

**For Immediate Release**  
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### **Dr. Peter Joseph on Climate Change and the Economy**

In a talk entitled *Harnessing the Economy to Fight Climate Change: Carbon Fee and Dividend*, Dr. Peter Joseph will address why he believes that the quickest and most efficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is to put a meaningful price on carbon through adoption of a carbon tax (fee) combined with a re-distributive dividend policy. Dr. Joseph has been invited by the Earth Care Committee of The First Congregational Church (FCC) in Sonoma to engage the public on this timely and critical subject on **Tuesday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Burlingame Hall, on the FCC campus, located at 252 West Spain Street.**

The debate about whether climate change is happening is now all but over but what to do about it is still very much in question. Dr. Joseph offers one very specific and significant solution. He is group leader of the Marin Chapter of the Citizens Climate Lobby and an emergency physician trained to help educate the public about the devastating impacts of global warming. He is the co-author of *The Little Engine That Could: Carbon Fee and Dividend* which, in both 2014 and 2015, won the *Popular Choice Award* in the U.S. Carbon Price category of the MIT Climate CoLab Project contest.

The Citizens' Climate Lobby ([www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org)) is a national, non-profit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change. CCL members work to create the political will for making changes in support of a healthier environment.

In the lead-up to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris (November 30 – December 11), the Earth Care Committee of FCC is ramping up its efforts at engaging others on the subject of sustainability and climate change. Through its 60-member Earth Care Advocates team, and via public events such as the recent *Pope Francis Watch Party* (held on Sept 24) and the upcoming Peter Joseph event, the ECC aims to educate and motivate members of the community to take specific steps to address climate change and its damaging impact on our planets and its species.

The October 20<sup>th</sup> event, also sponsored by Transition Sonoma Valley, is open to all with a suggested donation of \$10 at the door, but no one will be turned away. For further information, or to join as a sponsor of this event, please contact ECC chairperson, John Donnelly at 707-938-8128 or [donnellyj63@gmail.com](mailto:donnellyj63@gmail.com).