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Six local organizations to join City's Climate Action Equity Panel

Six local organizations will participate in the City of Eugene's Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0 Equity Panel. The panel's goal is to capture and elevate the concerns of marginalized communities as they relate to the CAP 2.0, and it will meet about a dozen times between September 2018 and January 2019.

One representative from each of the organizations will make up the CAP 2.0 Equity Panel. The organizations are: Sapsik'walaá, Huerto de la Familia, Eugene Springfield NAACP, Lane Independent Living Association, Food for Lane County, and National Alliance on Mental Illness Lane County. The City received applications from a variety of groups across the community, which helped ensure the creation of a strong and broadly representative final panel.

"This is an exciting opportunity to build deeper relationships with organizations in our community as they help the City understand how equity issues impact our climate work," said Eugene Mayor Lucy Vinis. "Eugene will join the ranks of cities like Seattle, Portland, Oregon and Minneapolis who are leaders in incorporating equity into climate planning by convening those who work with marginalized communities to contribute to the City's Climate Action Plan."

National research and local experience have shown that the impacts of climate change tend to disproportionately impact marginalized communities, such as communities of color, the elderly, low-income communities, and people experiencing disabilities. Ultimately, the intention for the CAP 2.0 is to address the current inequities within our community, as well as mitigate the forecasted impacts to marginalized communities from a changing climate.

The panel has three main tasks: 1) revising the Climate Action Plan's Project Equity Lens, which is a tool to help elevate opportunities and concerns around equity issues throughout the project, 2) identifying general opportunities and challenges for

marginalized communities as it relates to climate change in six different topic areas, and 3) providing specific feedback on actions included in the CAP as applicable. Each organization on the panel will receive a \$3,000 grant to support their work in the project.

Learn about the CAP2.0 including the Equity Panel at <https://www.eugene-or.gov/3936/Climate-Action-Plan-20>.

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