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I believe the bureaucracy around making changes to reduce waste is affecting how quickly changes can be adopted. Quick action and bold requirements are instrumental in reducing carbon emissions and toxicity within the environment, let alone a reduction in extraction of natural resources and single use plastics.

Create incentive for small businesses, yet fines for large, profitable organizations to track waste reduction and efforts to re-use waste. There are so many incredibly wasteful businesses with headquarters in our major counties that utilize innumerable loopholes to get out of paying taxes or efforts to clean up their manufacturing waste and/or single use consumer product waste. How do we Incentivize design that takes into consideration end of life? Cradle to cradle.

It was stated that cities are dispersing SCORE funds to be used for waste reduction, but how does that trickle down to, say, neighborhood associations or non-profits that can educate residents on proper disposal and re-use? Recycler/Composters Ambassador programs could use some of these funds.

There are new technologies that can be adopted for WTE solutions as well- I didn't see what options were available to emulate say other countries or states that have a better waste reduction rate. What is the actual rate of recycling, considering the quality of materials. Can they even be recycled when contaminated?

Lastly, what are cities and counties doing in terms of sustainable Sourcing and waste reduction?

The capitalist consumer model of never-ending growth since the industrial revolution has been diminishing our planet so rapidly, it's beyond evident we need to make drastic changes quickly. Are we going to blame bureaucracy for our demise? Or trust in strong leadership who can see the forest for the trees (the few old growth trees we've got left).