Thank you for your interest in participating in the Petaluma Equitable Climate Action Coalition! (PECAC)

Climate change has already greatly impacted our community in the last few years. Some of us have had to evacuate our homes, relocate or take in friends and family due to fires. Others may have had to be without electricity because of the power shut-offs or had to work outside in horrendous air quality. The effects of climate change are not foreign to us, and as tends to be the case, communities rendered most vulnerable by racist systems bear the brunt of the impact. Climate change will only continue to bring increased fires, heatwaves, drought, severe weather, flooding, sea level rise, air pollution and more. Indirect impacts include job loss, challenges with mental health and stress, increasing food costs, spread of disease and more. All of which is right now already ravaging communities of colors, families forced to live in poverty, our elders and our youth.

There are many solutions we can implement right here in Petaluma to mitigate/soften and prepare for the impact of climate change. Communities most impacted by systemic inequities and climate change must be at the forefront of how decisions are made about how to implement solutions equitably. For that reason, this coalition is designed to give YOUR voice direct input into the City’s next steps for the recently passed Climate Emergency Framework!

What is this?
This Coalition is a 6 month incentivized commitment from April-September to support you in uplifting the voices of our most impacted communities in providing input into how the City of Petaluma and Climate Commission can prioritize and focus policies, programs and resources to address climate change locally.

Who is eligible?
Members of the Petaluma community of ALL ages, 14+. Specifically, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) individuals and individuals who are historically underrepresented in decision making such as youth, seniors experiencing inequities, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+, or people experiencing shelterlessness.

Who is an ideal participant?
- You are interested and/or concerned about the issue of climate change
- You have the desire to learn about and participate in local government decision making
- You have participated in community building activities and are excited to give back to the local community

What is the time commitment?
- Approximately 6 months, April-September, 2021 for roughly 10 hours per month (may vary monthly)
- Ability to virtually participate in meetings on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 5:00-7:30p
- Flexibility to join periodic Climate Commission (1st Thur) or City Council Meetings (1st & 3rd Mon)

What is the goal?
- Learn about equity principles, climate change, local government, community listening and self-care
- With advisory support, conduct a listening conversation with members of your community about their climate related concerns and impacts and synthesize input into a set of policy recommendations for the City

What support will you receive?
- Training on core concepts and ongoing advisory support from Equity First Consulting and Daily Acts
- Relationship building with local leaders and elected officials
- A stipend of $1,800

APPLICATIONS OPEN for the Petaluma Equitable Climate Action Coalition
APPLY by March 10th - Click here to Apply: dailyacts.org/climate-action

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