



# The Anderson County Democrat

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Come join us for the Anderson County Democratic Party Fall Fundraising Dinner!

*From climate activist Todd Waterman :*

*Todd & Light Bulbs:*

We're Democrats because we care, and want to create a just future. I'm active in many social justice campaigns, but climate comes first. Why? Climate is fundamentally unlike our other justice issues.

First, unlike with Selma, we can't take climate injustice back. CO2 persists pragmatically forever. Extinct species won't return; rising seas will still inundate our coasts and cities; extreme storms, wildfires, floods, droughts, water shortages, acidification, and desertification will still plague us; and billions will still thirst, starve, and fight for resources as population rises and food production suffers.

Second, unlike with Ferguson, we never see anyone die unequivocally from fossil fuels. The millions of people already dying, most still from air pollution, are all just statistics. And the trillions who will ultimately suffer and die are far away, far in the future.

Third, unlike tobacco disinformation, the fossil industry's well-disguised, billion-dollar-a-year war on climate science and economics is unprecedented both in scope and effectiveness. It's deceived enough of us, at least in part, and has bribed enough of our lawmakers with superpac ads and primarying threats, to block legislative progress.

Fourth, unlike local, state, and national issues, climate requires world-wide government cooperation.

Fifth, unlike with domestic issues, climate is our whole world, and everything in it, forever. Without climate justice, justice will be just bandages on a critically wounded planet.

Sixth, climate won't wait. The future of all darkens with every day that passes without decisive climate policy.

All those reasons are also why I'm so deeply gratified by climate action. I have no money, no time, and no regrets. Where else could I create a better future, for everyone, for all time? Where else could you?

You can join me in our growing, effective, and fulfilling climate movement, right here, right now: (865) 457-4001, jtoddw@gmail.com.

Todd Waterman



## How Many Lumens Do You Need? (120V)

Brightness	250+	450+	800+	1100+	1600+
Standard	25 W	40 W	60 W	75 W	100 W
Halogen	18 W	29 W	43 W	53 W	72 W
CFL	6 W	10 W	13 W	18 W	23 W
LED	4 W	5 W	10 W	15 W	20 W

Sources: energystar.gov

by Shrink That Footprint

**November 11th, 11 AM**  
DFET (Democracy for East Tennessee) Veterans Day event.  
Oak Ridge Civic Center, Room A/B

**November 11th 6PM**  
Clinton Veterans Day Parade.  
Route through downtown Clinton via Market and Main Streets.

**November 12th, 6PM**  
Fall Fundraising Dinner  
Clinton Community Center  
Clinton, TN  
Please see invitation for details.

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## Where do they stand? Hillary Clinton versus Bernie Sanders on climate.

### Hillary Clinton

1. Wants half a billion solar panels installed nationwide by end of first term.
2. Will launch a *Clean Energy Challenge* that forms partnerships with city, state, and rural communities ready to lead on clean energy.
3. Modernize our energy infrastructure.
4. Ensure fossil fuel production is taking place in a safe and responsible manner. Places too sensitive for energy production are taken off the table.
5. As senator, she championed the Clean Power Act to reduce harmful industrial pollutants and was part of a bi-partisan coalition to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling.

[www.hillaryclinton.com](http://www.hillaryclinton.com)

### Bernie Sanders

1. Deeply opposed to the Keystone XL pipeline.
2. Secured \$3.2 billion in the economic stimulus package for grants to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in a program that has funded upgrades for more than 86,000 buildings.
3. Supported a tax on carbon and methane emissions with Senator Barbara Boxer.
4. Believes the United States should lead the world with taking on climate change.
5. Believes in the need to greatly accelerate technological progress in wind and solar power generating.

<https://berniesanders.com/>

Do you see the area's of this map shaded in red? According to [climatekids.nasa.gov](http://climatekids.nasa.gov) that is all underwater with a sea level rise of only about 20 feet! With the sea levels rising the way they are now, those born today may be the last generation to enjoy these places.

Millions of people in places around the world are a grave risk due to rising sea levels from melting ice caps. It is time we make our members of Congress resist the bribes of the Koch brothers and support legislation that combats climate change.



