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ELECTION**

Dorothy Barnett

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As the Executive Director of the Climate + Energy Project, Dorothy Barnett is leading the effort to address the Heartland's energy future. Grounded in an approach based on common ground solutions, Barnett has been successful in convening diverse voices in a conservative region of the country. Barnett has coordinated winning campaigns to protect the Kansas Renewable Portfolio Standard from special interest groups attacks during four legislative sessions, allowing the wind industry to grow to 40% of the state's power generation in just a decade.

Prior to her position as Executive Director, Barnett served for 4 years as CEP's Director of Energy and Transmission. This work put Dorothy on the ground in energy policy work at the local, state and regional level. Under Barnett's leadership, CEP continues to innovate and reach new audiences with projects like WEALTH: Water, Energy, Air, Land, Transportation and HEALTH, Climate + Energy Voters Take Action, the Kansas Environmental Leadership project and the Clean Energy Business Council, a multi sector business group focused on the advanced energy economy.



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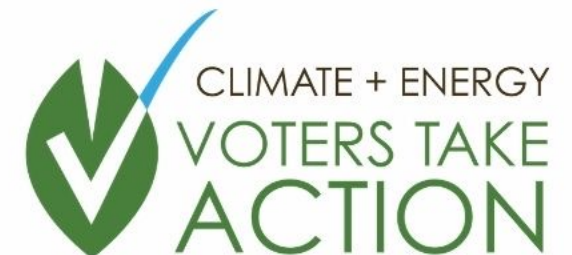
Mission

The Climate + Energy Project (CEP) builds resilience in Kansas through equitable clean energy solutions and climate action.

Purpose

The Climate & Energy Project:

- connects people, organizations, and ideas;
- presents science-based facts;
- facilitates critical thinking and community engagement; and
- co-creates equitable and productive solutions.



Racquel Thiesen

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As Director of Community Partnerships at the Kansas Leadership Center, Racquel Thiesen works to support and strengthen the network of local leadership programs throughout the state that collaborate with KLC. As a lead member of the civic engagement team, she also develops and executes strategies that mobilize KLC alumni who serve in elected and appointed roles to help build the civic culture for better progress on the tough community challenges in Kansas.

Racquel has worked with community leadership programs in some capacity for more than 25 years and cares passionately about elevating the support and services available to community programs from KLC. She particularly enjoys energizing leadership development directors and volunteers to consider new ideas and dream larger for their local programs.

KLC's civic engagement initiatives connected to alumni serving in elected and appointed roles is familiar work to Racquel. She was an elected official for 12 years and understands the challenges of exercising leadership while working from a position of authority on community issues. Racquel still enjoys serving in her home community of Newton as a board member of the Newton Healthcare Corporation and member of the Central Kansas Community Foundation's scholarship selection committee.



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Know Your Why

Get Clear About Why You're Doing This

Session Objectives

1. Talk out loud with strangers about why you care about being an elected official
2. Discover tensions between your reasons and what others might expect from you
3. Gain clarity so you can move closer to a decision or move forward with a really clear reason for choosing this kind of civic engagement

Kansas Environmental Leadership

The Climate + Energy Project empowers its supporters and organizational partners with environmental leadership development. By building our shared leadership skills, we believe we will make progress on environmental issues that contribute to a healthier, more resilient Kansas.



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