

A DISCUSSION ON CLIMATE ACTION

Sponsored by:

Senate District 48 DFL Resource, Support, and Education Committee

Saturday, October 5, 2019

10am - 12noon

Location: Minnetonka Community Center
14600 Minnetonka Blvd Minnetonka, MN 55345
City Council Chambers

Humans are causing a potentially catastrophic rise in atmospheric greenhouse gases (GHG). We will be discussing the scientific evidence for the problem and some efforts toward mitigation, focusing on the transportation and energy sectors and on carbon sequestration.

Q&A to follow.

Moderator: **Stefan Peterson** Senate District 48 DFL Resource, Support, and Education Committee

Speakers: **Scot Adams** Scot Adams is a very active member of Citizens' Climate Lobby and is Professor of Mathematics in the School of Mathematics at the University of Minnesota. He has been actively lobbying Congress at both the national, state and local levels to get a bipartisan climate solution passed. This past June, Scot was in Washington D.C. as part of Citizens' Climate Lobby's volunteer corps who met with a record 529 offices in Congress to garner support for H.R.763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Sohan Das Sohan Das is the Director of Solar and Storage at EVS, located in Eden Prairie. He has a Master's Degree in Sustainable Energy from the State University of New York at Buffalo. Das has been working in the solar industry since 2009, and is passionate about renewable energy.

J. Drake Hamilton J. Drake Hamilton is Fresh Energy's science policy director. An expert in climate and energy policy at the state and national levels, her responsibilities include scientific analysis and policy development of clean energy solutions to global warming that will maximize economic opportunities. J. represents Fresh Energy at the global climate summits, and witnessed the historic 2015 Paris Agreement; she showcased Minnesota's nation-leading deep carbon reductions at the 2017 Bonn Climate Summit. J. earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in physical geography from Dartmouth College and the University of Minnesota, with an emphasis on climatology and water resources, and was formerly assistant professor at The George Washington University. She serves on the advisory board of the Irving Institute for Energy and Society at Dartmouth College.

Jukka Kukkonen Jukka is the founder of PlugInConnect, a Minnesota based electric vehicle market and technology consulting firm. He is well known for his effective education and training programs, helping car dealers, community leaders, planners, employers, and other Minnesotans gain the tools they need to embrace the transition to clean electric vehicles. He possesses both academic and professional training in automotive engineering, and worked for Ford Europe in technical training and dealership business management.

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