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Given that Western Washington University is committed to carbon neutrality by 2050 via the Climate Action Plan we call on our university to continue its leadership role in sustainability. The WWU Endowment, via its equity fund, currently invests \$1.5 million in fossil fuels. The WWU Foundation Investment Policy includes a Social Responsibility Clause that discourages investments that "cause substantial social injury." Climate change poses such a substantial threat to our world and local community that the social injuries inflicted by its effects justify the inclusion of fossil fuel investments under this social injury clause. Investing in funds which promote and/or engage in the burning of fossil fuels is unethical and contradictory to the mission of our university.

Question for the ballot: Should WWU freeze all new investments in fossil fuels and develop and implement a plan to divest from current fossil fuel investments within five years? YES NO