Broward mayors addressing climate change

September 19, 2013

Kudos to Broward mayors for facing the need to find solutions to flooding, intruding saltwater and sea level rise that all come from climate change. It is important for them to find ways to protect their residents, but they must also advocate for national legislation to reduce emissions and promote a prompt and orderly transition to clean, non-polluting energy sources.

Florida has an outstanding local resource available to guide the mayors. Dr. Shi-Ling Hsu, a professor at Florida State

University College of Law, wrote a well-received book on the best approach to fighting climate change. He argues that instead of capand-trade or extensive regulations, Congress should pass a gradually increasing national carbon tax, and it should be revenue-neutral to protect consumers.

The Broward mayors would do well to become familiar with Professor Hsu's research, and lobby for Sens. Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson to sponsor a revenue-neutral carbon tax bill.

Judy Weiss, Brookline, Mass

http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/opinion/letters/fl-online-letter1-20130919,0,6636504.story