

In my work with the Sierra Club's clean environment campaigns I have come to the reality that most of our BIPOC and disenfranchised population is sorely affected by carbon based energy models. This was also evident to me when I served on the Lane County Planning Commission. This population segment is very vulnerable because of low income, location near busy transportation corridors, lack of adequate health care, lack of electronic communication and joblessness. The current pandemic magnifies the problem significantly.

We are fortunate in having our Statewide Planning Goals, however, it is my opinion that we need a 20th goal that includes the affected population as stakeholders and an opportunity to be included in the decision making process. This segment of our population is growing rapidly and should be considered if we are to be a just and moral society.