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Public Forum on Local Response to Climate Change at SFCC
Hosted by Regional Partners: To Be Held at SFCC
Hear world acclaimed speaker Søren Hermansen talk about renewable energy initiatives in Denmark and around the world

What: SFCC, LANL, Sen. Tom Udall, the RDC, the City of Santa Fe and others come together to present a community forum: 'Local Response to Climate Change'. Featuring world-acclaimed speaker and 'Hero of the Environment', Søren Hermansen, the forum will focus on strategies that communities can use to deal with this all-important issue. The event will include an introduction from SFCC President, Dr. Guzman, leading climate researchers from LANL, as well as a recorded speech from Senator Tom Udall. The keynote will be given by Søren Hermansen, to be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A moderated by Santa Fe Mayor, David Coss. The forum is free, and open to all in the community. Light refreshments will be offered.

Who: **Søren Hermansen** is the director of Samsøe Energy Academy and the head of the Samsøe renewable energy island project. His mission is to demonstrate that it is possible to create a self-sufficient society based 100% on renewable energy. In 2008, Søren Hermansen was named one of the 'Heroes of the Environment' by Time Magazine. In 2009 he was awarded the Gothenborg award – the Nobel prize of the environment. Other Awards include the Energy Globe '08 and Eurosolar '02. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at Aalborg Universitet.
The Samsøe project is an effort spearheaded by the Danish government to demonstrate the feasibility of sustainability. Starting in 1997, the island of Samsøe (pop. 4,100) managed to cut its carbon footprint by %140 through community involvement, and today exports wind-power to the European mainland. The island's success as a model for the energy revolution draws thousands of visitors and tourists from around the world, eager to learn how this was accomplished.

When: 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2013

Where: The SFCC Board Room

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