to “business as usual” donors; too few have a long-term vision of the country’s interest beyond their immediate self-interest. It behooves us voters to assess current and proposed political leaders at the federal, state and local government levels come election time, and after they are elected. This is no time to elect climate change deniers.

We must be civil but ruthless about this. This is THE challenge of our time. We could have tackled this global warming problem several decades ago less single-mindedly and less expensively, but we didn’t. Luckily, the United States has the technical expertise, managerial skills, and financial resources to tackle it now if we re-order our priorities and stop stalling. We in the Eden Area are fortunate to have federal, state and local representatives open to climate science and who are already taking some worthwhile actions. We should press them to take more.

It is also important to realize that, in the long run, the least expensive path to reduce GHG emissions is to do fast big things first, not slow little things. This is admittedly uncomfortable, but would also be the most effective and eventually the less inconvenient. The U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) told us in 2018 that we have to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 40% in the next 12 years to have a 50% chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change consequences for our economies and for billions of people on earth. This means we have to individually and collectively take action.

We already talked about “collectively” above - by insisting that our political leaders take action to get our country off of fossil fuels. “Individually” is where you and I come in. What are we doing individually to reduce our carbon “footprint”; reducing the use of fossil fuels to heat our homes, provide hot water, power our lights and television (not to mention our refrigerator, range and oven, microwave oven, dish washer, clothes washer and dryer), and power our transportation? Those are our main uses of fossil fuels.



The point is that we need to individually reduce our use of natural gas, switch from fossil fueled-powered generation of electricity to “green energy”- powered generation of electricity, and switch to electric powered cars and trucks and buses. That’s all. Simple, right?

Next time we’ll take a look at these proposed changes one at a time. In the meantime, think about what you would propose. But remember, there are big changes needed, so think big.



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