



Coal Moratorium: A New Economy for Ohio

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area

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7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Nachy Kanfer

*National Coal Campaign representative
in Ohio for the Sierra Club*

- Experts state that if we hope to prevent the worst of **global warming**, we have to stop burning coal, and fast.
- The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has called for a **coal moratorium** – a ten-year freeze on the construction of new coal-fired power plants.
- But **what does this mean for Ohio**, where 90% of electricity comes from coal, and where the decline of manufacturing has already caused great economic hardship?
- Join us for a presentation on how a **coal moratorium**, coupled with **energy efficiency** and an aggressive **green jobs campaign**, will enable Ohio to lead the nation in its transition to **clean energy**.



Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Social Hall
103 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Free and open to the public.
Q&A after the presentation.

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ABSTRACT: The League of Women Voters of the U.S. has called for a 'coal moratorium' - a ten-year freeze on the construction of new coal-fired power plants. Other national groups have stated that if we hope to prevent the worst of global warming, we have to stop burning coal, and fast. But what does this mean for Ohio, where 90% of electricity comes from coal and where the decline of traditional manufacturing has already caused great economic hardship? Join Nachy Kanfer for a discussion of how a coal moratorium, coupled with energy efficiency and an aggressive green jobs campaign, will enable Ohio to lead the nation in its transition to clean energy.

BIOSKETCH: Nachy Kanfer is the Sierra Club's National Coal Campaign representative in Ohio. He grew up in Columbus and is a graduate of Yale University. He recently returned to Ohio after working on several environmental programs in the Middle East. Co-sponsoring the event with the League are a number of local organizations - Miami Group, Sierra Club; Citizens for Civic Renewal; and the Woman's City Club.

Additional info:

The purpose of this talk is to critically examine the gamut of responses to coal and its role in energy and global warming - from the standard industry position to the most radical environmental approach. From

Gore to Google, many credible voices have laid out energy plans; what tools do we have to evaluate

these plans, and as Ohioans, is there a plan that doesn't leave our state behind? How does Ohio influence the national economic, environmental and political framework that still favors coal as our primary source of energy?

We will begin with an overview of coal in Ohio, not only from an economic and environmental perspective, but also with an eye for coal's historical and cultural significance. We will discuss the recent

LWVUS position advocating a ten-year moratorium on new coal plants, and compare that to the positions

of major state and national environmental groups. And finally - and most importantly - we will examine

non-coal energy solutions from a financial standpoint, and lay out the prospects of a coal-free future.