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## MY ROAD-MAP FOR ENDING SMUD'S CLIMATE CHANGE POLLUTION



Climate change isn't a political game, it's a matter of life and death. We need leaders who feel the urgency in their bones, and understand that every bit of climate change pollution we stop today will avert suffering for hundreds of millions of people in the future. I will lead the community on climate change out of deep conviction, not political calculation.

My top priority at SMUD will be to close and replace SMUD's five air-polluting fossil fuel power plants as soon as possible; starting with the three located in our most disadvantaged communities (McClellan, Procter & Gamble, and Campbell Soup).

In addition to spewing the very climate change causing pollution that is resulting in so much death and destruction as you read this, these power plants send billows of health-threatening pollution into the bodies of the more than 100,000 people who live within a three-mile radius of these plants; mostly low-income people of color.

Clearly, we need to shut these plants down ASAP. But how we shut these plants down matters. Here's how I will approach this incredibly important project:

- **100% clean. No accounting tricks.** Instead of being carbon neutral, I will ensure that SMUD achieves carbon zero in the next 10 years by replacing fossil fuel energy with 100% clean energy. SMUD has a track record of using tricky accounting to hide their pollution. Not on my watch.
- **Leave nothing on the table.** We need orders of magnitude, large-scale renewables, rooftop solar, short and long term storage, ditching gas-powered appliances and cars, energy efficiency and conservation. SMUD has a history of pitting one solution against another. Not on my watch.

- **Ensure the benefits of the clean energy revolution flow to the people.** I want to empower more people, especially low-income people and renters, to keep their lights on when the grid goes down and cut their energy bills to zero. I will push to end SMUD's antiquated monopolistic attacks on rooftop solar.
- **Involve you.** To get to zero carbon, we need every single person in the community to step up like never before. I want SMUD to use its awesome reputation and resources to inspire and partner with you to do our collective part to reduce our carbon footprint.

I was glad to see my opponent, Rob Kerth, support SMUD's Climate Declaration this summer, after massive amounts of public pressure for months. But the kudos really should go to the thousands of activists who pushed and prodded the SMUD Board to act. The activists are the heroes, because SMUD should have taken this action decades ago.

We should not be wasting activists' time trying to get SMUD to do the work of 2010. We need to update SMUD so we can harness your time and energy for maximum impact. We have no time left for any other option.

Them's my thoughts for the day. I'd love to hear what you think.

*-Fatima*

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Discuss all things related to SMUD and energy policy.

SUN., SEPT. 20

3 - 4:30 PM

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