### Light Reading for the political junkie

1. This is an excellent article about the recent climate vigil in Oak Ridge. It came out before the event, but still has some good climate information in it: <http://www.knoxmercury.com/2015/10/07/local-groups-plan-for-climate-change-in-knoxville/>
2. A touching 350.org article about climate change and the recent hurricane in the Bahamas: <http://350.org/the-bahamas-theres-no-forgetting-the-role-climate-change-played-in-our-destruction/>
3. A *Washington Post* article about the ridiculous Benghazi hearings: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/benghazi-committee-reflects-a-broader-breakdown-of-the-republican-party/2015/10/23/c3ec439c-79a5-11e5-b9c1-f03c48c96ac2\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/benghazi-committee-reflects-a-broader-breakdown-of-the-republican-party/2015/10/23/c3ec439c-79a5-11e5-b9c1-f03c48c96ac2_story.html)

## *Eating meat and climate change. By Dr. Mary Headrick*

### Man-Made Climate Change

Did you know that 1.8 lb. CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per gallon gas used and 210 lb. CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per 150 kWh electricity used? Eating beef instead of fish and beans 'costs' lots more CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions? That 15.5 Tons CO<sub>2</sub>e emitted per capita per year in U.S., higher than other nations, twice China's per capita? Care about kids and their future? Our planet is like an automobile in the sun with children locked inside and closing windows. Around 1950, Earth's windows started rolling up much faster due to man-made greenhouse gases (GHGs), mainly carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), from burning fossil fuels. We risk locking our grandchildren on a hot and hostile planet. Transportation, electricity and food are the large GHG emitters that we control individually. Let's burn less gas, use less non-renewable electric energy and either stop eating beef or eat only grass fed local beef in small quantities. Visit <http://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/> to find ways to cut your individual GHG emissions (measured as CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, CO<sub>2</sub>e). Together, we can decrease GHGs by demanding, now and at the ballot box, that our government adopt fair policies to reduce total GHGs. From TVA, let's demand energy efficiency and safe renewable energy sources, like solar and wind. The science is clear. Man-made Climate Change is real and dangerous. Look for COP21 international climate news Nov. 30 - Dec 12 from Paris. Submitted by Mary Headrick M.D., [mary@maryheadrick.com](mailto:mary@maryheadrick.com)

### *P.S. from Dr. Headrick*

Our large feedlot production of beef feeding grain costs lots in CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions because of the oil intense way we produce the grain, transport the beef and the beef actually fart lots of methane, a powerful green house gas. A beef lover emits 3.3 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr related to food compared to 1.5 tons for a vegan. See <http://shrinkthatfootprint.com/food-carbon-footprint-diet> for more discussion.

The *Anderson County Democrat* thanks Dr. Headrick for her contribution and time.

### *Rep. Craig Fitzhugh*



### *Hillary Clinton said :*

Hillary Clinton during the Benghazi "hearings":

*"I'm sorry that it doesn't fit your narrative, congressman. I can only tell you what the facts were."*

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/10/hillary-clinton-benghazi-hearing-11-key-moments-215066>

### *A note from the chair*

Craig Fitzhugh has represented Tennessee's 82nd legislative district as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives since 1994. He is the former Chairman of the House Finance, Ways and Means Committee and of the Council on Pension and Insurance. He currently serves as the House Democratic Leader.

You have your invitation and even a copy of the menu for the evening so I hope to see all of you at the next meeting. As a quick reminder for your calendar the meeting is set for, November 12, 2015, at 6 pm, at the Clinton Community Center.

Rep. Fitzhugh will be here to talk with Anderson County Democrats and to hear what is on your mind and the issues you feel are most important.

We are working hard to Turn Tennessee Blue and it won't work unless we have participation and effort from all

Democrats in Tennessee. We are not overly outnumbered by the others, WE ARE NOT TURNING OUT TO VOTE! Democrats are not showing up at the polls and the other side is taking full advantage of the fact and making it look as if we are a minority.

Let's have a strong turnout for the meeting. The food will be great, thank you Judy Dodd, the price is right, just \$25 per person. So, contact us and add your name to the list if you haven't done so. The final day to add your name is November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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